

## 17. The United States in Prophecy

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. That word has defined America for nearly two and a half centuries. Will that legacy of civil and religious freedom continue?

1. In addition to warning of the false worship of the Beast, what other major player is identified as being a collaborator in false worship? "If anyone worships the beast and \_\_\_\_\_..." Rev 14:9 (1184)

2. As the beast is wounded by a sword and goes into captivity (Rev 13:10), what does John see? "Then I saw \_\_\_\_\_ coming up out of the earth." Rev 13:11 (1183) Note: The first beast is Papal Rome. It suffered the deadly wound in 1798. It is in that era, this beast is seen rising to power. This certainly fits with the rise of the United States.

3. Where does it rise from? It is "coming up out of the \_\_\_\_\_." Rev 13:11 (1183) Note: Since water represents "peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues" (see Rev 17:15), that is the nations of the old world, by contrast the earth represents with sparsely settled lands of the new world. Again, this aspect of the prophecy fits the history of the United States completely.

4. What distinguishes its appearance? "...he had two horns like a \_\_\_\_\_ and spoke like a \_\_\_\_\_." Rev 13:11 (1183) Note: The only time in Revelation where lamb describes a sinister power is here; every other time it refers to Jesus. This power must have some of the characteristics of the true lamb.

5. How did Jesus express His view on our relationship to the government? "Render to Caesar the \_\_\_\_\_ and unto God the \_\_\_\_\_." Mark 12:17 (982)

6. In what way have these two principles been seen in a marked manner in this country? By \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ freedom.  
Note: Once again, the republicanism and Protestantism which characterized early American history fits with the prophetic description.

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7. What does the First Amendment to the constitution say: Congress shall make no law respecting the \_\_\_\_\_ of religion, or \_\_\_\_\_ the free exercise thereof.”
8. According to the prophecy what change will be seen in this land-beast power? “he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a \_\_\_\_\_.” Rev 13:11 (1183)
9. What is the relationship of the land-beast to the first beast or Papal Rome? “He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to \_\_\_\_\_, whose deadly wound was healed.” Rev 13:12 (1183)
10. How will this be accomplished? “He performs \_\_\_\_\_, so that he even makes \_\_\_\_\_ come down from heaven in the sight of men.” Rev 13:13 (1183)
11. Are miracles a guarantee of divine approval? “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘ \_\_\_\_\_,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who \_\_\_\_\_ the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not...done \_\_\_\_\_ in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I \_\_\_\_\_; depart from Me, you who practice \_\_\_\_\_.’” Matt 7:21-23 (1183)
12. What is the result of the land-beast’s deception? “He deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs, which he was granted to do...telling those who dwell on the earth to make an \_\_\_\_\_ to the beast...” Rev 13:14 (1183) Note: An image is a likeness or representation of something. The original beast was formed by \_\_\_\_\_ within the church and a resulting \_\_\_\_\_ with the state. The result was persecution for those withstanding the authority of the church united with the state. Prophecy foretells that this same thing will take place again in this land of freedom.
13. When laws are enacted in direct opposition to the Ten Commandments it is the duty of every Christian to respectfully say, “We ought to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than men.” Acts 5:29 (1056)

**My Decision: \_\_\_\_\_ I love my country but I choose to put the claims of God above all earthly loyalty.**

**Scripture**

Rev 14:7; 9-10  
Rev 13:11  
Mk 12:17  
Deut 4:13  
Acts 5:29; Rom 13:1

Luke 9:54-56  
Matt 11:28  
Isa 53:7  
Rev 13:11  
Rev 16:13;19:20, 20:10

Rev 13:12  
Rev 13:13-14  
Matt 24:24-25  
Matt 7:21-23  
Rev 13:14

2 Tim 3:1, 4-5, 7-8  
Jn 18:36  
Rev 13:16, 17  
Rev 14:12  
Rev 13:15