



## ***THE UNITED STATES IN BIBLE PROPHECY***

### **BIBLE REFERENCE GUIDE #11**

The Bible brings to view nations that have a direct impact upon God's people and those nations that have a direct relationship to the plan of salvation.

#### **REVELATION CHAPTER THIRTEEN**

**Revelation 13:1** The first beast power of Revelation 13 represents the power which headquarters at the Vatican. **(Review Bible Reference Guides 8 & 9).**

**Revelation 13:3,10** The Bible predicted that the kingdom of the Papacy would receive a deadly wound. This was fulfilled when the Pope of Rome was taken captive and died in captivity through the "sword" or military power of France. It is very important to keep in mind that since the beast itself is described in symbolic language, therefore the wound also would be of a symbolic nature.

**Revelation 13:10** This text positions us in time. The first beast (the Papacy) went into captivity in the year 1798.

**Revelation 13:11** At about the same time the power of the first beast is being greatly reduced, the Bible says, **"And I beheld another beast...."** What beast is this? It comes up sometime around 1798 when the first beast is going into captivity. He comes up out of the *earth*, (a sparsely or unpopulated area) and has two horns like a lamb, but speaks as a dragon.

The first beast arose out of the *sea* (representing the Papacy's growth in the populated, peopled areas of Europe). But the second beast comes up out of the *earth* (a sparsely populated area). Its rise could not take place in the densely populated Europe. **"...and he had two horns like a lamb."** This signifies that the foundation of his authority would be its Christian principles, namely, freedom to have a government of the people, and freedom to worship according to one's conscience.

**Only one nation meets the specifications of this prophecy—*The United States of America.***

The United States was:

- The only nation rising to prominence in 1798.
- Arising in a sparsely populated area.

- Called the “New World”.
- To champion principles of religious and civil liberty.
- To become the superpower of the world.

The U. S. historically, geographically, politically and religiously fits into the prophecy of Revelation 13.

Early Americans made clear statements about the separation of church and state. George Washington in 1789 said, **“Every man conducting himself as a good citizen and being accountable to God alone for his religious options ought to be protected in worshipping the deity according to the dictates of his own conscience.”**

Benjamin Franklin said this, **“When religion is good, it will take care of itself. When it’s not able to take care of itself, and God does not see fit to take care of it so that it has to appeal to the civil power for support, it’s evidence in my mind that the cause is a bad one.”**

Ulysses S. Grant, in the 1800s said, **“Leave the matter of religious teaching to the family altar, the church and the private school supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and the state forever separated.”**

Our early framers of the constitution wrote religious guarantees in these words, **“Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”**

**Revelation 13:12** Here the Bible describes what will happen in the future. **“And he (the United States) exerciseth all the power of the first beast (Papal Rome) before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”**

The Bible predicts that Protestant America will stretch its hand across the ocean to unite hands with the Papacy. What the Bible teaches is that the New World will revert back to the style of the Old World—in terms of lack of freedom, especially religious.

**Revelation 13:14** Multitudes will be deceived by false miracles which will lead them to overlook the true issues and be led astray.

**Revelation 13:15-17** The Bible teaches that those who refuse to go along with the beast power (and Sunday worship) will be persecuted.

**John 16:1-3** When leading churches of the United States, unite upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, and they shall influence the state to enforce their decrees, and sustain them, then Protestant America will have formed an image to the Papacy. What will be the result? The infliction of penalties upon all those who do not go along.