

## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN PROPHECY

**Introduction** Rev. 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."

(See Chart No. 41—Land-beast of Revelation 13)

This is the second great political power that Satan will use in his last desperate attempt to destroy the "remnant church". It is also described as the "false prophet" (Rev. 16 : 13; 19 : 20; 20 : 10), so it is an agency which combines religion with politics. The purpose of this lesson is to identify this power.

**Discussion** 1.—WHO IS THE SECOND BEAST OF REVELATION 13?

### FIRST FIVE IDENTIFICATION MARKS

| The Symbols  | The Meaning  |
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| <i>Arises out of the earth (v 11).</i>                     | <i>Arises in some new, vacant, or sparsely-populated land.</i>                     |
| <i>Arises at the time the sea-beast is falling (v 10).</i> | <i>Grows into nation-hood about the time of the Papal overthrow (A.D. 1798)</i>    |
| <i>Has two lamb-like horns (v 11).</i>                     | <i>Two Christ-like principles give it strength. (Civil and Religious Liberty.)</i> |
| <i>Has no crowns on horns (v 11).</i>                      | <i>Not a monarchy—some form of republic.</i>                                       |
| <i>Exercises power equal to the sea-beast (v 12).</i>      | <i>Becomes a formidable, if not supreme, world power.</i>                          |

Only one power in history meets these five prophetic specifications, namely, the **United States of America**. This nation was not established by military conquest like the kingdoms of Europe, but grew up quietly like a plant in the sparsely-populated New World. It became a nation in the latter half of the 18th century, as the Papal power was waning. No nation in history has dedicated itself more openly to the principles of civil and religious liberty. It is a republic, not a monarchy. It has made enormous gains in population, material wealth and military strength, especially during the past century, until today it is the richest and most powerful nation on earth!

Every lover of freedom will wish that the prophecy ended here, for the rest is bitterly disappointing. A radical and alarming change of character is predicted to take place in this favoured nation, which began with such rich promise and noble ideals.

2.—WHAT IS MEANT BY "IT SPAKE AS A DRAGON"?

Here are two opposites pictured in glaring contrast. "Lamb-like" characteristics change dramatically to "Dragon-like" characteristics. The "Lamb" is the symbol of Christ. The "Dragon" is the symbol of Satan. According to this prophecy, there will be in America a fateful tug-o'-war between these two super-human powers, and for one brief, final hour the Devil will appear to triumph!

History will yet witness on American soil the emergence of a State-supported religious tyranny as ruthless as the Spanish Inquisition of the Middle Ages, or the iron-fisted despotism of Imperial Rome!

### LAST FIVE IDENTIFICATION MARKS

| The Symbols                                      | The Meaning   |
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| <i>Speaks as a Dragon (v 11).</i>                | <i>Undergoes a startling change from democracy to absolutism.</i> |
| <i>Enforces worship of the sea-beast (v 12).</i> | <i>Becomes a leader in the crusade for Papal restoration.</i>     |