

THE DRAGON WITH LAMB-LIKE HORNS

(LESSON 13)

Bible Study

1. In symbolic prophecy, what does the sun represent? **Psalms 84:11**
2. What did the moon keep track of? **Psalms 81:3**
3. What did eleven stars represent in Joseph's dream? **Genesis 37:5-9**
4. Who is described in Revelation 12:5 as the awaited child from verse 4? **Matthew 2:13,16; Matthew 2:6; John 20:17; Hebrews 9:11**
5. What does water mean in symbolic prophecy? **Revelation 17:15**
6. What does a beast represent in symbolic prophecy? **Daniel 7:23**
7. How are people to act towards governments? **Titus 3:1-2, 1 Peter 2:13-14**
8. How are people to react when laws are made contrary to the Word of God? **Acts 5:29**
9. According to the Bible, what is the only manifestation of fire in association with miracles? **Acts 2:3-4**
10. Which beast existed, then stopped existing, and then existed again according to Revelation 13:3? **Revelation 13:1-2**

Who Are the Seven Kings?

Before Jesus returns as described in Revelation 14:14, three timely messengers proclaim warnings so that people do not have to be deceived. Part of the third messenger's message is "*And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image*" (Revelation 14:9). This lesson will be focusing on the "*image*."

What is an image? According to Webster's Dictionary, an image is "a reproduction or imitation of the form of a person or thing." The dictionary further points out that an image is "a mental

conception held in common by members of a group and symbolic of a basic attitude and orientation." An image can also be like a reflection in a mirror.

Could the image in Revelation actually refer to a mental imitation of the Antichrist without being directly associated with it? Consider this: The reference to worshipping the beast is not a physical bowing down to a beast or even the Antichrist but a declaration of direct support in one form or another despite what the Bible says. The image would then be another form of support, an indirect support of the beast.

The beast and image are just two vehicles that Satan has in his end time game to use in influencing the entire world. The collection of all seven heads are revealed in Revelation 17:10 tells us, "*And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*"

Who are the five that are fallen? Four of them are found in Daniel 7:1-7, which says, "*In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, [and] told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first [was] like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to*

it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and [it had] three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it [was] diverse from all the beasts that [were] before it; and it had ten horns." The Lion symbolizes Babylon, which ruled from 606 BC to 538 BC. The Bear represents the Medo-Persian Empire, which ruled from 538 BC to 331 BC. The Leopard identifies the Empire of Greece, which followed in 331 BC and lasted until 168 BC. The dreadful ten-horn beast characterized the Pagan Roman Empire, which began rule in 168 BC and lasted until the ten divisions of Europe took over in 476 AD and continued until 538 AD.

The fifth head is referenced in Revelation 13:1-2 described as, "*And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 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.*" This

one conglomerate beast is the Antichrist, which carries the teachings of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome along with demand to be worshipped of which obedience is a very much acceptable form. As we discovered through many identifying points, over 50, it is none other than the Vatican, which began its full power in 538 AD and lasted until the deathblow in 1798. Again, the system (kingdom) is the antichrist and not the people.

Now, who is identified as the "one is" (Revelation 17:10)? Revelation 11:7 says, "*And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*" We found in our previous lesson that "*them*" refers to the two witnesses who are the Old and New Testaments. The greatest power to be released at this time to try to kill the Bible was none other than Atheism. The vehicle to carry atheism around the world was later known as Russia forming the USSR. Atheism was a strong influence during the 1800's and 1900's even until 1991 when it all of a sudden, the USSR crumbled. This event paved the way for the next world influencing power.

So, who is the one identified as "*The other is not yet come*" (Revelation 17:10)? That is this lesson.

What Is the Antichrist Doing to Combat the Reformation?

The reason Protestants exist

today is because God raised up reformers to reform the church of its non-Biblical positions on various doctrines. The church as a whole did not reform but many departed from the mother church to become more Biblical. To counteract this mass exodus, a Jesuit priest by the name of Francisco Ribera (1537-1591) was given a project to create a counterreformation using the Bible. What he ended up doing was, in a Christian garb, removed Revelation 5 through 22 from Christians giving it to the Jews. This of course is condemned by Revelation 22:19, which states, "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book."

Are we sure that all of Revelation applies to Christians? Revelation 1:1 says, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel unto his servant John." Another term for a servant of Jesus Christ is a Christian. All agree that the first four chapters apply to Christians, but where does Revelation reveal that beyond chapter 4 is not for the servants of Jesus Christ? It does not. All of Revelation is for the servants of Jesus Christ, which John was part of.

Ribera even came up with the theory that the Antichrist was not active in the past, or in the present, but would wholly be a future thing that the Jews were

to be concerned about and not Christians. This too is not Biblical for both John and Paul revealed that it was active in their days. According to 1 John 2:18, it says, "*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*" Then in 1 John 2:19, it states, "*They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would [no doubt] have continued with us: but [they went out], that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*" Again, in 1 John 4:3, we are told, "*And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*" And then 2 Thessalonians 2:7 tells us, "*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way.*"

"The commentary that Ribera developed in 1585 on the book of Revelation (Apocalypse) was titled *In Sacrum Beati Ioannis Apostoli, & Evangelistiae Apocalypsin Commentarij*, and published it about the year 1590. In order to remove the Catholic Church from consideration as the antichrist power, Ribera proposed that the first few chapters of the Apocalypse applied to ancient pagan Rome, and the rest he limited to a yet future period of 3½ literal years, immediately prior to the second coming. During that time, the Roman Catholic Church would have fallen away from the pope into

apostasy. Then, he proposed, *the* antichrist, a *single* individual, would:

- Persecute and blaspheme the saints of God.
- Rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.
- Abolish the Christian religion.
- Deny Jesus Christ.
- Be received by the Jews.
- Pretend to be God.
- Kill the two witnesses of God.
- And conquer the world".

[The above was provided by *The PROPHETIC FAITH OF OUR FATHERS*, pages 23-17.]

To add believability to this theory, Satan gave Margaret McDonald, in 1830, a trance where she thought God was expounding on this theory with details about the activity of the Jews and the future of the church.

Between these events, the reformation all but ceased to continue. It only continues today by a small minority of people from various denominations and those not even in a denomination.

The poison of this theory is that it makes people comfortable where they are at, yet Satan has the vast majority of Christians breaking at least one of God's commandments. But remember Satan's plan: He attempted to overthrow heaven and failed. He attempted to prevent the success of Christ at the cross and failed. Now he holds out that God will not find a perfectly commandment keeping people

to translate to Heaven forcing God to translate no one or a lot of practicing sinners. If God does that, Satan would have a case for himself and the fallen angels would be left back into heaven. But the Bible will reveal in this lesson that God will have a perfectly commandment keeping people to translate.

What Significance Does the Woman in the Wilderness Hold?

As we have seen, God is quite accurate in predicting events and dating them prophetically. He is even accurate in giving history lessons. God has another lesson embedded in Revelation 12.

It begins with, Revelation 12:1-2, which says, *“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailling in birth, and pained to be delivered.”* What does this mean? Well, first we are in Revelation so that means it is signifying something (Revelation 1:1).

What does a woman represent in prophecy? Jeremiah 6:2 tells us, *“I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate [woman].”* And now Zion is defined in Isaiah 51:16: *“And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou [art] my people.”* God’s people is the answer. In Old Testament times

they were called Israelites, and in New Testament times they are called Christians. The single term for “God’s people” is the term “church”. Acts 7:38 refers to Israel as a church by stating, *“This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and [with] our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us.”* And when it comes to gathering in the New Testament, it is still a church, for we are told *“thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth”* (1 Timothy 3:15).

Now this woman is pregnant which means Jesus has not yet come, so we are in the Old Testament period.

What does the sun represent? According to Psalms 84:11, it says, *“For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”* God is with His people is the answer.

What does the moon represent? Psalms 81:3 states, *“Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.”* It is the tracking of feast days, which pointed to Jesus Christ.

What do the twelve stars represent? The answer is found in Genesis 37:5-9, which says, *“And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told [it] his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we [were] binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and,*

behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.” Joseph dreamed about stars representing his eleven brothers, which would later be tribes. Joseph is the twelfth of course. And Genesis 49:28 states, *“All these [are] the twelve tribes of Israel: and this [is it] that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.”* In the New Testament, it is the Apostles.

To confirm that stars are representative of human beings, let us read Genesis 26:4-5, which reads as, *“And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”*

Continuing on with Revelation 12:3-5, we are told, *“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman*

which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and [to] his throne.” The dragon, of course is none other than Satan. The drawing of one third of the stars are the fallen angels. Now what vehicle did Satan use to try to devour the Child, Jesus, at His birth? Rome with Herod decreeing to kill all children two years and younger is the answer. Matthew 2:13,16 tells us, *“And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.”* *“Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.”* But praise God the Child came forth who was destined to rule all nations for Matthew 2:6 says, *“And thou Bethlehem, [in] the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.”* And Jesus ascended to the Father as John 20:17 states: *“Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and [to] my God, and your God.”* And while on His throne He serves

on our behalf in heaven according to Hebrews 9:11, which says, *“But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building”*.

This of course infuriated Satan because now he is a defeated foe (Hebrews 2:14). When Jesus comes back, He is coming for His faithful followers. And ever since the resurrection, Satan has been trying to mislead as many followers of Christ as possible.

Satan turned up the heat tremendously as described in Revelation 12:6, which tells us, *“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days.”* The reason God’s people (the church) went into the wilderness was to escape the persecutions.

The greatest period of persecution is identified here. By applying God’s *“day for a year”* principle found in Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6, that is 1,260 years, which is specifically from 538 AD to 1798 AD, as we have studied previously. It is the exact period of time that Papal Rome enjoyed supreme power.

Is There More Detail?

As usual, God gives a short synopsis followed by a more detailed explanation. The remaining verses of chapter 12, is the same lesson, only with added details.

We begin in Revelation 12:7-9, with, *“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”* The war here began in heaven where Satan and his angels were cast out. It continued on earth when the whole world (at the time of Adam and Eve) was deceived, and will continue until Jesus returns.

The next major event in the verse-by-verse study is revealed in Revelation 12:10-11, which states, *“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”* Salvation and strength came at the cross. Satan is a defeated foe. And all people overcome sin by claiming the blood of the Lamb. These things were promised to Israel as the sacrificial system pointed forward to Jesus and to the cross. As Christians we look back at the cross to claim the blood.

Again, a *“Thus Saith the Lord”* is the important factor. We need to ask ourselves, *“Are we willing to die for the Word?”* If not, we are

not fit for the kingdom. Amen?

What is the result of the cross? Revelation 12:12 says, *“Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”* Satan senses that he is defeated though he still holds out hope for victory. His current objective is to deceive as many as possible. Since the cross, Satan has known that it is just a short time. Us humans though, think the time since the cross has been long. Yet, when compared to all of history, 2,000 years is short. Too many times we try to look at Biblical time through our eyes instead of God’s eyes. When we look through the right set of eyes, a lot of confusion disappears.

What is the reaction of the dragon? Revelation 12:13-14 describes the scene as, *“And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man [child]. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”* Since Jesus has already been born (*“brought forth the man [child]”*), Satan is after the woman, which represents the Christian church. As identified in verse 6, the period of protection is from 538 AD to 1798.

What does the dragon do? Revelation 12:15 *“And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the*

woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.” What does water mean in prophecy? Revelation 17:15 tells us: *“And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”* Basically, it is the populated areas of the world and that is exactly where the most intense persecutions were centered. The Spanish Inquisition just to name one area.

God’s people did not know where to turn. There was little safety to be found. And then they found comfort. Revelation 12:16 tells us, *“And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”* The earth is the opposite of water. And if water means populated areas of the world, then earth means the opposite, which is an unpopulated area. Around the 1600’s and 1700’s, what country was emerging in an unpopulated area of the world? What new country provided freedom of religion? The answer is the United States, which God richly blessed. Thank God for America, otherwise, Satan would have had victory over the church.

God’s people were so persecuted that their only safety was to come to America. God guided the Mayflower, which landed at Plymouth Rock marking the beginning of a new era. This unique country, which would permit freedom of religion, dried up the attempts of Europe to silence the minority viewpoint of “The Bible and the Bible

alone.”

But the war did not stop there. Revelation 12:17 states, *“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”* Satan is angry at the Christian church as a whole simply because they keep preaching about his enemy – Jesus Christ. However, he tolerates the compromised Christians and focuses his main attacks upon a smaller group of people. They are identified as keeping all of God’s commandments and holding onto the testimony of Jesus Christ. Even though the Protestants fled to America for safety so as to practice their faith of following the Bible and the Bible alone, the vast majority of Protestants today have stopped protesting against the errors of the Catholic Church, have chosen to create doctrines that are not substantiated by the Word, have accepted the teachings of the Catholic Church, and have given up searching for the whole truth. In fact, they have all signed a document back on October 31, 2016, which in essence ended the protest.

We know this to be true as Paul describes the last day church much like Revelation 12:17 is the last verse in the history lesson pointing to the same time period: *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers,*

false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Satan is happy with them because he has got them to disobey in at least one point, which is good enough to claim them as his own. But he has not conquered everyone. There are still faithful people around the world that are living up to all the light they have and are willing to follow more light as it is revealed. Satan hates these people and is warring against them.

Why is Satan really warring against these people? Remember in the beginning of this lesson. Satan’s only hope of reentering heaven is by God translating one practicing sinner, which by Bible definition, is a commandment-breaker (1 John 3:4). These commandment-keeping people are ruining his plans. His only choice is to pressure them so much so as for them to give up the faith, or he will have to end up trying to kill them all before Jesus returns. Could this be why Jesus asked, “*I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*” (Luke 18:8).

What Does the Second Beast in Revelation 13 Represent?

First, let us read the closing verse on the first of the two beasts of Revelation 13 by

reading verse 10, which says, “*He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*” As the first beast of Revelation 13 (Papal Rome - The Vatican) was being led into captivity in 1798, the next beast was about to rise.

Recall as well that beasts represent kingdoms and not specific people. Daniel 7:23 tells us, “*Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.*”

With these things understood, let us move forward to Revelation 13:11 to get the specifics: “*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.*” The identifying marks of the seventh beast are:

1. It arises around 1798.
2. It arises peacefully (lamb like horns).
3. It arises in an unpopulated area of the world (earth).
4. It would be founded upon two strong principles (two horns without crowns).
5. It would eventually develop the power to speak forcibly throughout the world (dragon).

What nation is it? It is none other than the United States once again. Some try to point to Australia, but it is not an independent kingdom. It is still

under the authority of England.

Now, does the United States fulfill these prophetic signs?

1. **Was it’s rising in the 1700’s?** “The Declaration of Independence, approved by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, is a statement of the principles that 2 days earlier had led Congress to vote for the independence of the American colonies from Great Britain.” *1996 Grolier Encyclopedia.*
2. **Was the initial colonization peaceful?** “Plymouth Colony, the first permanent Puritan settlement in America, was established in December 1620 on the western shore of Cape Cod Bay by the English Separatist Puritans known as the pilgrims. They were few in number and without wealth or social standing. Although their small and weak colony lacked a royal charter, it maintained its separate status until 1691.” *1996 Grolier Encyclopedia.* This was not a military take over. There is no mention of weapons and battles. Clearly, they moved in peacefully.
3. **Was the land mostly unpopulated?** “The vast region stretching eastward from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean was relatively sparsely populated by tribes whose economies were generally based on hunting and gathering, fishing, and farming.” *1996 Grolier Encyclopedia.*
4. **What are the two main principles that this country is founded upon?** This is

answered by reading an exert from Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation given on October 3, 1789 in New York. "Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks-- for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--**for the civil and religious liberty** with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us."

5. **Does the United States have the potential to speak as a dragon?** Her military is one of the strongest backed by the largest arsenal. No other country is looked to for financial aid as much as this

nation is. This nation is the most blessed, especially in produce, which helps feed many nations. Every country in the world is dependent upon the United States in one way or another. The United States is also considered the lone super power of the world, and the leading economic power in the world.

It is not by coincidence that one of the national symbols that is described in Revelation 13:11 being a beast that has horns like a lamb and yet is ferocious describes a buffalo. John never physically saw one in his lifetime since such an animal is mostly indigenous to America.

So, was there anybody else looking for this beast to help confirm our findings? John Wesley, in 1754, wrote of the two-horned beast: *Notes on Revelation*, page 427 -- "He is not yet come, though he cannot be far off, for he is to appear at the end of the forty-two months of the first beast."

What will the United States do? According to Revelation 13:12, "*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.*" What power did the first beast have? Not only joint state and church rule, but influence other nations with it too.

But wait! What about the First Amendment? Satan is not stupid. Along with the freedom of religion is also the freedom of speech clause. Satan is getting people so disgusted with

freedom of speech by defending flag burning, pornography, explicit lyrics, and much more. People are at the point of wanting that Amendment changed. If speech were regulated for the better that means the First Amendment would go. If that goes, the wall between church and state goes as well.

In addition, during any crisis, the Constitution is set aside. During World War II, United States citizens were hauled off to prison without warrants or reading them their rights. They were hauled off just because they were Japanese.

Further, in 1997, legislation was introduced to protect specifically the Roman Catholic Church as well as evangelical Christians. The Bill (HR2431) was introduced by House of Representative Wolf of Virginia as well as Senator Specter of Pennsylvania. Here is a direct quote from the bill:

"Section 2.3 Findings - (3) Persecution of religious believers, particularly Roman Catholic and evangelical Protestant Christians, in Communist countries, such as Cuba, Laos, the People's Republic of China, North Korea, and Vietnam, persists and in some cases is increasing."

Additionally, Protestant preachers have never had easier access to the White House as they have had under President Trump. In fact, many of the policies of Trump have been under the influence of this religious counsel. Although prior presidents have had such counsels, Trump has two religious counsels. There is the

representation of multiple denominations and another consisting of Roman Catholic ministers, primarily Jesuits. The move of the Embassy in Israel and the laxness of the enforcement of the Johnson amendment are two examples of the religious influence upon the White House. And more is promised if re-elected.

Keep in mind that the reference to evangelical Protestant Christians according to *Time Magazine* refers to those that have clasped the hand of the Roman Power.

So, if we do not think the United States could ever make a law to help promulgate Catholicism, we are being fooled.

This Bill, after the normal process of making the Senate and the House of Representatives versions match, was signed by President William Jefferson Clinton on October 27, 1998.

And in October 1998, the papacy issued a bull requesting all, but Catholics especially, to honor Sunday as the Sabbath. What was the United States' response? In June 1999, the House passed permission for public schools to decide for themselves if they want to display the Ten Commandments.

According to CNN, on October 28, 1999, in a multi-religion group (Catholics, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, etc.), the pope and the Dalai Lama jointly denounced hate groups. What was the United States' response? According to the CNN, on October 29, 1999, "Frustrated by two years of failure, President Clinton made

an impassioned plea Friday night for Congress to pass a new hate-crime law."

These are historical examples of Rome dictating to the United States what policies ought to be. And since Clinton, Rome has gotten bolder and bolder through George W. Bush, Barrack Obama, and Donald Trump.

This same country that God blessed and used to rescue His people is becoming another instrument of Satan right before our eyes because absolute power corrupts absolutely. We are not to be anti-American but anti-error. When laws are enacted that are contrary to the Word of God, God's people will stick out like bright lights.

Now, does the Bible reveal how people are to act towards governments? Titus 3:1-2 tells us, "*Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, [but] gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.*" 1 Peter 2:13-14 reveals, "*Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.*"

Further, Jesus did not spend one second challenging the authorities. In fact, he totally submitted all the way to the cross. But what if governmental laws conflict with Biblical laws? According to Acts 5:29, we are told, "*Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than*

men." What if governmental laws do not conflict with the Bible, but are just obtrusive, unfair, etc.? 1 Peter 2:20 tells us, "*For what glory [is it], if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer [for it], ye take it patiently, this [is] acceptable with God.*"

So, should we be involved in politics so as to take over the government and make religious laws? John 18:36 tells us, "*Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*"

What does Satan use to gain people's trust? Revelation 13:13-14 says, "*And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 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.*" If our faith is based on miracles, we are wide open for Satan's deceptions. We ought to base our beliefs on a "*Thus Saith the Lord*" and not on what our eyes see.

And, according to the Bible, there is only one manifestation of fire in association with miracles. Acts 2:2-4 reveals, "*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And 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, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Therefore, the fire that is able to be called down is the false Holy Spirit.

And what else will the United States do? Revelation 13:15-17 tells us, “*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.*”

Now, how does a country speak? Through laws. We are to look for laws that will come about that if a person does not follow it, they will face being put to death. Everyone will be susceptible, in fact, all will have to choose to obey the law of the land, which will be in direct contrast to God’s Word and be lost, or choose God’s Word over the law of the land and be saved. Are you willing to go hungry, homeless, or naked for the Word of God if it came to that?

And if a person really thinks this is fairytale stuff, think again. There is already an agenda through various man-made crisis getting the public to cry for such a law, but we will provide the details on that in another study.

Is the United States in position to enforce the mark of the

beast? Since January 1, 1992, the United States has become the lone super power. Its mission is to keep all other countries from challenging her.

What Else Do the Seven Heads of Satan Reveal?

The seven heads of Satan are Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greece, Pagan Rome and Europe, the Vatican, Russia, and the United States.

But what does the Bible say about the length of the United States supreme reign? Revelation 17:10 tells us, “*And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*” All other kingdoms are normal ruling kingdoms, but the United States will not rule supremely for a long period of time. It will be shorter than Russia, Vatican, Rome, Greece, Medo-Persians, and even Babylon, which ruled only 69 years. That means the United States will lose its supreme power within 69 years. And understand this, the clock has been ticking since 1992.

What will happen after the United States relinquishes its rule? Revelation 17:11 tells us, “*And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*” It hands the power to one of the previous seven kingdoms. Who is it? The answer is in the verse. There is only one identified as “*was, and is not, even he is*”. That is similar to Revelation 13:3, which states, “*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.” That means the Vatican will exercise full power once again in the near future.

How Do We Fight Against This?

Ephesians 6:13-18 is our only safeguard: “*Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*” Note that we must put on the whole armor of God to gain the victory. It consists of holding onto the truth, which, as we already discovered, if we do not love it enough to follow, we will be lost. Only Christ’s righteousness will save us. Open our hearts to the gospel of Jesus’ love. Walk by faith and not by sight. Salvation is free. And do not forget the Word of God because that is the only way we are going to cut through Satan’s lies and deceptions. And do not neglect the power of prayer.

We must have our faith in Jesus

and follow His Word and pray constantly. It is a great thing that the mind can do more than one thing at a time. But be comforted in this: *“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”* (Matthew 10:28).

We are living in exciting times. They are not to be feared. God is the Protector.

May God bless you and keep you always.