

The USA in Prophecy – True & False Revival



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This article presents the United States in Prophecy. It reveals how Satan will use well-meaning, honest hearted Christians, to influence government mandated worship, and a clear distinction is made between the true and false revivals that will be seen before Jesus returns for His people.

When a nation or ancient kingdom plays a significant part in the fulfillment of God's purposes, that nation is described in the Bible. In **Revelation 13:11**, a new power is described as entering onto the Biblical landscape.

Unlike the others which came up out of the water, this beast comes up out of the earth. To understand this, we must first understand what it means to come out of the water. **Revelation 17:15** says, "Then he said to me, 'the waters which you saw are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.'"

When a beast comes up out of the water, a kingdom comes up in a densely populated area of the world. Now there are three questions we need to ask about this new beast. First, where does this power arise?

If the sea represents a populated area, the opposite of the sea, the earth, would represent a sparsely populated area. That makes sense, doesn't it? This new beast, or kingdom, comes up out of the earth, or from a relatively unpopulated area compared to the nations of Europe.

This beast represents a nation that arises in some area of the world that was unsettled by nations previously mentioned in prophecy. Question #2. When does this power arise? The verse in **Rev. 13** just before this beast appears gives us the clue. It says of the 1st beast, "He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity." In other words, the second beast in Revelation 13 arises around the same time the first beast is going into captivity.

We studied before that the first beast represents the Roman Church, or the papacy. This first beast, the papacy, would get its authority from the dragon, which is pagan Rome; and the papacy did receive her power and authority from Rome.

The first beast would be a world-wide system of worship; and the papacy is a world wide system of worship! The first beast would claim that its priests had the authority to forgive sins; and the papacy does teach they have the power to forgive sins.

The Bible says the 1st beast would reign for 1260 years. Historically, the papacy fits this exactly. Although the Bishop of Rome existed previously, his supreme reign began in AD 538. It was in that year that Justinian, the pagan Roman emperor, gave to the pope of Rome, his civil and religious authority. In 1798, exactly 1260 years after the papacy came fully to power in A.D. 538, Berthier, the French general sent by Napoleon, took the Pope of Rome captive.

Revelation 13:10 says that the first beast, the papacy, would go into captivity. He did, in 1798. The second beast in Revelation 13, would rise in a previously unknown area of the world around the time that the first beast (the papacy) went into captivity, or around 1798.

Bible students for decades have seen the unique fulfillment of this prophecy in the United States. Question # 3. How does this power arise?

Revelation 13:11 says, "Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb . . ." This beast rises around 1798 and one of his distinguishing characteristics is that he has two horns like a lamb.

Now incidentally, a lion is an old, or mature beast, a bear is an old beast, if it was young, it would have been called a cub, a leopard and a dragon are also mature beasts. A lamb however, is a young beast. So this would be a new empire. It would be a new kingdom, a young nation. Now keep in mind, the Bison is native to America, and when John wrote this, America was not yet discovered.

John saw in vision a wooly faced animal, and never seeing a Bison, he didn't know what to call this young wooly faced animal, because it was unknown to him. So he called it the closest thing he knew, he called it a lamb like beast. A new nation that is rising up out of an unpopulated area around 1798. It's important to notice that there are no crowns on the horns of the second beast of **Revelation 13**.

The first beast had horns with crowns. Let's look at **Revelation 13:1** which says, "Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns . . ." The power in the old kingdoms came from the crown. Crowns indicate kingly authority. But this new young beast that comes out of the earth does not have crowns on its horns.

The absence of crowns indicates freedom from kingly power. The power of the second beast does not come from a king. It has two external principles from which it derives its power. These two principles are those of political and religious freedom. What are the two foundational principles of American law? They're religious and political freedom, of course!

So here's a new power that: 1) Arises around 1798. 2) Arises in a relatively unpopulated area, and 3) Has No crowns on its horns. There is only nation that fits this description! That nation is the United States of America. But ladies and gentlemen, the Biblical scene changes.

The scripture says in **Revelation 13:11-14** “Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.” This means, someday, religious freedom will be removed and the United States will speak like a dragon. How does a nation speak you ask? A nation speaks through its laws.

The book of Revelation describes the erosion of religious liberty in America. Notice **Revelation 13:12** — and he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

So this second beast, the United States of America, exercises the authority of the first beast, which is the Roman church, or the papacy, whose deadly wound was healed. In other words, there will be a religious-political union between these two beasts, or between these two powers. There is a church-state union formed between them, and this union is an abomination to God. This union or alliance causes an erosion of religious liberty.

Revelation tells us what the devil does to create this alliance. **Revelation 13:13-14** says he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. As God’s fire represents His presence or His spirit, the Devil’s fire represents a false spirit, or shall we say, a false Holy Spirit movement.

This is a movement to unite all religions and to get legislators to sign laws that pass religious decrees, based on signs, wonders, false miracles and false tongues of fire. The Bible says, “And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast,”

How might this deception be carried out by the devil? Our society is filled with social problems. Drugs and alcohol are destroying many of our youth. Sexual immorality is common place. The economy is on shaky footing. National disasters are common place. Hurricanes, cyclones and earthquakes have ravaged our land and taken their toll.

What if these natural disasters got progressively worse? What if there were food shortages and riots in our streets? Can you see how well intentioned people could easily be led to pass religious legislation, and what that might do? **Revelation 13** describes the second beast, the United States, as making an “image to the beast”? What is this image? An image is “a likeness of.”

The Bible says that the second beast, America, will make an image to the first beast, the papacy. In other words, there will be a political-religious union causing church and state to unite. When that occurs, religious practices will be enforced. **Revelation 18** outlines these events. Satan works false miracles. He gives false signs and these false signs motivate religious leaders who push for laws of sovereign worship in America.

Revelation 18:5 says, “Her sins have reached to heaven.” In other words, at the end time society becomes like Sodom and Gomorrah. It becomes like the days of Noah.

Have you noticed how bold the LGBTQ community has gotten? But don’t look at them, we have enough of our own problems, for Scripture declares all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. None the less, Religious leaders will say, “The only way we can save America from going down is by putting pressure on legislators to pass laws that will bring us back to God.”

And the average American says, "That's right! Look at our country; it's going down the drain." Later, Satan causes miracles to happen in churches professing God, but in reality, when compared with Scripture, they are far from God in their practices.

None the less, these false miracles from Satan cause people to say, "Look at the power working in our churches, that's the power of God!" Now why would Satan do all this you ask? He's doing it to unite church and state. This is how Satan takes worship away from God. Concerning religious matters, every Christian who gives his allegiance to the state, is taking his allegiance away from God!

Here's the second point, **Revelation 18:7** says... "She has lived luxuriously." It's a time when the economy is booming but sin is prolific. It's a time of great luxury. The third point is found in verse 8, she experiences natural disasters. This sets the stage. Natural disasters will come, earthquakes, fires, floods, hurricanes, tornados and cyclones. This sounds like the evening news today!

Revelation 18:10 tells us that God's judgments begin to fall in the land. Are you beginning to grasp the scene? Do you see how closely the current condition of our world is reflecting these prophecies? But then something else happens. Something dramatic happens, **Rev. 18:17** says, "Her riches come to nothing." Thus Spiritual decline, natural disasters, social chaos, and economic difficulties lead up to this Church and State union. Satan takes advantage of this situation by introducing a false spiritual revival under the auspices of the anti-Christ.

That's what the Bible says Satan will do. **Revelation 13:13, 14** says, "He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast. . ."

Will you be deceived by the miracles worked in the churches across this great land of ours? Or will you stand firm and use the Bible to define your beliefs? A religious frenzy will sweep the land as people rejoice in these so-called miracles. Notice what happens next. **Revelation 16:14** says, "For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Now don't misunderstand. Does the Bible predict that there will be a mighty genuine revival of the spirit before Jesus comes? Yes it does!

The earth will be lightened with God's glory. The Holy Spirit will be poured out powerfully. The sick will be healed. But does it also indicate that Satan, knowing the true revival is going to come, stirs up the masses for a false revival. And He leads that false revival at a time of chaos to put pressure on political leaders to legislate morality.

The most important question you need to ask yourself today is, how can I tell the difference between the true revival and false revival? Notice what the Bible says, **Matthew 7:21-23**, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven," As Christians, It's not what we say; it's whether or not we are leading an obedient life.

Love always leads to obedience. Anybody can say, 'Lord, Lord,' but if they truly love Christ, their love for Jesus will lead them to do what He asks them to do. Jesus says, not everyone who says Lord, Lord but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

Notice carefully the three things they do: They prophesied in His name. They cast out demons in His name. They do wonders and work miracles in His name. These are people who have been deceived, or have deceived themselves into believing they're actually following Jesus, even if they're not following

the Bible. When they see Satan's miracles, they believe those miracles are from God, and thus, this revival must be the true revival, right? Wrong! Look at what Jesus says, "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

They were prophesying in His name and yet He never knew them? They were working miracles in His name and He never knew them? They were casting demons out in His name and He never knew them? The evidence of being a Christian is not what you claim, and do in His name. The evidence of being a true Christian is whether the grace of God has led you to obedience. Has the grace of God led you into following Jesus all the way in keeping His commandments?

Satan is going to work false miracles which are designed to deceive even the very elect. That's why we need to surrender to Jesus every day, to do His will. The crowds are going to be stirred up. Great charismatic leaders are going to arise. They are going to cry out that America is going down.

They are going to cry for religious laws to legislate morality. The 2015 Papal encyclical on Climate Change has been well crafted along these lines. Within the Pope's encyclical about climate change, he calls for the world to rest on Sunday, and the world, when it embraces his encyclical for the benefit of the climate, for the betterment of humanity, will be falling for another of Satan's deceptions.

However, when you know the truth but don't do it, you're only giving lip service to God, and Jesus will say to you, depart from me you who work iniquity. That's why the Bible gives us a principle that will help us know the difference between the true and the false revival.

God's word says, "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." **Isaiah 8:20** Notice carefully, the Bible does not say that there is no "love" in this false revival movement. There are many religious movements that have love.

It doesn't say that there is no truth there. Many religious movements have some truth. The devil wouldn't deceive anyone if his message didn't have some truth in it. Remember, the deadliest lies are those that have truth mixed with them. It doesn't say that there is no power in this false revival message, because the devil has plenty of power.

The Bible says, to the law (or to the Ten Commandments), and to the testimony of scripture, if they are not teaching in harmony with God's law, it is because there is no light. And light is what you follow. On a dark night you need light. Don't be concerned if this false religious movement claims to have power. Don't be concerned if this movement is the popular majority. Don't be concerned if this movement has love. What you are looking for is light, the light of God's Word that shines in His law. The light of God's Word which shines in His truth.

Now let me ask you a question: "If the devil wanted to unite people religiously in a final movement to legislate morality in America what vehicle might he use?" What is something most Christians agree on? What vehicle did he use in the days of ancient Rome to unite paganism and Christianity at a time when the Roman Empire was falling apart? Might history repeat itself?

In the ancient pagan Roman Empire the pagans had their differences from Christians but the "venerable day of the sun" united them. I wonder if the devil would do that again in our age?

Let's look at the past and look at some incredible things about the future.

In **The Two Babylons, p.105, Dr. Alexander Hislop** says "To conciliate the Pagans to nominal Christianity, Rome, pursuing its usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and Pagan festivals

amalgamated, and to get Paganism and Christianity - now far sunk in idolatry - in this as in so many other things, to shake hands." According to Hislop, Paganism and Christianity, in those early centuries shook hands, and they united around one thing, a common day of worship on Sunday.

I wonder if it's possible that the wall of separation between church and state could crumble. I wonder if it's possible that there could be a push to remove the wall between church and state and Sunday could be a rallying point. You say, "Impossible!" Let's look at some Supreme Court decisions. **Chief Justice William Rehnquist** has said, "The wall of separation between church and state is a metaphor based on bad history."

A fascinating statement from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Here is another amazing one, from **The St. Louis Dispatch, October 29, 1991** "As the second century of the bill of rights draws to a close, the Supreme Court is redefining what religious liberty will mean in the third century. Broadly, the court's new approach helps conventional religions while hurting unconventional ones."

Is it possible that our historic freedoms could be eroding? Is it possible that at a time of crisis, Sunday could be a rallying point? **Justice William O. Douglas** was talking about old Sunday laws currently on the books, and he said this about them. "It seems to be plain that by these laws, the states compel one, under the sanction of law, to refrain from work or recreation on Sunday because of the majority's views on that day."

Douglas was concerned about these Sunday laws and Douglas dissented from a vote. Other chief justices were not concerned. They didn't see any difficulty in favoring the voice of the majority.

What does the Bible say ultimately will happen? Notice **Revelation 13:14, 15** "... telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed."

The call will go out, we need a common day of worship, a common day of rest." The call will go out, America needs, by legislative fiat, to be a nation under God and get back to worship on Sunday.

Christians should not cry out to the state to legislate morality to bring revival. Here's how God says revival will come. **2 Chronicles 7:14** says, "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 will forgive their sin and heal their land." Amen!

Only a False revival can come by Christians putting pressure on their legislators. This will only lead to religious intolerance for those that do not worship in the prescribed way, and on the prescribed day.

God is calling for revival, but He says, "If My people will humble themselves and pray and repent of their sins and seek my face, I will send a revival." That revival begins in our heart, on our knees, with our faces to the floor, asking God to forgive us our sins, repenting of our lust, adultery, selfishness, greed, and materialism.

God's revival is not a revival legislated by law, it's a revival of the heart! God's revival comes deep from within us, through the power of the True Holy Spirit, not from government legislated actions. When that revival comes from the heart, we won't need the state to pass a law telling us to keep the first day of the week holy, because when that revival comes from God, through His grace, Jesus says, If you love Me,

you will keep My commandments, including my 7th day Saturday Sabbath, not the Pope's Sunday Sabbath, not the legislated Sabbath.

There are two revivals, the false revival and the true revival. There is the false revival that the majority will flock after through Satan's deceptions and miracles, a false revival based on signs and wonders. This false revival gathers large numbers of Christians to put pressure on legislators to establish "a Christian state" that leads to totalitarianism.

The second revival, the true revival is a revival of the heart, a revival of the mind, a revival of the True Holy Spirit. It is a revival of the grace of God that washes me from sin and enables me to keep God's commandments. It is a revival of the grace of God that gives me power, the grace of God that leads me to obedience. It's a revival of God's law in my heart, a return to God's law in my mind, and in my actions.

Revelation 14:12 tells us how to identify God's people during this time of great deception! It says, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

God is calling you to a life of obedience. Christ is calling you to be one of His honor guards. He is appealing to you to stand with those who "keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus." He is appealing to you to make a determined commitment to live for Him and to live for the Truth of His word!

Will you do it? Will you stand with the faithful followers of Christ down through the ages? Will you stand with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Will you stand with Moses and Joseph and Daniel? Will you stand with Peter, James and John?

Will you stand with Jesus? It's my prayer that you will stand for Jesus, and be a faithful follower of our Lord. May the Grace of God lead you to obedience and into His kingdom through the shed blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus our Messiah!

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