### THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN BIBLE PROPHECY

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In Revelation chapter 13 we are introduced to two powers of great significance in the history of the world–Two Emerging Powers. Revelation chapter 13 is clear that two superpowers will emerge in the end time: the United States of America and the Roman papacy. The United States of America will support the papacy by leading a drive to force the people of the world to worship the beast (papacy) and receive his mark or else face death. These ideas will be proven in this booklet.

#### 1. THE FIRST BEAST FROM THE SEA

The beast with seven heads and ten horns (Revelation 13:1-10) arose from the sea. It manifested itself through the Roman papacy during the Middle and Dark Ages. It is a composite beast, meaning that it was a combination of all the previous powers Satan used in the past.

Just as the Dragon beast in Rev. 12 manifested itself through Pagan Rome ruling the world at the time of Christ and sought to destroy the man Child, Christ Jesus, as soon as He was born, so, the PAPACY was the engine through which Satan worked to seek to destroy God's church in the past for 1260 years.

The beast of Revelation 13:1-10 symbolizes the Roman Catholic papacy of the Dark Ages.

In Bible prophecy, 'beasts' symbolize nations or world powers (Daniel 7:17, 23). The Bible predicted (Rev. 13:3) that the papacy would lose its world influence and power at the end of the 42 prophetic months or 1260 literal years. One of the heads of the beast, the Papacy, received a deadly wound at that time.

This prophecy was fulfilled in 1798, when Napoleon's General

Berthier took the pope captive and the papal power received its deadly wound, removing the power of the state from the Church at that time.

#### Revelation 13:3,4

- 3. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.
- 4. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

In chapter 13 (verses 1-10) is described another beast, "like unto a leopard," to which the dragon gave "his power, and his seat, and great authority." This symbol, as most Protestants have believed, represents the papacy, which succeeded to the power and seat and authority once held by the ancient Roman empire. Of the leopardlike beast it is declared:

"There was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Verses 5,6.

This prophecy, which is nearly identical with the description of the little horn of Daniel 7, unquestionably points to the papacy.

Let's make a comparison of DANIEL'S LITTLE HORN AND THE REVELATION 13 BEAST. (Daniel was looking forward and John was looking backwards in time. The book of Revelation is the Revelation of the book of Daniel. Both refer

#### to the same beast power.)

From the scriptural evidences, it is clear that the Beast of Revelation 13: 1-10 and the Little Horn of Daniel 7 represent the same historical power for at least two reasons:

#### The <u>Sequence</u> of powers is the same

- ✓ Lion
- ✓ Bear
- ✓ Leopard
- ✓ Dragon
- ✓ 10 Horns
- ✓ Little Horn/ beast ruled for 31/2 times or 42 months
- ✓ Little Horn/ beast restored to power.

The <u>Characteristics</u> of both are also the same (because they are motivated and driven by the same satanic, religious-intolerant, persecutory power that existed in the past towards/against God's people. (See APPENDIX B)

- They speak great words against the Most High,
- They both persecute the saints of the Most High, and
- They both rule for the same time period.

In Daniel 7, there are revealed four (4) stages of the Roman fourth beast which have four (4) consecutive periods of dominion, namely

### STAGE 1-- THE BEAST AS PAGAN ROME WITHOUT ANY HORNS OR DIVISIONS (168 BC--476AD) vs. 7,23.

This is the time when Rome ruled the world by itself without any horns or divisions. This was the period of Rome known as the Iron Monarchy.

### STAGE 2-THE DIVIDED ROMAN EMPIRE (476 AD – 538 AD) vs. 8,24.

In order for the ten horns to arise from this kingdom, the kingdoms must have already existed before they arose. The Roman empire was divided among the barbarian tribes who invaded from the North.

### STAGE 3 -PAPAL ROME DURING THE 1260 YEARS (AD 538-1798) vs. 21, 24, 25.

The papacy arose among the barbarian kingdoms in Western Rome, it arose after the ten divisions of Rome (after 476 A.D) and ruled over the divided Roman Empire for a period of three and a half prophetic times or 1260 years. (see also Rev.12:6,14)

# STAGE 4—PAPACY (CHURCH-STATE UNION) REVIVED IN THE ENDTIME—HEALING OF THE DEADLY WOUND (HEAD) OF THE BEAST POWER (DANIEL 7:26; REV.13:3, 12—17) (See APPENDIX C)

While the fourth stage of the Dragon Beast is hinted to in Daniel 7, it is mentioned in detail in Revelation 13, because we are told there that after the Beast ruled for 42 months, it will have another period of dominion.

So, if the Little Horn's dominion will be taken away and it will be destroyed when Jesus comes, then it must be ruling the world again at that time. This means that the Papacy's career did not end when it lost its dominion at the end of the three and a half prophetic times. It was interrupted. It will be alive, well and ruling the world again when Jesus comes, and will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming. (2 Thess.2:8,9)

#### The Fourth Stage of the Dragon Beast

Between the two stages (3 and 4), the Beast is recovering from the deadly wound. It will be healed or brought back (to life) on the scene again by another Beast power (Beast with two horns like a Lamb..Rev.13:11) that will exercise all the power of the first

beast before him. "He had power to give life to the image of the beast....and to exercise all the power of the first beast before him..." Rev.13:15,12.

#### DEADLY WOUND HEALED-PAPAL POWER RESTORED.

"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3.

The 'ONE' OF THE HEADS refers to the papal head (Stage 3), wounded in 1798, but there are seven heads upon the beast altogether.

So the <u>beast</u> (of Rev.13 and 17) cannot <u>solely</u> be the Roman power or the Papacy, but is a composite, historical, anti-christian, religious-intolerant, persecutory satanic power working through past successive heads or world governments.

#### SUMMARY CHART OF THE FOUR (4) STAGES OF

#### THE FOURTH (4<sup>TH</sup>) BEAST OF DANIEL 7.

- ➤ The Fourth Beast alone: Imperial Rome (168 B.C—A.D 476)
- ➤ The Fourth Beast with Ten Horns(Divisions)(A.D 476—538 AD)
- ➤ The Fourth Beast with the Little Horn ruling for three and a half prophetic years: Papal Rome's first stage (A.D 538—1798).
- Fourth Beast when the Little Horn is restored to power: Deadly wound healed; Papal Rome's second stage via another power in the near future.

### Just like the Dragon beast of Daniel 7, the Dragon Beast of Rev. 12 and 13 also has four consecutive stages of dominion.

- ➤ Rome: The dragon who sought to kill Jesus. Pagan Rome. (Rev.12:1-3)
- ➤ Divided Rome: The Dragon had ten horns Rome's 10 divisions. (Rev.12:3)
- ➤ Papal Rome: The Beast receives its power, seat (throne) and great authority from the Dragon and ruled for 42 months. (Rev.13:5)
- ➤ Papal Rome: The Beast will rule the world again after its deadly wound is healed. (The Resurrected Papacy) (Rev.13:3)

Soon we shall witness the healing, resurrection or restoration of the Roman Papal power to world dominion, and according to Scripture, "all the world will wonder after the beast." With the same cruelties and persecutory strategies, she will exercise her despotic power as she did during the Dark Ages.

God's people must not be deceived by her apparent piety and humility, but will be called upon to expose the sins of Babylon, then they will feel the ire of the dragon. John 16:1-3; Rev.18:1-4.

The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christlike garments; but she is unchanged. Every principle of the papacy that existed in past ages exists today. The doctrines devised in the darkest ages are still held. Let none

deceive themselves. The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High.

And let it be remembered, it is the boast of Rome that she never changes. The principles of Gregory VII and Innocent III are still the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. And had she but the power, she would put them in practice with as much vigor now as in past centuries. Protestants little know what they are doing when they propose to unite with and accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday exaltation through the guise of Climate Change. While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose, Rome is aiming to re-establish her power, to recover her lost supremacy. Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in the USA country is assured.

The papal church will never relinquish her claim to infallibility. All that she has done in her persecution of those who reject her dogmas she holds to be right; and would she not repeat the same acts, should the opportunity be presented? Let the restraints now imposed by secular governments be removed and Rome be reinstated in her former power, and there would speedily be a revival of her tyranny and persecution.

### The Bible also makes a comparison of Christ with the Papacy-Son of God vs Son of Perdition.

1. Both arise out of the water. (Christ at His baptism vs the Beast from the sea)

- 2. Both minister for three and a half years (Christ's ministry vs Little Horn)
- 3. Both mortally wounded (Christ's crucifixion vs deadly wound of Papal head)
- 4. Both come back to life (Christ's Resurrection vs Deadly wound healed)
- 5. Both have horns. (Lamb of Rev.5:6,9 vs 7 Headed Beast has 10 Horns Rev.13:1)
- 6. Both receive worship. (Hebrews 1:6 vs Rev. 13:4).
- 7. Both called Sons (Mat.3:17 vs 2 Thess.2:3)
- 8. Both claim power to forgive sins.(Mat.9:6 vs Rev.13:5,6)
- 9. Both seeking homage of the world. World wonders after. (Rev.13:3,4 vs Rev.5:8-14)
- 10. Both receive power, seat (throne), and great authority. (Rev.13:2 vs Phil.2:9-11)

For every reality that God has, Satan has a counterfeit, designed to deceive and lead people astray.

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#### 2. ANOTHER BEAST COMING OUT OF THE EARTH

Around the same time that the papacy was receiving its deadly wound (1798), another nation was predicted to arise and was rising to power.

"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." Revelation 13:11.

Here are some Identifying Characteristic or Clues of this Beast Power

#### 1. It arose at the right Time.

After the career of the little horn of Daniel 7 or the beast power of Revelation 13 which are the same.

Arose (was coming up) some time around 1798. (See Rev.13:10,11) Constitution 1789.

#### 2. It arose at the right Place (from the earth) Rev.13:11.

Previous beast arose from the sea (from among the masses or populated areas of the world). (Rev.13:1; Rev 17:15.) Water in Bible Prophecy represents "peoples and multitudes and nations, and tongues".

If waters represent a densely populated area (masses), then the earth must represent a sparsely populated land.

#### 3. It is depicted as a (new) political power (Rev. 13:11).

"...had two horns like a LAMB"

"causeth the earth and them that dwell therein to worship..."\_

#### 4. It will be a DEMOCRATIC POWER.

The power will be in the hands of the people.

"Saying to them that dwell on the earth that <u>THEY</u> should make an image to the beast." Rev. 13:14.

Also, in Revelation 12, the crowns are on the HEADS, while with the first beast in Revelation 13 the crowns are on the HORNS. BUT with this beast coming out of the earth, there are NO CROWNS on the horns.

Since a crown is a fitting symbol of a MONARCHY, THE NOTABLE ABSENCE OF CROWNS IN THIS CASE CLEARLY INDICATE A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT vesting its power in the hands of the people, not in any ruling King.

#### 5. It is a Power of Worldwide Influence.

" ....and he **spake** as a Dragon." Rev.13:11.

"And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him and he <u>causeth</u> the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed". Rev. 13:12.

# WHAT NATION arising after the career of the Little Horn (42 prophetic months or 1260 day-years-538 AD to 1798) does this power represent? It

- ✓ Represents a kingdom or power.
- ✓ Comes out of the earth or a sparsely populated area.
- ✓ Arises around 1798 when the first beast receives its deadly wound.
- ✓ Has two horns representing separation of church and state (no crown).
- ✓ Its power is in the hands of the people (Democracy) who have freedom and a say in who rules.
- ✓ Lamblike in nature or a Christian nation.
- ✓ It cooperates with the first beast.

In other words, What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America.

#### 6. It changes Characteristics from a Lamb to a Dragon.

### THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE USA says

"We hold these truths to self evident, that all men are created equal that they are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

#### THE USA CONSTITUTION was formulated in 1789 says

"Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

GOD RESPECTS ALL HIS CREATURES' FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

THE FINAL CONFLICT IN THE GREAT CONTROVERSY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION REVOLVES AROUND **WORSHIP AND FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE.** (Rev. 14: 9-11). THE PROPHECY TELLS US THAT THE USA WILL CHANGE ITS CONSTITUTION AND BEGIN TO SPEAK (a nation speaks through its legislation) AS A DRAGON THROUGH ITS LAWS AND LEGISLATIONS, WHEN IT

#### 7. Forms an image to the beast.

It will be a replica/copy of the first beast like how Nebuchadnezzar made a replica/copy of the first image but this time of all gold, and then insisted that all bow down and worship that golden image on threat of death.

"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." Rev. 13:14.

The papal captivity mentioned in verse 10 took place in 1798, and the new power (verse 11) was seen emerging at that time. The United States declared its independence in 1776, voted the Constitution in 1787, adopted the Bill of Rights in 1791, and was clearly recognized as a world power by 1798. The timing obviously

fits America. No other power could possibly qualify.

This nation arises "out of the earth" instead of out of the water as did the other nations mentioned in Daniel and Revelation. We know from Revelation that water symbolizes areas of the world that have a large population. "The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." Revelation 17:15.

Therefore, the earth represents the opposite. It means that this new nation would arise in an area of the world that had been virtually unpopulated before the late 1700s. It could not arise among the crowded and struggling nations of the Old World. It had to come up in a sparsely populated continent. (Read the history of the Pilgrim Fathers sailing West to escape Papal persecution, looking for a land without a King and a Church without a Pope. The Ship, the Mayflower, landed with these immigrant pilgrims on the shores of the USA. All the other territories through Christopher Columbus representing the Pope through King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella "discovered" and had already colonized the South and Central Americas. Only the USA was virgin territory at that time.)

What is symbolized by its two lamb-like horns and the absence of crowns?

Answer: Horns represent kings and kingdoms, or governments (Daniel 7:24 8:21). In this case, they represent America's two governing principles: civil and religious liberty. These two governing principles have also been labeled "republicanism" (a government without a king) and "Protestantism" (a church without a pope). Other nations since ancient times had taxed people to support a state religion. Most had also oppressed religious dissidents.

But America established something entirely new: Freedom to worship as you wish without government interference or control and with government protection. Absence of crowns signifies a republican form of government, rather than a monarchy. Lamb-like horns denote an innocent, young, non-oppressive, peace-loving, and spiritual nation.

Jesus is referred to as a lamb 28 times in Revelation. So this new government was trying to uphold His principles. No other power on earth could possibly fit the characteristics and time slot of the lamb-horned beast, except the United States of America.

The prophecy says in Revelation 13:11 that a time will come when America will speak "as a dragon". She will change or repudiate all the principles that she had fought and stood for. The dragon is Satan (Rev.12:9), who works through various governments of the earth to establish his evil kingdom and crush God's church by persecuting and destroying His people. Satan's aim always has been to usurp God's power and throne and to force people to worship and obey him.

So "speaking as a dragon" means that the United States (under the influence of Satan, the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet)) will, in the end time, force people to worship contrary to their conscience or be punished. The prophecy specifically tells us what America will do that will cause it to speak as a dragon when she does so. She will

- 1. "Exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him." Revelation 13:12. America will become a persecuting power that will force people to go against their conscience, as did papal Rome which is portrayed in the first half of Revelation chapter 13.
- 2. "Causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." Revelation 13:12.

The United States will lead the nations of the world in forcing worship of, and allegiance to, the papal Antichrist. The issue is always worship. Who will you worship and obey? Every soul on

earth will finally worship one or the other. The entire Mark of the Beast approach will look very sincere and spiritual. Incredible miracles will be wrought (Revelation 13:14, 15) which will deceive millions of people (Revelation 13:3). Those who refuse to join this movement will be considered godless radicals. Jesus labels Protestant America of the end time a "false prophet" (Revelation 19:20 and Rev.20:10), because it will appear spiritual and trustworthy but instead will be satanic in its conduct.

3. "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.

The United States will make an image to the beast by legislating religious practice. It will pass laws requiring worship and force people to either obey them or face death. This action will be a copy, replica or image of the church-state union that the 'first beast', the papacy, utilized at the height of her power during the Middle Ages, when millions were slain for their faith. America will combine civil government and apostate Protestantism in a "marriage" that will support the papacy. She will then "sit a queen" (Rev.18:7) and will influence all the nations of the world to follow her example.

Thus, the papacy will gain worldwide support and prominence again. Thus the deadly wound will be healed by the union of church and state, and all the world will wonder after the beast.

4. "And cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Revelation 13:15.

The United States, as head of this international movement, will next influence the nations of the world to impose a universal death sentence upon all who refuse to worship the beast or his image. (See Tract on The Mark of the Beast).

#### THE IMAGE BEAST

Scripture tells us that the United States of America will form an image **to** the first beast which becomes an image **of** the beast, and then proceeds to give life unto the image of the beast. This is the creation of another beast: THE IMAGE BEAST.

THIS LIVING IMAGE BEAST BOTH SPEAKS AND ENFORCES THE MARK OF THE BEAST BY CIVIL PENALTIES AND ULTIMATELY BY A DEATH DECREE. (Rev.13:15-17)

Another name for this worldwide coalition is "Babylon the Great." This worldwide alliance will, in the name of Christ, substitute the policeman's power of force for the Holy Spirit's persuasion and will enforce worship, something that should be voluntary and love-motivated.

"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. 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: 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." Revelation 13:15-17.

The final drama and point of issue will be worshiping and obeying the beast and receiving his mark-Sunday as a holy day-versus worshiping and obeying Christ and receiving His mark-His holy seventh-day Sabbath.

When the issues become clear and people are forced either to worship on Sunday and break the Sabbath or be killed, those who then choose Sunday rather than Sabbath will be, in essence, worshiping the beast. They will then receive that mark in the forehead (conscious, wilful choice) or in the right hand (going along with the system lending a helping hand).

They will have chosen to obey the word of a creature, a man or the laws of men, instead of the word of their Creator, Jesus Christ. Here is the papacy's own statement: "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, February 22, 1884.

#### TWO EMERGING POWERS

So Revelation chapter 13 is clear. Two superpowers will emerge in the end time: the United States of America and the papacy. The United States of America will support the papacy by leading a drive to force the people of the world to worship the beast (papacy) and receive his mark or else face death. The Roman Church is slowly developing to become a strong and influential force to reckon with today. She is by far the strongest religio-political power in the world. Virtually every leading country of the world has an official ambassador or state representative at the Vatican.

#### NOTICE THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

- A. The papacy is so influential and powerful that nearly every major country consults her before making major policy moves. Her "large diplomatic corps maintains relations with more than 100 nations." U.S. News and World Report, October 30, 1978, p. 24.
- B. She takes the credit for the demise of communism, saying that Mary, Jesus' mother, guided the pope's strategy that brought down communism. "Handmaid or Feminist," Time, December 30, 1991, pp. 64, 65.
- C. The aim of the pope is to unify the Christian world under the leadership of the papacy by the end of this century. He has made more than 40 world trips to lay the ground work for this goal. Gene H. Hogberg, The Plain Truth, November/ December 1989, pp. 24, 25.

- D. The worldwide response has been almost overwhelming. During the Iraqi crisis, the pope and America's president sometimes discussed world affairs weekly by phone. U.S. News and World Report, August 13, 1990, p. 18.
- E. On June 7, 1982, former President Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II met for 50 minutes at the Vatican and structured a plan to eliminate communism. The United States shipped tons of modern communication equipment to Poland (the starting place) to help spread necessary information to the masses. "The Holy Alliance," Time, February 1992, pp. 28, 31, 35.
- F. Gorbachev said, "Everything which took place in Eastern Europe in recent years would have been impossible without the Pope's efforts and the enormous role, including the political role, which he played in the world arena." Mikhail Gorbachev, Toronto Star, March 9, 1992.
- The papacy, which formerly referred to Protestants as "heretics," is now calling them "separated brethren" and graciously suggesting that all work and pray together for peace and God's presence. Millions of Protestants are deeply impressed. In fact, several Protestant denominations have had official dialog with the papacy to try to settle the differences that caused the Reformation.
- AND RECENTLY THERE HAS BEEN A CALL FOR UNITY, BY BISHOP TONY PALMER, TO ALL CHURCHES AND DENOMINATIONS. Jan 2014.

### Even the strength and influence of America today surpasses all other nations.

The United States is regarded as a super-power and the world's number one military power and centre of influence.

#### Note the following:

- A. "[America is] the planet's sole remaining superpower." "The U.N. Obsession," Time, May 9, 1994, p. 86.
- B. "There is no prospect in the immediate future of any power to rival the United States." Charles Krauthammer, "The Lonely Superpower", The New Republic, July 29, 1992, p. 23.
- C. Yassir Arafat labeled America "the new Rome" because, as old Rome was the undisputed superpower of its age, America is now number one. Newsweek, August 12, 1991, p. 33.
- D. "America's power will now determine all major global events." Jim Hoagland, "Of Heroes …", The Washington Post, August 21, 1991, p. A-23.
- When a Marxist group overthrew the government of Ethiopia, America was asked to negotiate. When Boris Yeltsin took office as president of the newly independent Russia, he visited America first. Former U.S.S.R. President Mikhail Gorbachev turned to America in his crisis. When Kuwait was invaded, its government called on America. The U.S.-led war against Iraq rallied the support of almost the entire world. A National Public Radio correspondent called the American president the "president of the world." We now have "a highly unusual world structure with a single power, the United States, at the apex of the international system." Krauthammer, The New Republic, p. 23.

#### Consider even her influence in the crisis in

- Lybia, Iran and Syria
- Leading the world in the fight against TERRORISM.
- Sanctions against CUBA

- Sanctions against VENEZUELA and COLUMBIA.
- RUSSIA/ UKRAINE CONFLICT (applying sanctions)
- All world nations now look to the United States for protection and support.
- America will experience a counterfeit, worldwide revival and will insist that religious laws be passed to force every person to participate. (This is represented by "an image to the beast" in Revelation 13:14.) People will be forced to disregard God's holy, seventh-day Sabbath and worship instead on the beast's "holy" day—Sunday. Some will also comply simply for social or economic reasons.
- World conditions will become so intolerable that a worldwide "back to God and prayer" movement, with all joining in worship and prayer on Sunday, will seem to be the only solution. Satan will deceive the world into believing that they must compromise Bible truth and keep Sunday holy. But in reality, obedience to and worship of the beast will shut people out of God's kingdom. No wonder Jesus makes such an issue in Revelation over worshiping the beast and receiving his mark! (See Booklet on The Mark of the Beast)
- While satan is deceiving the world through his three unclean spirits like frogs, God's three angels messages (Rev. 14:6-12) will be uniting and preparing a people to stand against the Mark of the beast crisis and for the outpouring of His Spirit in Latter Rain measure for the finishing of the work.
- The Bible says the entire world will be "lightened" with its glory (Revelation 18:1). During the final 'Loud Cry' warning message every person on the earth will be reached (Mark 16:15) with God's end-time, three-point message of Revelation 14:6-14. God's last-day church will grow with amazing speed as millions join God's people and accept His offer of salvation by free grace and faith in Jesus, which

transforms them into His loyal obedient servants.

- Many people and leaders from all countries of the world will refuse to worship the beast and embrace his false teachings. Instead, they will worship and obey Jesus only. They will then receive His holy Sabbath sign, or mark, in their foreheads (Revelation 7:2, 3), thus sealing them for eternity.
- "Sunday is our mark of authority......The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." Catholic Record, Sept 1, 1923.
- "Of course the Catholic church claims that the change was her act....and the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters." Letter Oct. 28, 1895 from C. F. Thomas. Chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons.
- "Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the church ever did happened in the first century. The Holy Day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday not from any directions noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power...People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become 7th Day Adventists and keep Saturday holy." Saint Catherine Catholic Church. Sentinel May 21, 1995.

#### The issues revolve around worship

- 1. WORSHIP THE CREATOR (Rev.14:7) or
- 2. WORSHIP THE BEAST (Rev. 13:4)

"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." Rev. 13:12.

"I believe that the United States, as the world's only superpower,

and the Holy See, as the only worldwide moral-political sovereignty, have significant roles to play in the future. Their actions will impact the lives of people in all parts of the globe." Thomas. P. Melady, U.S Ambassador to the Vatican

### THE FINAL LOUD CRY WARNING MESSAGE TO MANKIND OF REV.18:1-4

- 1. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
- 2. "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, ....
- 4. "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.
- 5. "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:4,5.

At that time men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of Spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power,—all will be unmasked.

By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven.

REVELATION 14:12 says, "Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

#### **APPENDIX A**

#### <u>IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN</u> <u>OF DANIEL 7.</u>

- 1. It arose out of the fourth beast (Dan 7:7, 8)
- 2. It arose among the ten horns (Dan 7:8)
- 3. It arose during the time of the ten horns (Dan 7:24)
- 4. It subdued and uprooted three kingdoms (Dan 7:8, 20, 24)
- 5. It had eyes like the eyes of a man (Dan 7:8, 20)
- 6. It had a mouth speaking great things (Dan 7:8, 20)
- 7. It looked more stout than its fellows (Dan 7:20)
- 8. It was different from the other horns (Dan 7:24)
- 9. It spoke great words against the most High (Dan 7:25)
- 10. It made war with the saints and prevailed against them (Dan 7:21); it wore out the saints of the most High (Dan 7:25)
- 11. It thought to change times and laws (Dan 7:25)
- 12. It reigned for a time, times, and the dividing of time (Dan 7:25)

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#### APPENDIX B

## 1st Beast of Revelation 13

- Arises from the Sea—v. 1
- Has 10 horns—v. 1
- Has a mouth speaking great things—v. 5
- Speaks blasphemy against God—v. 6
- Makes war with the saints—v. 7
- Has power over all nations—v. 7
- Has power to continue 42 months (3 ½ years)—v. 5

# 4th Beast and Little Horn of Daniel 7

- Arises from the Sea—v. 3
- Has 10 horns—v. 7
- Has a mouth speaking great things—v. 8
- Speaks great words against the Most High—v. 25
- Makes war with the saints—v. 21
- Devours the whole earth—v. 23
- Has power over the earth for 3 ½ years—v. 25

#### **APPENDIX C**

#### Comparing Daniel 7 and Revelation 13

#### Little Horn

#### Beast from the Sea

And he shall **speak great words** against the most High (Daniel 7:25).

and the same horn **made war with** the saints (Daniel 7:21).

shall **wear out the saints** of the most High (Daniel 7:25).

more stout than his fellows (Daniel 7:20).

they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time (Daniel 7:25).

speaking great things and blasphemies (Revelation 13:5).

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints (Revelation 13:7).

war with the saints, and to **overcome them** (Revelation 13:7).

power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations (Revelation 13:7).

power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (Revelation 13:5).