

# ***THE UNITED STATES IN BIBLE PROPHECY***

The Bible brings to view nations that have a direct impact upon God's people. It brings to view nations that have a direct relationship to the plan of salvation.

## **REVELATION CHAPTER 13**

**Revelation 13:1** The first beast power of Revelation 13 represents the Papacy which headquarters at the Vatican. **(Review Bible Text Guides 14 & 15).**

**Revelation 13:3, 10** The Bible predicted the kingdom of the Papacy would receive a deadly wound. This was fulfilled when Pope Pius the VI was taken captive and died in captivity through the "sword" or military power of France (Rev. 13:10). It is very important to keep in mind that since the beast itself is described in symbolic language, therefore the wound would also be of a symbolic nature.

The Popes of Rome reigned supreme 1260 years until Napoleon, in 1798, ordered the French army, which was under General Berthier, down into the city of Rome. Berthier took the pope captive and brought him back to France where he died in captivity in 1799. It was here that the deadly wound was inflicted. The Vatican lost its strength and had its political power removed.

**Revelation 13:10** This text positions us in time. The first beast (the Papacy) went into captivity in the year 1798.

**Revelation 13:11** At about the same time the power of the first beast is being greatly reduced, the Bible says, **"And I beheld another beast..."** What beast is this? It comes up sometime around 1798 when the first beast is going into captivity. He comes up out of the *earth* (a sparsely or unpopulated area) and has two horns like a lamb but speaks as a dragon.

The first beast arose out of the *sea* (representing the Papacy's growth in the densely populated areas of Europe). The second beast comes up out of the *earth* (a sparsely populated area). Its rise could not take place in the densely populated Europe. This is a young nation that grows up into a superpower with world-wide influence. **"...and he had two horns like a lamb."** This signifies that the foundation of his authority would be its Christian principles, namely, freedom to have a government of the people, and freedom to worship according to one's conscience.

**Only one nation meets the specifications of this prophecy—*The United States of America.***

The United States was:

- The only nation to rise in prominence in 1798.
- To Arise in a sparsely populated area.
- Called the "New World" (lamb-like horns).
- To champion principles of religious and civil liberties (no crowns).
- To become the superpower of the world.

The U. S. historically, geographically, politically and religiously fits into the prophecy of Revelation 13.

Early Americans made clear statements about the separation of church and state. George Washington in 1789 said, **“Every man conducting himself as a good citizen and being accountable to God alone for his religious options ought to be protected in worshipping the deity according to the dictates of his own conscience.”**

Benjamin Franklin said this, **“When religion is good, it will take care of itself. When it’s not able to take care of itself, and God does not see fit to take care of it so that it has to appeal to the civil power for support, it’s evidence in my mind that the cause is a bad one.”**

Ulysses S. Grant, in the 1800s said, **“Leave the matter of religious teaching to the family altar, the church and the private school supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and the state forever separated.”**

Our early framers of the constitution wrote religious guarantees in these words, **“Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”**

**Revelation 13:12** Here the Bible describes what will happen in the future. **“And he (the United States) exerciseth all the power of the first beast (Papal Rome) before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”**

The Bible predicts Protestant America will stretch its hand across the ocean to unite hands with the Papacy. The Bible teaches the New World will revert back to the style of the Old World—in terms of lack of freedom therein.

**Revelation 13:14** Multitudes will be deceived by false miracles which will lead them to overlook the true issues and be led astray.

**Revelation 13:15-17** Those who refuse to go along with the beast power (and Sunday worship which Rome declares to be the sign of its authority) will be persecuted.

Today we see a great coming together of people and the unity of religions. We see the Pope at the forefront of it all as **“... the world’s strict conscience and ... its most influential leader.”** *The Sunday Oregonian*, Oct. 15, 1995.

**John 16:1-3** “When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.” *The Great Controversy*, pg. 445.

**Matthew 16:26** **What shall it profit you if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**

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