

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series
 Study #57: Beast with Two Horns Speaks As A Dragon
 Revelation 13:11 - 14
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On our last two studies we looked at ample evidence that clearly identifies Papal Rome as the seven headed leopard like beast in Revelation 13. Remember in verses 3, 4 that the whole world will wonder after the beast and worship this blasphemous beast. The only exception are the true faithful people of God that keep the commandments of God and have the testimonies of Jesus Christ.

After Jesus exposes the lies, deceptions, political and religious power of the false church, the Papacy, who does Satan use to give power to the beast and persecute the true people of God?

Revelation 13:11

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

You already learned earlier in this study that beast in Bible prophecy represents a kingdom or nation. Now let's study the clues of this nation to find out who it is.

Clue 1: Comes up out of the earth

Who is this nation that is "coming up out of the earth?" Going back to Revelation 13:1, the leopard-like beast representing Papal Rome came up out of the sea. Remember, "sea" in Bible prophecy represents, a multitude of people or territory that speak many languages. Papal Rome, as prophesied, rose up out of a highly populated area of several languages. So what does the earth represent here in Bible prophecy? If the "sea" in Bible prophecy represents a heavily populated region of the world we can conclude that the "earth" represents the very opposite.

"Earth" in Revelation 13:11 symbolically represents a sparsely populated region of the world which mainly consist of wilderness or woods. The Bible also gives us clues on this in Revelation 12:6, 14, and 16.

Revelation 12:6, 14, 16

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Prophetic Symbol: Earth = Sparsely populated world region that is mainly wilderness

Clue 2: Like a lamb

A lamb is a young sheep. Figuratively, a lamb is used as a symbol of meekness, innocence, or gentleness. The "like a lamb" description of this nation represents its youthful and meek character.

Who does a "lamb" generally represent in the Bible?

1 Peter 1:19

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

John 1:29

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Jesus Christ is depicted as a meek and innocent lamb that died for the sins of the world. Those who claim to be followers of the Lamb, Christ, they are known as Christians. **So based on these clues it can be concluded that this lamb-like beast represents a young and innocent Christian nation.**

Clue 3: Two horns

This lamb-like beast not only is young and innocent, but it has two horns on its head. Remember, horns in general in Bible prophecy also represent a nation.

What else can horns represent?**Habakkuk 3:4**

4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

Horns also represent power. Horns on a Christian nation represents God's power.

Based on world history, what nation on earth rose into power in a land that was a sparsely populated wilderness; started as a meek nation; historically known as a Christian nation; relatively a young nation; and has become a world superpower? Think about it. Could it be a country in Europe such as the Germany or France? No, because those countries have been in existence for a very long time, plus they are in very populated regions of the world and none of them profess to be a Christian nation. No nation in the ancient world, Europe or the eastern part of the world fits the characteristics of Revelation 13:11.

The only nation that fits the characteristics of Revelation 13:11 is found in the western part of the world and that is the United States of America. The United States of America is relatively a young nation, less than 250 years old. America grew out of a sparsely populated wilderness. Historically, America was founded on Protestant Christian principles. Many of the first settlers to America were Christian Protestants who escaped religious persecution from the church of England and Papal Rome. They wanted to live in a land free from forced religion. They wanted to worship God according to the dictates of their own hearts in freedom. Though the United States started off relatively small it has now grown into a young world superpower.

Prophetic Symbol: Beast with two horns like a lamb = UNITED STATES OF AMERICA***As a Christian nation, what main principle does Christ want all His followers to have?*****Galatians 5:1**

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Liberty! Freedom is the main foundational principle that the United States of America was founded upon. America's most cherished symbol of liberty is its Declaration of Independence. It states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

In 1776 America declared its freedom from the monarch of England. Americans would rather die than be under the dictatorship of England. "Give me liberty or give me death" was the rallying cry for many who fought for freedom in the Revolutionary War against the monarch of England.

Freedom is what gives the United States its power.***How is this power of freedom represented as the two horns on the lamb-like beast revealed in the governance of the United States of America?***

The power of freedom in the governance of the United States of America is outlined in its U.S. Constitution. Its basic principle is that it is a government “by the people and for the people,” a republic. A republic is “a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch.” - Dictionary.com.

Also, a constitution within a republic protects basic human and religious rights that cannot be removed by the government nor by a majority in order to protect the basic rights of a minority. The government of the United States was built on a republic. A republic is not a kingly power.

The U.S. Constitution gives details on how its legislative power is spread out through a system of checks and balances between its three branches of government, 1)The Executive Branch – President’s Administration; 2) Congress – House of Representatives and Senate; and 3) Judicial branch.

The Constitution builds a government that is designed to govern and protect things that all its citizens have in common such as freedom, justice, environment, and general welfare, but not to govern or force religion.

The preamble of the U.S. Constitution says, “We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish the Constitution for the United States of American.”

The Constitution establishes, the separation between church and state. A Republic and Protestantism are the two fundamental principles of the United States of America. They are the two separate horns on the lamb-like beast that give this nation its power.

Prophetic Symbol: Two horns on the lamb like beast = A Republic and Protestantism (separation of church and state)

Church of England and Puritans

Let’s briefly look at more historical details of why the founding fathers of the United States thought that it was important to separate church and state. In America’s humble beginnings it was known to the rest of the world as the “New World.” Many settlers from the “Old World,” Europe, such as the Puritans, also known as the pilgrims, came to America to escape the religious persecution from the Church of England. It is also critical to note here that the power that many of the Puritans were escaping from was a Protestant power. The Church of England that developed out of the reformation movement was a Protestant church which eventually became a part of the government of England. Remember, Protestants are those who protested against the power and religious doctrines of Papal Rome. In England, many of the church members practiced some of the truths that they were exposed to by Protestant reformers such as Martin Luther and John Huss, but they failed to continue to explore and live by the many other truths of the Bible. As a result, the Church of England held on to many practices of Papal Rome and began to institute laws in their government to force the Protestant Christian religion on its people. They thought that making laws that forced all its citizen to become a Protestant Christian or at least practice its principles would make it a great and “holy” nation. They were not tolerant to any other forms of religion. Those who refused to conform to the religious practices of the Church of England were persecuted by the government of England. At that time in England it was illegal to hold private religious meetings, they were only allowed to meet at the Protestant churches that England’s government approved. The Puritans in England thought this was wrong and refused to follow the unbiblical legislative religious laws formed by the Church of England. As a result, many were persecuted and many fled the country and settled in America to practice their Puritan Christian religion freely without the fear of the Church of England.

It is interesting that history records that when the Puritans began to settle in America and develop colonies, like Papal Rome and the Church of England, the Puritans developed laws and government policies that fined or imprisoned all its citizens in their colonies who did not follow the official Puritan religion.

Roger Williams

It was not until Roger Williams, a Puritan pastor who settled in America, protested and spoke up against the Puritan government enforcing Christian obedience that things began to change. Roger Williams believed that God gave all people the freedom to worship based on the convictions of their own mind. God does not force us to worship Him. He invites us to choose to serve Him freely. Roger Williams was ridiculed by the Puritans for his belief in religious freedom. As a result of his protest, he was not permitted to be part of the their colonies and was expelled.

Through God's providence and leading, Roger Williams started a small colony known as Rhode Island. This young pastor created a colony in which all Americans are indebted. He established a colony in which all men and women had the true freedom to worship God or not. **His government separated church and state.** Roger Williams did not believe church or religious matters should dictate civil government. He believed that a church or religion should not control the government because it would endanger freedom of religion and infringe on the rights of others who may believe differently. **So when the United States began to become a united body in 1776, the framers of the Constitution agreed and adopted the views of Roger Williams and created a nation in which one religion does not control how people are governed and how laws are made.**

Separation of Church and State

The foundation of the religion of the United States is based on Protestant Christian principles. Even though America was founded upon these principles, the government has no right to force all its citizens to be Christian. **The founding fathers saw the disaster of a government that forced religion through lessons of Papal Rome and the Church of England.** History shows that governments that force religion leads to bondage and persecution of its citizens.

The first amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the freedom to worship according to the dictates of each citizen's conscience without government interference or force. It says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." This is the reason why millions flocked to the shores of America. **This was the greatest power of America to the world, religious freedom!**

The Everson v. Board, U.S. Supreme Court landmark Decision makes the separation of church and state very clear. It says, "The 'establishment of religion' clause of the First Amendment means at least this: Neither a state nor the Federal Government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another. Neither can force nor influence a person to go to or to remain away from church against his will or force him to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion. No person can be punished for entertaining or professing religious beliefs or disbeliefs, for church attendance or nonattendance. **No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activity or institutions whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion. Neither a state nor the Federal Government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organizations or groups and vice versa.** In the words of Jefferson, the clause against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect 'a wall of separation between Church and State.'" - US. Supreme Court Decision, Everson v. Board of Education, 330 U.S. 1 (Feb. 10, 1947), in U.S. Reports, pp. 15-16

Clue 4: U.S.A. Speaks as a dragon!***How does the U.S. Government speak as a dragon?***

The separation of church and state, a Republic and Protestantism, is the power that blessed America and has given it prosperity and influence worldwide. It is a young nation that has risen into the world's foremost superpower. There is no other nation on earth like it, but Revelation 13:11 predicts that this lamb-like nation with two horns will speak as a dragon! Remember, the dragon is Satan himself. Satan uses nations such as

Papal Rome to attack the true people of God through deception as a snake or persecution as a dragon. It is clear that Satan, the dragon, will use the U.S. to persecute God's people.

How does a nation speak? Through its laws. During the 1260 years of the Papal Roman Empire, the papacy persecuted millions of faithful Christians based on its laws. In Revelation 13:11, the lamb-like beast, United States of America will soon create laws that oppress and persecute the true believers of Jesus Christ. This is the reason why all Americans need to be concerned about the eroding away of the U.S. Constitution and the merging of church and state. Since the "terror attacks" on September 11, 2001, and declaration of war on "terror" in America, there has been a rapid erosion of the U.S. Constitution. Millions are willing to give up their freedoms for "safety." Terrorism laws have eroded away many freedoms in America. This is no play matter. We must be aware and take heed to what the Bible reveals prophetically.

What text confirms that Satan will use the United States' power and laws to persecute God's faithful followers?

Revelation 13:12

12 And he **exerciseth** all the power of the **first beast** before him, and **causeth** the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Revelation 13:12 says that the U.S.A. will do exactly what the "first beast before him," Papal Rome, did in the past. What did Papal Rome do in the past? Remember, they used their laws as a religious-government monarch to oppress and persecute God's faithful. Revelation 13:12 just confirms that this is exactly what the United States government will do in the future as it erodes away the Constitution and the separation of church and state.

Causeth The Earth

America will also use their "power", global economic influence, legislative actions and/or judicial decisions, to force or "causeth" the world to worship Papal Rome, whose deadly wound was healed. Remember, the power of the U.S. government has applied more healing "agents" to heal the "wounds" of Papal Rome!

Papal Rome has not changed. Their policies and doctrines are still the same as they were centuries ago. They may appear to have adopted to American principles, but historically they believe that church and state should not be separate. They believe that they are the "true universal church" in which both church and state should be under their control in order for the world to experience "true freedom."

Pope Leo XIII writes in his 1879 Encyclical, "**The Church of Rome is one monarchy over all the kingdoms, as the mind and soul of the body of a man, or as God in the world.** Therefore, the Church of Rome must not only have the spiritual power, but also the Supreme temporal power." - Grant, M.R. Americanism vs. Roman Catholicism. Gulfport, MA: Truth Publishing, 1921, p. 29

Papal Rome can try to make these blasphemous claims, but Jesus is the head of His true church, not man. God has not given any organization the religious power that Papal Rome claims.

Papal Rome does not like the U.S. Constitution and its fundamental principles of separation of church and state.

What does Papal Rome say about the U.S. Constitution and its principles of separation of church and state? "This shameful font of indifferentism gives rise to that absurd and erroneous proposition which claims that liberty of conscience must be maintained for everyone. It spreads ruin in sacred and civil affairs, though some repeat over and over again with the greatest impudence that some advantage accrues to religion from it." - Pope Gregory XVI, Encyclical Letter: On Liberalism and Religious Indifferentism, August 15, 1832

Pope Pius IX in his August 15, 1854, Encyclical Letter says, "The absurd and erroneous doctrines, or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience, are a most pestilential error, a pest of all others, to be dreaded in the State." - Brandt, John, *America or Rome: Christ or the Pope*, Toledo: The Loyal, 1895, p. 416
 Pius also believed that it was an error that "the church ought to be separate from the state and the state from the church." - Ibid, p. 417

In June 1991 after the fall of communism, Pope John Paul visited his homeland of Poland who was freed from under the USSR regime. Time magazine published its commentary of John Paul's visit. It noted the pope's thoughts on the separation of church and state: "This time the crowds were smaller and more muted, while the Pope's message was aimed not at repression, but at the danger of unchecked freedom. In sermons based on the Ten Commandments, John Paul denounced excessive materialism, divorce, contraception and the separation of church and state, imploring Poles." - TIME June 17, 1991 "The Gift Of Life" p. 47 Sermons from A Native Son. John Paul was a modern day pope. Even though Polish people were free from oppressive rule of communism John Paul believed that there is a "danger of unchecked freedom" and denounced "the separation of church and state."

According Pope Leo XIII encyclical of November 7, 1885, he says, "Every Catholic should rigidly adhere to the teachings of the Roman pontiff, especially in the matter of modern liberty, which, already, under the semblance of honesty of purpose, leads to destruction. We exhort all Catholics to devote careful attention to public matters, and to take part in all municipal affairs and elections, and all public services, meetings, and gatherings. **All Catholics must make themselves felt as active elements in daily political life in countries where they live. All Catholics should exert their power to cause the constitutions of states to be modeled on the principles of the true church.**" - Liberty, Second Quarter 1909, Volume 4, No. 2, Cardinal Gibbons' s Views on Church and State p.6

"The textbook on public ecclesiastical law used at the Pontifical University in Rome, where the elite of the American clergy are trained, makes the duty of Catholics in the United States very clear: 'Catholics must make all possible efforts to bring about the rejection of this religious indifference of the State and the instauration [restoring], as soon as possible, of the wished-for union and concord of State and Church... Whether tolerance of non-Catholic religions is promised under oath by statutory law or not, it can never be admitted.'" - James Hastings Nichols, *Democracy and the Churches*, Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1951, p. 266. Nichols took the original quote from, *La Piana*, *Shane Quarterly*, April, 1942, pp. 92ff.

In our previous studies we have already revealed the historical evidence of how the U.S. government and its presidents have developed a very close and intimate relationship over the years with the papacy in our modern time "healing the wound" while at the same time eroding away the U.S. Constitution.

All Catholics are taught that their main loyalty is to the pope and the papacy first. See the following quotes: "The Roman Catholic citizens of the United States owe no allegiance to any principles of the Government which are condemned by the Pope," says *The Tablet* - Grant, M.R. *Americanism vs. Roman Catholicism*. Gulfport, MA: Truth Publishing, 1921, p. 29

"Nationalities must be subordinate to religion and must learn that we are Catholics first and citizens next," says Bishop Gilmore in the Lenten Letter, March, 1873 - Ibid p. 28

Within our modern new millennium era, did you know that the papacy through its Catholic and Jesuit "agents" have successfully secured powerful and influential positions in the U.S. government, Congress, judicial systems, and military defense?

"Undoubtedly it is the intention of the Pope to possess this country [U.S.A.]. In this intention, he is aided by the Jesuits and all the Catholic prelates and priests," says Catholic writer, Dr. O. A. Bronson – Ibid p. 29

The Catholic Register, April 16, 1914, records, "There is no crime that the doting warrior (General Miles) charges against us to which we must not plead guilty. He says that we are trying to make the United States a Catholic country. **We most certainly are doing all in our power to accomplish it.**" - Ibid p. 29

"New Congress is more than one-third Catholic" Catholic News Agency, January 3, 2019
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/new-congress-is-more-than-one-third-catholic-43234>

"Washington D.C., Jan 3, 2019 / 04:10 pm (CNA).- The 116th Congress was gavelled into session on January 3, bringing almost 100 new lawmakers into office, and with Catholics making up nearly 30 percent of the congressional freshman class."

"In total, there are 163 Catholics sitting in either the Senate or House of Representatives, a drop of five from the 115th Congress, but still more than 30 percent of the legislature."

Another analysis finds that alumni of Jesuit colleges and universities account for almost 10 percent of all members of Congress." - Patricia Zapor Catholic News Service: Jan. 8, 2013 Catholics still largest Congress denomination; 10 percent Jesuit grads (ncronline.org/news/politics/catholics-still-largest-congress-denomination-10-percent-jesuit-grads)

According to the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU), "ten percent of the 115th U.S. Congress are Jesuit college and university alumni. Among the 535 members of this Congress, 56 are alumni of Jesuit institutions." A significant number of Congress members are Jesuit trained irregardless of party, Democrat or Republican.

The current of House of Representative speaker, Nancy Pelosi, is a devout Catholic. Her predecessors, Congressmen John Boehner (R-OH) and Paul Ryan are devout Catholics. Congressman John Boehner was the first Jesuit alumnus to serve as the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Many of the Trump administration's inner circle, advisers, and cabinet are Jesuit-trained and devout Catholics. For example, President Donald Trump received Jesuit training at Fordham University for two years. First Lady Melania Trump is a Catholic. Vice President Mike Pence identifies himself as an "evangelical Catholic." Kellyanne Conway, counselor to Trump, and Andrew Bremburg, Assistant to the President, are devout Roman Catholics. The following are Jesuit-trained at Georgetown University: David Malpass, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; and John "Mick" Mulvaney, Director of Office of Management and Budget. Thomas J. Reese, a Jesuit priest, is the Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Six out of nine Supreme Court Justices are currently Roman Catholics (or raised), the remaining three Jewish.

Name	Religion	Appt. by	On the Court since
John Roberts (Chief Justice)	Roman Catholicism	G.W. Bush	2005
Clarence Thomas	Roman Catholicism	G.H.W. Bush	1991
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Judaism	Clinton	1993
Stephen Breyer	Judaism	Clinton	1994
Samuel Alito	Roman Catholicism	G.W. Bush	2006
Sonia Sotomayor	Roman Catholicism	Obama	2009
Elena Kagan	Judaism	Obama	2010
Neil Gorsuch	Episcopalian, raised Roman Catholic	Trump	2017
Brett Kavanaugh	Roman Catholicism	Trump	2018

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_Supreme_Court_of_the_United_States

Do you think the shift to a majority Catholic Supreme Court, the highest court in the land, is also by chance? Of course, not.

The Missionary, an old Catholic publication, in June 1909 says, "Many non-Catholics fear us as a political organization and are afraid that the Catholic Church will dominate and rule; we are working quietly, seriously and I may say effectively, to that end." - M.R. Grant, Americanism vs. Roman Catholicism. Gulfport, MA: Truth Publishing, 1921, p. 29

The Shepherd of the Valley, the official journal of the Bishop of St. Louis, November 23, 1851 edition reports, "If Catholics ever gain a sufficient numerical majority in this country, religious freedom is at an end-so our enemies say - so we believe." - Thompson, Slason and Hobart C. Taylor, America: Journal For Americans, Volume 2, Chicago: Slason Thompson and Co Publishers, 1889, p. 82

Should all Americans and true Protestant Christians worldwide be concerned about this? Yes. "We the people" must wake up to what the Bible is warning us about. The end is extremely near!

What else does the United States do to help give Papal Rome its power back?

Revelation 13:13-14

13 And he [USA] doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

Revelation 13:14 makes it very clear that the U.S.A. will make an image of the beast! How? Revelation 13:13 says through "great wonders" even making fire come down from heaven. "Wonders" in the Greek also means "signs" or "mark." These great signs will be used as proof to the world that they should worship the beast.

These signs will have the power to deceive the world in the "sight" or face of Papal Rome. This shows you the great success of Papal Rome's infiltration in the U.S. Government and its institutions. Their agents will literally be in America to witness this. Remember, in Revelation 13:2 it is the dragon that is behind Papal Rome and in Revelation 13:11 the U.S.A. "speaks as a dragon." It is very clear that the dragon, Satan, is behind the whole operation. He will use the influence of America to deceive the world and make an image of the beast.

Who represents "an image of the beast"? To be continued...