# End Time Events Series 6 – USA Speaks As A Dragon Bible Sermon Notes by Cary Rodgers, pastor

Satan will use the United States to speak as a dragon and to make an image to the beast, Papal Rome.

Revelation 13:11 - "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."

Remember, beast in Bible prophecy represents a kingdom or nation. Now let's study the clues of this nation to find out who it is.

## What characteristics confirm that the United States is the nation of Revelation 13:11?

## **Characteristic 1: Comes up out of the earth**

Going back to Revelation 13:1, the leopard-like beast representing Papal Rome came up out of the sea. Remember, "sea" in Bible prophecy represents, a multitude of people or territory that speak many languages.

#### **Revelation 13:1**

1 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.

Papal Rome, as prophesied, rose up out of a highly populated area of several languages, Europe region.

If the "sea" in Bible prophecy represents a heavily populated region of the world we can conclude that the "earth" represents the very opposite.

"Earth" in Revelation 13:11 symbolically represents a sparsely populated region of the world which mainly consist of wilderness or woods.

## **Characteristic 2: Like a lamb**

A lamb is a young sheep. Figuratively, a lamb is used as a symbol of meekness, innocence, or gentleness.

## Who does a "lamb" generally represent in the Bible?

1 Peter 1:19 - "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

**John 1:29** - "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Jesus Christ is depicted as a meek and innocent lamb that died for the sins of the world. Those who claim to be followers of the Lamb, Christ, they are known as Christians.

The United States is relatively young nation compared to the other nations around the world. It was founded on Christian principles that help establish our republic. The United States is only about 243 years old as an independent nation free from the bondage of the monarch of England.

# **Characteristic 3: Two horns**

The United States is also depicted as having two horns on its head. From our studies in Daniel chapters 7 and 8, horn in general also represents a nation.

# What else can horns represent?

Habakkuk 3:4 - "And his [God's] brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power."

Horns also represent power. Horns on a Christian nation represents God's power. Based on world history, the United States rose into power in a land that was a sparsely populated wilderness; started as a meek nation; historically known as a Christian nation; relatively a young nation; and has become a world superpower. Think about it. Could any other nation fit this description other than the United States of America? Could it be a country in Europe such as the Germany or France? No, because those countries have been in existence for a very long time, plus they are in very populated regions of the world and none of them profess to be a Christian nation. No nation in the ancient world. Europe or the eastern part of the world fits the characteristics of Revelation 13:11. The only nation that fits the characteristics of Revelation 13:11 is found in the western part of the world and that is the United States of America. America grew out of a sparsely populated wilderness inhabited by Native Americans. Historically, America was founded on Protestant Christian principles. Many of the first settlers to America were Christian Protestants who escaped religious persecution from the church of England and Papal Rome. They wanted to live in a land free from forced religion. They wanted to worship God according to the dictates of their own hearts in freedom. Though the United States started off relatively small it has now grown into a young world superpower.

# As a Christian nation, what main principle does Christ want all His followers to have?

**Galatians 5:1** - "Stand fast therefore in the **liberty** wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Liberty! Freedom is the main foundational principle that the United States of America was founded upon. America's most cherished symbol of liberty is its Declaration of Independence. It states, **"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain Unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."** In 1776 America declared its freedom from the monarch of England. Americans would rather die than be under the dictatorship of England. "Give me liberty or give me death" was the rallying cry for many who fought for freedom in the Revolutionary War against the monarch of England. Freedom is what gives the United States its power.

# How is this power of freedom represented as the two horns on the lamblike beast revealed in the governance of the United States of America?

The power of freedom in the governance of the United States of America is outlined in its U.S. Constitution. Its basic principle is that it is a government "by the people and for the people," a republic.

A republic is "a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch." - Dictionary.com.

Also, a constitution within a republic protects basic human and religious rights that cannot be removed by the government nor by a majority in order to protect the basic rights of a minority. The government of the United States was built on a republic. A republic is not a kingly power. The U.S. Constitution gives details on how its legislative power is spread out through a system of checks and balances between its three branches of government, **1)The Executive Branch – President's Administration; 2) Congress – House of Representatives and Senate; and 3) Judicial branch.** The Constitution builds a government that is designed to govern and protect things that all its citizens have in common such as freedom, justice, environment, and general welfare, but not to govern or force religion.

The preamble of the U.S. Constitution says, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish the Constitution for the United States of American."

The Constitution establishes, the separation between church and state. A Republic and Protestantism are the two fundamental principles of the United States of America. They are the two separate horns on the lamb-like beast that give this nation its power.

The foundation of the religion of the United States is based on Protestant Christian principles. Even though America was founded upon these principles, the government has no right to force all its citizens to be Christian. The founding fathers saw the disaster of a government that forced religion through lessons of Papal Rome and the Church of England. **History shows that governments that force religion lead to bondage and persecution of its citizens.** 

The first amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the freedom to worship according to the dictates of each citizen's conscience without government interference or force. It says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." This is the reason why millions flocked to the shores of America. This was the greatest power of America to the world, religious freedom.

The Everson v. Board, U.S. Supreme Court Decision makes the separation of church and state very clear. It says, "The 'establishment of religion' clause of the First Amendment means at least this: Neither a state nor the Federal Government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another. Neither can force nor influence a person to go to or to remain away from church against his will or force him to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion. No person can be punished for entertaining or professing religious beliefs or disbeliefs, for church attendance or nonattendance. No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activity or institutions whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion. Neither a state nor the Federal Government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organizations or groups and vice versa. In the words of Jefferson, the clause against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect 'a wall of separation between Church and State." - US. Supreme Court Decision, Everson v. Board of Education, 330 U.S. 1 (Feb. 10, 1947), in U.S. Reports, pp. 15-16

## Characteristic 4: U.S.A. Speaks as a Dragon!

## How does the U.S. Government speak as a dragon?

The separation of church and state, a Republic and Protestantism, is the power that blessed America and has given it prosperity and influence worldwide. It is a young nation that has risen into the world's foremost superpower. There is no other nation on earth like it, but Revelation 13:11 predicts that this lamb-like nation with two horns will speak as a dragon! Remember, the dragon is Satan himself. Satan uses nations such as Papal Rome to attack the true people of God through deception as a snake or persecution as a dragon. It is clear that Satan, the dragon, will use the U.S. to persecute God's people.

How does a nation speak? Through its laws. During the 1260 years of the Papal Roman Empire, the papacy persecuted millions of faithful Christians based on its laws. In Revelation 13:11, the lamb-like beast, United States of America creates laws that oppress and persecute the true believers of Jesus Christ. This is the reason why all Americans need to be concerned about the eroding away of the U.S. Constitution and the merging of church and state. Since the "terror attacks" on September 11, 2001, and declaration of war on "terror" in America, there has been a rapid erosion of the U.S. Constitution. Millions are willing to give up their freedoms for "safety."

# What text confirms that Satan will use the United States' power and laws to persecute God's faithful followers?

**Revelation 13:12** - "And he [U.S.A.] 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

**Revelation 13:12** says that the U.S.A. will do exactly what the "first beast before him," Papal Rome, did in the past. What did Papal Rome do in the past? Remember, they used their laws as a religious-government monarch to oppress and persecute God's faithful. Revelation 13:12 just confirms that this is exactly what the United States government will do as it erodes away the Constitution and the separation of church and state.

America also uses their "power", global economic influence, legislative actions and/ or judicial decisions, to force or "causeth" the world to worship Papal Rome, whose deadly wound was healed. Remember, the power of the U.S. government has applied more healing "agents" to heal the "wounds" of Papal Rome!

As the Bible predicts the walls of separation between church and state has been torn down as the Bible predicts.

# What are some current activities that reveal that the separation has merged together?

Now churches can receive money from the United States for grants, contracts, programs, and other Federal funding opportunities based on President Trumps Executive Order on the Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative – issued May 3, 2018.

For example it says: "The executive branch wants faith-based and community organizations, to the fullest opportunity permitted by law, to compete on a level playing field for grants, contracts, programs, and other Federal funding opportunities."

Who do you think receives most of this funding? The Catholic church, the beast

This is totally unconstitutional but has been pushed by Trump's administration successfully.

Many churches in the past two months were forced to shut their doors because of Covid-19. Small churches are on the brink of bankruptcy because they were not able to collect tithe and offering and did not have an online to presence to collect online.

## [Slide] Another Break From The Past: Government Will Help Churches Pay Pastor Salaries, Tom GJelten, NPR, May 6, 2020

"A key part of the \$2 trillion <u>economic relief legislation</u> enacted last month includes about \$350 billion for the Small Business Administration to extend loans to small businesses facing financial difficulties as a result of the coronavirus shutdown orders. Churches and other faith-based organizations, classified as 'businesses,' qualify for aid under the program, even if they have an exclusively religious orientation. "

"Under the Trump administration, the federal government has already been providing funds directly to churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious organizations. In 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency <u>changed its rules</u> to make houses of worship eligible for disaster aid."

"Advocates for government funding of religious institutions argue that denying them aid that is available to nonreligious institutions amounts to discrimination, and the U.S. Supreme Court has recently declined to challenge such support."

The USA is speaking as a dragon. Not only is church and state merged together it is speaking like a dragon more and more as the **constitution has been chewed up and spit out.** The check and balances have been are breaking down right before our eyes.

Trump has been able to bully and paralyze many departments of the government. He has fired anyone within his administration for speaking up against him. He has fired or paralyzed through his bullying oversight committees. A great majority of Republicans in the house and the senate are afraid to cross him. They are just submitting to Trump tactics.

## Are we living under a tyranny?

We see that the recent Covid-19 response reveals that America's freedom as we have known it are forever changed. Americans were forced to stay in their homes for weeks for fear of the spread of the Covid-19. Governors and mayors have enforced executive orders to put people on "house arrest" for several weeks. The media is hyping up Covid-19 a virus that is statistically insignificant. People have been held so long that have lost their jobs. Business are closing and going bankrupt.

Churches in ex-free America are being shut down some will not get permission to fully open until there is a vaccine for Covid-19

## [Slide] Illinois churches may not fully reopen for a year as White House shelves CDC plan, Matt Hadro May 7, 2020, CNA

"The governor of Illinois has said he will continue to ban public gatherings of more than 50 people including religious services—until a vaccine or treatment for coronavirus is available."

Governors and mayors during this Covid-19 have acted like kings and queens.

Time is very short America. Our liberties have been taken away. Are you awake, watching and praying? Our world just within a few weeks has drastically changed?

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