

AMERICA IN PROPHECY

Revelation 13

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.

- This beast is the United States of America
- When the U.S became a nation, did it speak as a dragon? No
- When did the U.S begin to **speak** as a dragon? Verse 15 says “That the image of the beast should both **speak**...”. The beast doesn’t speak as a dragon until after the image of the beast is set up in Verse 14.
- The **Sunday movement** is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the under-current is tending. Its professions are mild, and apparently **Christian**; but when it shall speak, it will reveal the spirit of the **dragon**. – Review and Herald December 11, 1888
- “Sunday movement” – the image of the beast
- “apparently Christian” – two horns like a lamb
- “when it shall speak...spirit of the dragon” – the image of the beast should both speak...
- In conclusion, the timeframe of this verse covers the time when the U.S became a nation, enacted the Sunday law, and exercised Satanic power.

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.

- Question: Was the deadly wound healed when the U.S first became a country? Answer: No, that was the time when the deadly wound was delivered. The first beast was at its weakest. The deadly wound is healed after the image of the Beast is set up. As the image of the beast spoke like the dragon.
- Question: Did the U.S exercise all its power to cause the earth to worship the first beast when it became a nation? Answer: No
- Question: When will it exercise all its power then? Answer: As it speaks like the dragon, with the spirit of the dragon.

- Can that happen before the image of the Beast is set up? Answer: No, after the image is set up
- In conclusion, this verse describes a time **after the image of the beast is set up**.

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

- Question: What is the purpose to make fire come down from heaven in the sight of men? Answer: To deceive, intimidate, and cement its power and position in the world as the secular and the religious authority. Two horns: the power of the government and the power of religion.
- Question: What kind of fire?

Answer:

Job 1:16 - While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, the **fire** of God is fallen **from heaven**, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them, and only I am escaped alone to tell thee.

Revelation 9:17,18 - And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of **fire**, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued **fire** and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the **fire**, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

In the case of Job, Satan caused the fire to come down to kill and consume man and beasts. And this fire was attributed to God, but it was from Satan

In the case of Revelation 9:17-18 (sixth trumpet describes the Ottoman Empire also known as the Ottoman Gunpowder Empire from 1499 to August 11, 1840), the fire is refer to the firearms the Ottoman Empire used to destroy Western European nations.

What is the fire the U.S uses to put itself in the world as a leader to sway the world? And when this fire came down from heaven, is it attributed to God just like the scenario we found in the book of Job?

“The United States detonated two nuclear weapons over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6 and 9 August 1945, respectively.”

Before the U.S detonated the atomic bombs during WWII, was it the leader of the world? No

After the U.S detonated the atomic bombs during WWII, did it become the leader of the world? Yes

- Question: What spirit was behind the atomic bombing?

Answer: Satan. "And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." Luke 9:54,55

- Question: What spirit did people think was behind the atomic bomb?

Answer: God, the benevolent God. "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village." Luke 9:56. What lie, what accusation!

- The first test atomic bomb was called "**Trinity**", the bomb in Hiroshima was called "Little Boy" and the third bomb in Nagasaki was called "Fat Man".
- In conclusion, after the image of the beast is set up and the detonation of the atomic bomb, the U.S cemented its position in the world as the leader. Setting the stage to cause the whole world to worship the image of the Beast.
- When the U.S was first founded, it never claimed to be a Christian country. Its founders understood the importance of the separation of church and state. But after the image of the beast is set up, it started to claim itself as a Christian country more and more.

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.

- Question: Can the elect (God's people) be deceived? Answer: No, it is impossible. "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible**, they shall deceive the very elect." - Matthew 24:24
- Question: Who then will be deceived? Answer: "them that received the mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image" – Revelation 19:20. So deception happens after the image of the beast is set up not before. Just as Eve

is deceived by the words of the serpent, the people of the earth will be deceived by the words of the image of the beast. But unless the image of the beast speaks, people are not deceived, and unless the image of the beast is set up, it cannot speak.

- Question: Why then is the image of the beast mentioned in the verse after events such as:

- 1) Verse: 12 - “exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast”
- 2) Verse: 13 - “maketh fire come down from heaven”
- 3) Verse 14 – “And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles”

Answer: It is prophetic pattern. This pattern is another study but here are the examples of this pattern in action:

- 1) Daniel 11:23 precedes Daniel 11:22, and brings readers to V17
- 2) Revelation 11:19 precedes Revelation 11:18 and brings readers to V14,15
- 3) Revelation 12:7 precedes Revelation 12:6 and brings readers to V4,5

- So the second part of Revelation 13:14 brings us back to the middle of Revelation 13:11 to just before “spake as a dragon”

¹⁵ And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

- Question: Does the death decree come before or after probation closes?
Answer: After probation closes.

I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies, **and living in the most solitary places. Angels provided them food and water**, while the wicked were suffering from hunger and thirst. Then I saw the leading men of the earth consulting together, and Satan and his angels busy around them. I saw a writing, copies of which were scattered in different parts of the land, giving orders that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath, and observe the first day of the week, the people were at liberty **after a certain time to put them to death.** – Early Writing 282.2

¹⁶ And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

¹⁷ And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

- The time of no buy and sell happens after the mark of the beast. By definition, whoever receives the mark, cannot unmark itself for his destination has been sealed. By definition, the time when people receive the mark of the beast is the same time when probation is closed.
- The time of no buy and sell happens after probation is closed. “Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.” Matthew 6:31,32.
- Question: Does God want us to prepare for the time of no buying and selling by buying, planting, and storing right now? Answer: Gentiles will do these things, but the elect will not. They will live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God!

¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

- Who has the wisdom to understand this prophecy? Those that can count 666 from the bible. Not from Wikipedia, YouTube, conspiracy theories. For wisdom and understanding come from the Word of God alone!
- See Fall of Lucifer book.