



What Revelation Says About America

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***“And you shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you
free.”***

John 8:32

1. THE SPOTLIGHT FOLLOWS GOD'S PEOPLE

Does Revelation describe the rise of America — when it would rise, and how it fits end-time events? Prophecy's spotlight follows God's people: Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome. Now it turns west.

Revelation 13:11

“Then I saw ANOTHER BEAST coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.”

2. FIVE MARKS THAT IDENTIFY IT

1. Arising around 1798 — “he who leads into captivity shall go into captivity” (13:10). February 15, 1798.
2. Rising from the EARTH, not the sea — an area without large population centers. “The waters... are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues” (17:15).
3. A young nation — two horns like a LAMB, not a grown predator.
4. No king — the first beast's horns wear ten crowns (13:1); there are NO crowns on the horns of the second beast. No king, and no pope.
5. Worldwide power and influence — “he exercises all the authority of the first beast” (13:12).

3. THE TWO HORNS

The two horns represent CIVIL and RELIGIOUS LIBERTY — and this nation wrote them down.

First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” The Declaration: all men “are

endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.”

George Washington: every man “ought to be protected in worshiping the deity according to the dictates of his own conscience.” Joshua 24:15 — “CHOOSE you this day whom you will serve.”

4. “AND SPOKE AS A DRAGON”

Would the lamb-like beast stay lamb-like forever? How does a nation speak? Through its LAWS.

Revelation 13:14-16

It tells the earth to “make an IMAGE to the beast.” An image is a likeness of — church and state united, worship enforced by law: the first beast's formula.

5. HOW COULD CHURCH AND STATE UNITE HERE?

Chief Justice William Rehnquist: “The wall of separation between church and state is a metaphor based on bad history... It should be frankly and explicitly abandoned.”

Liberty Magazine, May–June 1980, p. 4: “If Christians unite we can do anything. We can pass any law or amendment and that's exactly what we intend to do.”

Pat Robertson, The New World Order, p. 236: “Laws in America that mandated a day of rest (Sunday laws) have been nullified as a violation of the separation of church and state... an outright insult to God.”

In 1960 John Kennedy went from Washington to Texas to assure Protestant preachers that he would not obey the pope. In 2001 George Bush came from Texas to Washington to assure Catholic bishops that he would. (Newsweek, July 15, 2001)

6. WHAT LEADS UP TO IT

Revelation 13:13-14; 16:14; 19:20

Signs and wonders — “the spirits of demons, performing SIGNS, which go out to the kings of the earth.” A false revival, and a world deceived by miracles.

Luke 21:10-11

Wars, earthquakes, famines, “fearful sights and great signs from heaven.” Spiritual decline, disaster, chaos and economic trouble prepare the way.

Could a return to God, coerced by religious legislation, be sold as the answer to all of it? Test it: “To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isa. 8:20).

7. HOW GOD SAYS TO GET BACK TO HIM

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If MY PEOPLE who are called by My name will HUMBLE themselves, and PRAY and SEEK MY FACE, and TURN from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven... and heal their land.” Not by statute. On knees.

Franklin: when a religion is good it supports itself; when its professors must “call for help of the civil powers,” that is “a sign, I apprehend, of its being a bad one.”

8. THE OLDEST CONFLICT ON EARTH

Genesis 4 — the first murder, over worship. Daniel 3 — an image, a law, a furnace. Daniel 6 — a prayer outlawed, a lions' den. Exodus 16 — a Sabbath test before deliverance.

Every time, it is false worship that reaches for the sword. The first conflict in human history was over worship, and so is the last.

***“Whosoever desires, let him take
the water of life freely.”***

Revelation 22:17