

7. What will be employed to compel all to receive this mark?

Revelation 13:17



One will not be able to purchase or sell goods, or partake of any other benefit of civil society unless they have the mark of the beast. This stern measure will be taken in an effort to secure compliance with the dictates of the image.

8. What will be the ultimate penalty for breaking this worship law?

Revelation 13:15



In its attempt to make all earth's inhabitants give allegiance to Papal Rome, the United States will *issue* a decree threatening with death all who have not given such allegiance. After a time the decree will be enforced. However, God has foretold that His saints will not be killed!

My friends we have seen in the study of God's word that the Two-horned Beast will play a prominent role in enforcing the mark of the Leopard-like Beast. We have discovered that the United States is the two horned beast, and Papal Rome is the lamb-like beast. The lamb-like horns and dragon voice point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the United States. The prediction that it will speak "*as a dragon,*" and exercise "*all the power of the first beast,*" plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon (Pagan Rome) and the leopard-like beast (Papal Rome). And the statement that the beast with two horns "*causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast,*" indicates that the authority of the United States is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to Papal Rome. We will discover just exactly what this mark is and how to avoid it as we begin our study of the three Angels messages of Revelation 14 next!

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Lesson 17
"The Two Horned Beast"



So far in our study of Revelation chapter 13, we have found that the first beast mentioned, the Seven-headed beast, represents Papal Rome (Roman Catholic Church). However, there is another beast that arises out of the earth that has lamb like horns yet speaks as a dragon. This second beast is the beast that we are going to study about in this lesson and you might be surprised at who the Bible, and history defines this beast to be.

1. As the first beast was being led away into captivity, what did John see? Revelation 13:11, 12

A "beast" in prophecy represents a kingdom, or government, or political power. So we must conclude that one of these was to come up about 1798 when the deadly wound was inflicted upon the first beast (Papal Rome). In locating what power arose at this time, let us notice the following points in this prophecy:

"...seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." Matthew 6:33

ANSWERS: (1) A beast rising out of the earth with two horns like a lamb. (2) He speaks like a dragon which was one of the composites of the first beast—the others being the leopard, bear, and lion. (3) All the power of the first beast to cause all to worship the first beast. (4) Great miracles and wonders in the sight of all. (5) He deceives the whole world and convinces them to create an image to the first beast. (6) All who worship the beast will receive a mark of distinction. (7) No one can buy or sell without the mark. (8) All who will not worship the beast will receive the death penalty. However, God will intervene before any saint is killed because of this decree!

(1) When the prophet saw the papal beast go "into captivity" (Revelation 13:10), he "beheld another beast" with two horns "like a lamb" "coming up." Verse 11. A lamb is not full grown. This kingdom/government/political power, therefore, would be coming up, and not be full grown in 1798, when the papacy went into captivity.



(2) While the four beasts of Daniel 7:3, and the first beast of Revelation 13:1, all came up from "the sea," which in prophecy means "peoples, and multitudes" (Revelation 17:15), the second beast of Revelation 13:11 came "up out of the earth," indicating that, while the former



kingdoms arose in countries populated with peoples and multitudes, this latter kingdom/government/political power was to rise in new territory, not formerly occupied.

(3) The dragon of Revelation 12, and the first beast of Revelation 13, both had crowns, but this beast had none, which would indicate that it would not have a kingly ruler.

(4) It would exercise its power "before" the papal beast (verse 12), showing that it is not a Catholic kingdom/government/political power, nor counted as part of the papal confederacy.

(5) It would be a great kingdom/government/political power, for it was equal in power to the first beast—the Papacy. Verse 12.

(6) Its principles were to be lamblike—or Christ-like. Christ advocated two great principles. First, separation of church and state. He said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's." Luke 20:25. That is, keep the two separate. Second, religious liberty. He said: "If any man hear My words, and believe not, I judge him not." John 12:47. "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Matthew 7:1.



There are only two contenders that could possibly fit the criteria for this beast—the United States and Australia. Both arose in the late eighteenth century, the United States (1776), Australia (1788). Both were founded in regions of the world which were sparsely populated. Both were youthful nations.

But here is where Australia falls short: While the United States commenced as a haven for persecuted Christians from Europe—Australia did not arise as a mild nation with lamblike principles. It was founded as a harsh penal colony.

History testifies that from the start, the United States was characterized by its unique separation of church and state, allowing freedom of religion to all people.



So Papal Rome began focusing on America's youth, not in an antagonistic way, but quietly, in wisely planned, systematically organized, and well directed efforts along numerous lines, so as to gain favor among Protestants. These lines include the instilling of Papal concepts in school text books, revising books of reference, muzzling the public press, controlling public libraries, censorship of books, and becoming politically active to control legislatures.



Papal Rome has many organizations within its realm to secure their goal... one of prominence is the 'Society of Jesus,' also known as the 'Jesuits.' This is a secret order of the Roman Catholic Church, founded August 15, 1534, by the Spaniard, Ignatius Loyola, and sanctioned by Pope Paul III, September 27, 1540. **Loyola resolved to undertake the restoration of the Papacy to world dominion by destroying all the enemies of the pope in one way or another.**



Please notice to that the Jesuits carry on an extensive educational program in the United States, and that, according to their textbooks, their principles of civil government are *diametrically* opposed to the American ideas of separation of church and state. See their "Manual of Christian Doctrine, by a Seminary Professor," pp. 131-133. Philadelphia: 1915.

6. How will the worship of the beast and its image be enforced? Revelation 13:16

The Greek word for 'mark' is *charagma* (*khar'-ag-mah*) which means: "a graving, sculpture; a mark cut in or stamped." This is evidently a stamp of loyalty to the beast, some special feature that denotes that the one displaying such a mark worships the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed (v. 8).

Thomas Newton says: "It was customary among the ancients for servants to receive the mark of their master, and soldiers of their general, and those who were devoted to any particular deity, of the particular deity to whom they were devoted. These marks were usually impressed on their right hand or on their forehead." Thomas Newton, *Dissertations on the Deity Tattoo Prophecies*, Vol. II, p. 296.



Matthew Henry states: "It is probable that the mark, the name, and the number of the beast, may all signify the same thing - that they make an open profession of their subjection and obedience to the papacy, which is receiving the mark in their forehead, and that they oblige themselves to use all their interest, power, and endeavor, to promote the papal authority, which is receiving the mark in their right hands." Matthew Henry, *Commentary on the Whole Bible*, Vol. 6, Revelation 13:11-18, section 3, note 3. [Note: The identification of the mark of the beast will be done in a future lesson.]

disbelief in miracles. It suits his purpose to deceive, but when the time is right he will employ his supernatural power in a special way to deceive. Men, unable to explain Satan's miracles, will attribute them to the power of God. The whole world will then be led captive.



Having the *supposed* endorsement of God and the deceived world supporting it, the two-horned beast (United States) will say "...to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make **an image to the beast.**" The word 'image' is



Strong's #1504: eikon {i-kone'} which means... 'an image, figure, likeness.' So this second beast (United States) is going to make a likeness to the first beast (Papal Rome). An image would be an organization functioning on much the same principles as its (Papal Rome) organization. Among the principles by which they operate is the use of the secular arm to support religious institutions. In imitation the United States will repudiate its principles of freedom. The church will prevail upon the state to enforce its dogmas. State and church will unite, and the result will be the loss of religious liberty and the persecution of dissenting minorities. The United States will indeed speak "**as a Dragon!**"

Just how does the United States, a once Protestant fortress, create an image to Papal Rome? When you look at the history of the United States and its relationship with the papacy some interesting items appear. The Protestant pilgrims and their descendants that founded the United States detested the papacy. Catholics were shunned in many places in this country at that time. Their books and views were not endorsed in any way. Is it the same with American Protestants today? No! In fact the trend is Rome-ward. If the trend is Rome-ward then it must be Papal Rome that is working in disguise to bring about such a trend. It is vital to know that Papal Rome has been carrying out a plan for decades to make America a Roman Catholic nation.



"**Our purpose is to make America dominantly Catholic.**" Article: "*The Mission Movement in America*," issued from the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., June, 1909.

"*It seems to me that the main support of Protestantism comes from the United States and England If we put an end to this effort in England and the United States by making these nations predominantly Catholic, we will have removed the chief obstacle to the conversion of the world to the true faith.*"—Extract from a letter in "The Missionary" (Roman Catholic), Washington, D. C., May, 1910; quoted in "Protestant Magazine," Vol. II, p. 22.

Consider: If the two-horned beast makes an image to the leopard-like beast, and the United States IS the two-horned beast and the Papal Rome IS the leopard-like beast, then the papacy is going to be very active in creating this image, right? Yes!



"*The Christian exiles who first fled to America, sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance, and they determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. The Declaration of Independence sets forth the great truth that "all men are created equal," and endowed with the inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."* And the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. **Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation.** These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity. The oppressed and down-trodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth." White, *The Great Controversy*, 1888 Edition, p. 441.

A gentleness and innocence based on *Republicanism* and *Protestantism*, but the prophecy foretells that this nation shall speak as a dragon.

2. How does the second beast resemble the first? Revelation 13:11

Here is a dramatic alteration from lamblike to a dragon—a fierce beast. This denotes that this nation, innocent in its foundation, would undergo a metamorphosis. Thus this initially upright nation was later to become the agent of Satan--speaking as a 'dragon.' This is undoubtedly in the near future for the United States today continues to maintain the principles of freedom guaranteed in the Constitution.



3. How much power will this beast exercise and what will he cause the world to do? Revelation 13:12

Prophecy here points to the enactment of some religious measure the observance of which would be regarded as an act of worship, in that the worshiper, by observing it, acknowledges the authority of the first beast in matters of religion. A hint as to the nature of the enactment is found in Revelation 14:9-12. These verses contrast the saints with the worshipers of the beast and his image and note that one of the distinguishing characteristics of the saints is the keeping of the commandments of God. Also remember that Daniel 7:25 states that this power would 'think to change times and laws.'

"The prediction that it will speak "as a dragon" and exercise "all the power of the first beast" plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopard-like beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast" indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy." White, *The Great Controversy*, 1888 Edition, p.442



Since the fall of the Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.) in December of 1991 there has arguably remained just one world superpower—The United States! Note the following statements concerning the USA:

- "The Soviet collapse left the United States with undisputed status as the world's most powerful country." Britannica Student Encyclopedia Online (<http://www.britannica.com/ebi/article-9277511>), 'United States History--The World's Sole Superpower.'
- "[America] the planet's sole remaining superpower." TIME Magazine, "The U.N. Obsession," May 9, 1994, p. 86.
- "America's power will now determine all major global events." -Jim Hoagland article, "Of Heroes....," The Washington Post, Aug. 12, 1991, p. A-23.
- In the August 12, 1991 edition of Newsweek Magazine, page 33, Yassir Arafat declared America to be "*the new Rome*" because, as history depicts old Rome as the undisputed superpower of its age, America is now seen as the one and only superpower of its age.

This prophecy declares a union of purpose between the two beasts—the leopard-like beast (Papal Rome) and the two-horned beast (the United States). As the world's lone superpower, the United States clearly has the ability to cause "*the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast...*" (verse 12).

"Clearly the two great powers which unite in purpose to oppose God's law and persecute His people as this sinful earth's history closes, are the United States and the Vatican. The United States is unchallengeably the great military power of the planet and the Vatican the most powerful religious entity." Standish, *Two Beasts, Three Deadly Wounds and Fourteen Popes*, Chapter 16.



4. What means will be used to induce people to worship the first beast? Revelation 13:13

Fire is often symbolic of the Holy Spirit. Luke 3:16 states: "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." We see this symbol again at Pentecost with the apostles when "there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost..." Acts 2:3, 4. The false fire from heaven, is a false representation of the Holy Spirit, or more precisely the deceiving spirits of demons counterfeiting the works of the Holy Spirit. These demons will work wonders in an attempt to deceive the very elect.



'Some will be tempted to receive these wonders as from God. The sick will be healed before us. Miracles will be performed in our sight. Are we prepared for the trial which awaits us when the lying wonders of Satan shall be more fully exhibited? Will not many be ensnared and taken? By departing from the plain precepts and commandments of God and giving heed to fables, the minds of many are preparing to receive these lying wonders. We must all now seek to arm ourselves for the contest in which we must soon engage. Faith in God's word, prayerfully studied



and practically applied, will be our shield from Satan's power and will bring us off conquerors through the blood of Christ.' White, *Testimonies for the Church*, volume I, page 302.

5. What does he do by means of those miracles and what will he propose the people shall do? Revelation 13:14; 16:13-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11

Satan, claiming to be God, will seek to support his claim by means of undeniable miracles. Jesus warned concerning "false Christ, and false prophets" who would arise and "shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt. 24:24). Paul declared that the Antichrist would work in the last days "with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness" (2 Thess. 2:9, 10). In preparation for Armageddon "spirits of devils, working miracles" will "go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world" (Rev. 16:14).



What certain groups claim as miracles, skeptics attribute to chance circumstances, to sleight of hand, or to fraud. Physical science has no place in its scheme for the supernatural. Satan is well pleased to have a general