

# The United States in Bible Prophecy [21]

## - The Superpower of Prophecy! -

*\*Remember to pray for wisdom before you begin*

**INTRODUCTION:** The USA is in Bible Prophecy?! It sure is, when we look at several factors with the symbolism and the timing sequence, you'll be able to see that this passage in Revelation 13 is indeed talking about the great nation of America. The United States has become the envy of the world for its prosperity, freedom of enterprise and most of all its freedom of religion. In the very Bill of Rights taken from The Declaration of Independence are these beautiful words: "*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*" As well as these words - "*No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States*" "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*" The principles of its Constitution were inspired by men who wanted a nation without a King and a church without a Pope. They understood the perils of the Old World where religious persecution from the Papacy and the dictatorships of Kings did nothing but crush the human spirit longing for freedom and liberty of conscience. The principles of the U.S. constitution are the secrets of its success and prosperity! But as we are going to see in prophecy, a change is coming -a BIG CHANGE!! May you prayerfully consider what is soon to take place in our beloved sweet Land of Liberty as you look at this most unique prophetic picture as it unfolds.

- 1.) Again, what does a beast symbolize in Bible Prophecy? Daniel 7:23a *Thus he said, The fourth \_\_\_\_\_ shall be the fourth \_\_\_\_\_ upon earth,*
- 2.) There are two prominent Beasts in Revelation 13. We have already identified this first Beast power in a previous lesson [Identifying the Real Anti-Christ Power Part 2] as the Roman Catholic Papal system with its Vatican State. What is this second Beast that rises up in Revelation 13:11 *And I beheld \_\_\_\_\_ beast coming up out of the \_\_\_\_\_; and he had two horns like a \_\_\_\_\_, and he spake as a \_\_\_\_\_.* **NOTE: This second beast is different in that it comes out of the earth instead of out of the sea. There are two big clues as to the identity of this second beast. Number 1: it comes out of the earth; Number 2: the timing of this beast coming onto the scene of power as the first beast is going down. There are two other additional clues that we will look at which will help further identify this new kingdom or nation rising to power. Number 3: it has lamb-like horns; Number 4: it doesn't have any crowns on the horns.**
- 3.) Again, what does sea or waters represent in Bible Prophecy? Revelation 17:15 *And he saith unto me, The \_\_\_\_\_ which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and nations, and tongues.* **NOTE: So, if the sea represents**

**a great populated civilization where most of these kingdoms come out of by conquest, what would the earth represent? It would be the opposite as a more desolate and unpopulated part of the world. This is big clue #1.**

- 4.) Now let's look at the timing of this new beast coming up out of the earth. What is happening to the first beast in the immediate context of this? Revelation 13:3a *And I saw one of his \_\_\_\_\_ as it were \_\_\_\_\_ to death; 10 He that leadeth into \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ into captivity: he that \_\_\_\_\_ with the sword \_\_\_\_\_ be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. NOTE: We have already seen from a previous study that the Papacy received a (temporary) deadly wound in 1798 when its prophesied time period of 1,260 days(years) came to an end. What nation was just beginning to spring up about the time of 1798 A.D. out of a relatively sparsely populated area of the world? Only one nation could even qualify for these two clues –and that is the United States of America. Keep in mind that the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776 after a prolonged Revolutionary War of Independence from England. By the time 1798 came along the United States was coming into prominence! "Like a silent seed we grew into empire" [TOWNSEND, IN "THE NEW WORLD COMPARED WITH THE OLD" P. 462] Another historical quote said this about the rising prominence of the US –"emerging," and "amid the silence of the earth daily adding to its power and pride." [THE DUBLIN NATION]*
- 5.) Again, what do horns represent in Bible Prophecy? Daniel 7:24 *And the ten \_\_\_\_\_ out of this kingdom are ten \_\_\_\_\_ that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. NOTE: In this situation the two horns on this land beast represent America's two governing principles of Civil and Religious Liberty. Basically, in other words we can say "republicanism" (not a political party) –a government without a king or monarchy, hence the lack of crowns, and Protestantism –a church without a Pope. You could say that this nation was a nation established on Protestant principles –a Protestant Nation. The founding fathers of our nation wanted to make certain that this great land would be based on the truest principles of freedom. After all, many, especially of the pilgrims immigrated here to escape persecution from the Old World where Catholicism and even the Church of England were suppressing freedom of religion. The Church was to use the spiritual sword of the gospel to persuade sinners. The civil government was to use the civil sword to punish evil doers in order to have law and order in the land. But church and state were to remain separate. Christians in this nation of America have a dual citizenship: one in the United States and the other in Heaven!*
- 6.) What mild and tender characteristic does this second beast or earth beast have as soon as it emerges on the scene of power? Revelation 13:11 *And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_, and he spake as a dragon. NOTE: Have already touched a little bit on this from the question above; but, think about the characteristics of a little lamb –peaceful innocence, harmless, care-free,*

***gentle and other mild traits. When the United States started out, it only wanted a peaceful existence where it would be free from persecution and oppression. Jesus is also known as the Lamb. As mentioned above in question # 5, its two horns of civil and religious liberty were Christ-like in principles. The Constitution as originally composed by the founding fathers was designed to give respect to each individual for perfect freedom for worship, the privilege of private ownership of land, freedom of speech without fearing harassment or censorship, and freedom of enterprise. None of these are even possible in a communist government and to a certain degree even in Islamic governments. As you have been seeing through this series of Bible Studies, the principles of perfect freedom are the characteristics of Jesus and His government of love. God never uses force!***

**7.)** When you look at the history of the Protestant Reformation and the many centuries of persecution from the “mother” church, it is quite plain to see that the hand of God was behind the formation of this great land as a refuge for His people. What interesting parallel do we see in scripture of Israel of old when they were in bondage and “persecution” under Egypt? Exodus 3:7 *And the LORD said, I have surely seen the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ which are in \_\_\_\_\_, and have heard their cry by reason of their \_\_\_\_\_; for I know their sorrows; 8 And I am come down to \_\_\_\_\_ them out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, unto a land \_\_\_\_\_ with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. NOTE: God has always wanted the best for His people and since they were to be the guardians of His Law and true worship, He wanted them to be faithful witnesses for Him to the surrounding nations of His love and salvation [See study on “God’s Original Purpose for Israel”]. God was with the early Protestant movement (when they were seeking Bible truth and wanting to practice it) and He provided a special land not only for Protestant Christians to grow without harassment, but as a cradle for a remnant movement who would search out the full understanding of Bible truth and then proclaim it to the world! [See up-coming study on “God’s Last Day Israel”]*

**8.)** We’ve seen in previous studies that a woman represents a church. During the reign of the Papacy during its “time, times and half of time” (1,260 years) how did God provide protection for His faithful Christians during persecution? Revelation 12:14 *And to the \_\_\_\_\_ were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the \_\_\_\_\_, into her place, where she is nourished for a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ a time, from the face of the \_\_\_\_\_. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth \_\_\_\_\_ as a flood after the \_\_\_\_\_, that he might cause her to be carried away of the \_\_\_\_\_. 16 And the \_\_\_\_\_ helped the woman, and the \_\_\_\_\_ opened her mouth, and swallowed up the \_\_\_\_\_ which the \_\_\_\_\_ cast out of his mouth. NOTE: God’s faithful church during persecution, particularly the Waldenses and likely others fled into the mountain and wilderness strongholds of the Alps and similar type places as the enemy sought to destroy them. In verse 15 it says the dragon cast water out of his mouth*

**after the woman (church). Waters as we have seen represents large numbers of people and indeed, sometimes whole armies sent by the Pope would pursue these faithful children of God. Now notice verse 16 where it says “the earth helped the woman and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.” Again, we see reference to the “earth.” Toward the end of the 1,260-year reign of the Roman Church, a big portion of the North American continent of which a large chunk of it would soon become the United States of America would providentially provide a haven for the persecuted and oppressed. The “earth” did indeed become an asylum for many who wanted only to worship in peace and according to the dictates of their own conscience.**

**9.) History always seems to have a way of repeating itself. After God brought His people Israel into the promised land, what kind of condition did they lapse into which seems to be a characteristic of fallen humanity? Jeremiah 32:22 And hast \_\_\_\_\_ them this \_\_\_\_\_, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; 23 And they came \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ it; but they obeyed \_\_\_\_\_ thy voice, neither walked in thy \_\_\_\_\_; they have done \_\_\_\_\_ of all that thou \_\_\_\_\_ them to do: \_\_\_\_\_ thou hast caused all this \_\_\_\_\_ to come upon them: **NOTE: The land that God gave to Israel was a land of abundance. When it says that it was “a land flowing with milk and honey,” it means that it was productive to where their cattle and livestock would have an abundance to graze and therefore produce milk and when you have lots of honey, that must mean there is an abundance of blossoms to produce this honey. And much of the good food that is eaten is ultimately produced from the activity of bees providing pollination. In other words, this land was rich in natural resources for His children to use. This land was also strategically located at the crossroads of three great continents -Africa, Asia and Europe so that a knowledge of the true God and Creator could be disseminated throughout much of the world. Now notice how the Apostle Paul parallels the experience of Israel with our modern end-time scenario. 1Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things \_\_\_\_\_ unto them for \_\_\_\_\_: and they are \_\_\_\_\_ for our admonition, upon whom the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ are come. **FURTHER NOTE: Protestant Christians came to this land which God had abundantly blessed, but over time got caught up in the cares and riches of this life and slowed their fervor for a solid relationship with Him and most of all didn’t continue a diligent study and pursuit of the scriptures in order to advance in the knowledge of truth.******

**10.) Great changes have come since the founding and earlier days of America. We have become increasingly secularized and materialistic, while deceptions and apostasy have come in among much of Protestant Christianity. What is the last frightening characteristic of this earth beast as it changes its nature? Revelation 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: Probably very soon the beginnings of this ugly feature will begin. More and more as a nation we are compromising some of the principles of our****

**Constitution. But as we are going to see, the main feature of this nation speaking as a dragon will be the mimicking of the first beast in forcing false Sunday worship! Let's look at more detail on this.**

- 11.) What are some of these unfortunate features that are described in this earth beast as it "speaks like a dragon"? Let's look at the first one. Revelation 13:12a *And he \_\_\_\_\_ all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ beast before him, NOTE: In the past, Papal Rome exercised a tremendous amount of authority over the territory which she ruled. And it was religious authority for which we are concerned. As we saw in previous lessons, the Church of Rome wouldn't tolerate anyone who didn't conform to her doctrines or decrees! Those who fervently loved the LORD and desired to obey a "thus saith the LORD" were threatened with all types of methods to conform or else! Keep in mind that the predominate religious force in America is the Protestants, not Catholics. So who will be the main ones pushing for religious legislation? It will be the Protestants. So keep in mind that it will be Protestant America that pushes for Sunday legislation and will give her aid to the first beast. As difficult as this may seem to comprehend, how this nation of the USA could come to the point of the coercing of conscience and enforcing a religious decree, seems strange now, it will nevertheless happen!*
- 12.) What will the "earth beast" Protestant America do in influencing the rest of the world to worship the first beast? Revelation 13:12b *and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth and them which dwell therein to \_\_\_\_\_ the first beast, whose deadly wound was \_\_\_\_\_.* NOTE: *The word "causeth" in this setting means to force or coerce. There will be an enforced allegiance to the Papacy's mark of authority and as the "moral" leader through the mounting crisis developing all around the world as there will be disasters, environmental decay, threat of moral, economic and social collapse, disease and pandemic, etc. Strange developments can take place when human beings become desperate for survival. But without true worship to God and through the use of force, it will be in vain and only exacerbate the crisis! Everyone will have to make a choice –to either worship the true God who created heaven and earth and show that allegiance through keeping the true Sabbath or worship the institution of man and worship on Sunday –Rome's Mark of authority! Here is a statement made by the Catholic Church itself: "The church changed Sabbath to Sunday and all the world bows down and worships upon that day in silent obedience to the mandates of the Catholic Church." *Hartford Weekly Call, Feb. 22, 1884. This last quote says it all!!**
- 13.) Will the issue of the "Mark of the Beast" be a universal decree all over the world? Revelation 13:16 *And he causeth \_\_\_\_\_, both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 8 And \_\_\_\_\_ that dwell upon the \_\_\_\_\_ shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working \_\_\_\_\_, which go forth unto the kings of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of*

the \_\_\_\_\_ world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

**NOTE: This is one of the areas that the United States shows its superpower status! Down through the years the United States because of its noble freedoms, privileges, massive military might and tremendous wealth has swayed a huge influence over the world. In spite of the increasing challenges, disasters and other problems peaking to a great crisis; on the other hand, with the influence of powerful miracles, Satan impersonating Christ and a desperation to avert worldwide tragedy, the United States will influence the rest of the nations to follow suit in enforcing "the Mark of the Beast"!**

**14.) What will take place as a powerful driving force to get most of the world motivated to go along with this forced system of religious worship? Revelation 13:13** *And he doeth great \_\_\_\_\_, so that he maketh \_\_\_\_\_ come down from \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth in the sight of \_\_\_\_\_* **14** *And \_\_\_\_\_ them that dwell on the earth by the means of those \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. NOTE: These will have to be mind-blowing miracles, so powerful in their scope and extent that most of the world will be compelled to go along with the "Mark of the Beast." Can the devil or demons perform miracles? No question because the Bible says so repeatedly! Notice the verse in Revelation 16:14* *For they are the spirits of \_\_\_\_\_, working \_\_\_\_\_, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to \_\_\_\_\_ them to the \_\_\_\_\_ of that great day of God Almighty.* **FURTHER NOTE: In reference to Rev. 13:13 where else in scripture do we see fire come down from heaven? The first one is the story of Elijah on Mt. Carmel which was so incredible that it caused a great revival in Israel. Secondly the fire that fell at Pentecost in the book of Acts when the Holy Spirit was poured out immensely in the form of tongues of fire and mighty miracles followed that. Now both of these instances were involved with GREAT RELIGIOUS REVIVAL, but they were genuine miracles and genuine revivals from GOD HIMSELF!! Please note that this end-time miracle according to Revelation 13 will be a miracle performed by Satan the "prince of darkness" to propel false Sunday worship world-wide and it will be a type of great revival in religious guise! Will it be a form of false speaking in tongues accompanied by amazing miracles?! Very possible, and the only way to keep from being deceived is by strictly following the Word of God and obeying it! [See supplement lesson on "The Holy Spirit & Speaking in Tongues" S10]**

**15.) What does it mean "should make an image to the Beast"? Revelation 13:14b** *that they should make an \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15* *And he had \_\_\_\_\_ to give life unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ should be killed. NOTE: An "image" means alike or identical copy. A copy of the first beast (Papacy) was a union of church and state where the church basically controlled the government and influenced it to carry out its decrees. A church/State union is already in the stages of development here in the United States. It is now only a matter*

of time.

- 16.) As we have seen in the previous lesson on the “Mark of the Beast” what does Protestant America cause to happen to every person that will submit to this decree? Revelation 13:16 *And he causeth \_\_\_\_\_, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a \_\_\_\_\_ in their right \_\_\_\_\_, or in their \_\_\_\_\_: NOTE: This is found in a letter written on November, 1895 by Mr. H.F. Thomas, chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons who was answering an inquiry about whether the Catholic Church claims responsibility for the change of the Sabbath. “Of course, the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act, . . . and the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical authority.” A National Sunday Law is coming in which every person will be required to render obedience to the law of the land and acknowledge the authorities behind this man-made decree. The technology is pretty much in place to be able to enforce this law. Soon, no one knows how soon, this decree will go forth. Just before and soon after this law becomes enacted, the third angel’s message will go forth with mighty power [See also Rev. 18:1-4] to warn every inhabitant on planet earth. God in His great mercy will allow ample opportunity for humanity to know the issues at hand and then make their decision.*
- 17.) What does it mean when it says the image of the beast should “speak” and “cause” in Revelation 13:15,11b? *And he had power to give \_\_\_\_\_ unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 11b and he had two horns like a lamb, and he \_\_\_\_\_ as a dragon. NOTE: The words “spake” and “speak” merely states that this power will “speak” through its legislative authority to pass laws or decrees. A nation “speaks” through its laws that it imposes on its citizens. The word “cause” means enforces.*
- 18.) What is the penalty for those who refuse to accept this mark? Revelation 13:17 *And that no \_\_\_\_\_ might \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, save he that had the \_\_\_\_\_, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 15b and \_\_\_\_\_ that as many as would not \_\_\_\_\_ the image of the beast should be \_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: These are pretty dire consequences, with basically every earthly support cut off if you don’t go along with this forced worship. This means no food, no electricity, no buying of gas for your vehicle and the list could go on and on. Ultimately when all else fails there will be the death penalty. But guess what? Persecuted Christians all around the world and down through the ages have had to go through all this. This is nothing new! However, this last crisis (for the world) will be of a magnitude like no other in history! But God has promised to keep and sustain His children through these critical times. There are many promises in God’s Word that we can claim for this coming event. The United States government already applies economic sanctions against certain countries when they do bad things or go out of line. They will do this again on a certain class of people who want to keep and obey all of God’s*

**commandments.**

**19.) What will be the great reward of those who are victorious over the Beast and its Mark?**

**Revelation 15:2** *And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the \_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_, and over his image, and over his \_\_\_\_\_, and over the number of his name, \_\_\_\_\_ on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. NOTE: There will be a victorious people at the end when Jesus comes back the second time. They will be victorious over all sin and the victory over the beast will testify to that! A whole class of people who will not be estranged from God. A whole generation of people who have demonstrated their total loyalty to God through obedience to all His commandments through the most horrendous crisis this world has ever seen! A very special group of people known as the 144,000 will be a showcase for the whole universe to see what God's grace can do through sin-damaged human beings. May we all be a part of this final display of God's goodness to His children. Do you want to be a part of it? Just sign your response at the bottom of this page.*

## Brief Quiz

CIRCLE ONE

- 1.) True/False – Waters prophetically represent sparsely populated area. (see # 3)
- 2.) True/False – The “earth” in the context of the second beast coming up out of -means it came out of a very populated area of people. (see #3 & 4)
- 3.) True/False – The United States is the one represented by the second Beast. (see #4)
- 4.) True/False – The Beast’s mark of authority is Sunday observance which will be enforced by law in the United States and eventually the whole world.
- 5.) True/False – When a beast or nation speaks, it is legislating law(s). (see #17)
- 6.) True/False – Making an image to the beast means a large statue will be erected for everyone to worship and bow down to. (see # 15)
- 7.) True/False – Persecuted Protestants came to the shores of America to find peace and freedom to worship.
- 8.) True/False – The two lamblike horns represent two friendly nations that merged together as a dual nation. (see # 5)

## *My Response*

*I am grateful for the blessings of freedom and prosperity that America has been blessed with. But when freedom comes to an end, I desire to show my loyalty to God regardless of what laws mankind may impose. I want to make sure my citizenship is made firm in heaven.*

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_



