

America in Bible Prophecy: A Closer Look at Revelation 13:11

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Hours before George W. Bush beat John Kerry on November 2, 2004, an Associated Press article declared:

World Sees Huge Stake in U.S. Election – People outside the United States could only watch, wait and vent as Americans lined up to vote Tuesday in an election that provoked an extraordinary degree of emotional involvement beyond U.S. borders. Not just leaders and news media, but ordinary people were riveted by the contest between President Bush and John Kerry, convinced that a world roiled by the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq, the war on terrorism, and cultural and religious conflict had a huge stake in the outcome... At the heart of the matter is a belief that in an era of globalization, when American decisions affect hundreds of millions around the globe, the election is not a domestic U.S. issue... “A day that will decide the fate of the world,” read a banner headline in Britain's Independent. “Why shouldn't the Italians vote for the elections, too?” said screenwriter Michele Cogo in Rome. “The planet's destiny is decided in large part by America.”

“A day that will decide the fate of the world”, “The planet's destiny is decided in large part by America”, these aren't minor sentences. What happens in Washington D.C. affects the globe. In this light we ask: Is America mentioned in Bible prophecy, or has God's Word overlooked the world's only superpower?

“We're not there,” many prophecy teachers state emphatically. Some see the U.S. fading into oblivion beneath a New World Order dominated by the United Nations. Here I shall propose a different view. Based on solid evidence presented below, I contend that America is the exact power specifically mentioned in this mysterious verse:

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon (Rev. 13:11, NKJV).

Allow me to build my case. First, what is a “beast”? The answer lies in Daniel chapter 7, a chapter that clearly parallels Revelation 13. Both chapters talk about beasts, ten horns, a mouth speaking great things, and war against God's saints (compare Dan. 7:3-8, 21 with Rev. 13:1-7). Daniel 7 describes four beasts: a lion, bear, leopard and a dragon-like creature. An angelic interpreter confirmed:

The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom on earth (Dan. 7:23).

Therefore, according to Scripture, a beast isn't a computer or super-evil person, *but a kingdom*. That's what the angel said. Historically, 98% of Christian scholars have interpreted Daniel's four beasts to represent the ancient nations of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. *This is a fact.*

Back to Revelation 13:11: “I saw another beast coming out of the earth.” Thus John saw a mighty nation rising into power. From what location? *Out of the earth*. The four beasts described in Daniel 7 rose from the sea (see Dan. 7:3-7). Water in prophecy represents multitudes of people. Another angel confirmed: “The *waters* which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues” (Rev. 17:15). Babylon, Persia, Greece

and Rome all rose from the midst of a sea of peoples in Europe and the Middle East. Not so with the beast in Revelation 13:11, which comes “out of the earth.” Thus a great nation is to rise out of a sparsely inhabited area.

“I saw another beast coming out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb.” Each word is significant. The true Lamb is Jesus Christ. “Like a lamb,” indicates that this nation would have Christian features. A lamb is a young animal, a baby sheep. Thus this nation would start youthful and new. Significantly, it has “two horns,” indicating a separation of powers. Jesus Himself taught a separation of powers when He said to a group of wily Pharisees, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Mat. 22:21). Thus Christ taught a separation between “Caesar” and God, or government and religion. This is a principle of the Lamb. Additionally, those “two horns” have no crowns like the first beast in Revelation 13:2. Crowns represent kingly power. Thus we have a new nation, rising out of a sparsely inhabited area, with Christian features, separating government and religion, without kingly power. Are the pieces starting to fit together?

Here’s the shocker: Prophecy predicts that this nation will achieve superpower status in the last moments of time, make a major mistake, and lead out in the global enforcement of “the mark of the beast.” God’s Word reports:

And he [the lamblike beast] causes [he resorts to force] all [his power becomes global], both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark [of the first beast] in their right hand or in their forehead, that no man might buy or sell [the world’s economy is involved] except the one who has the mark (Rev. 13:16, 17).

These verses parallel the last part of Revelation 13:11 and describes the final, apocalyptic, tragic act of the lamblike beast. *He spoke “like a dragon.”* Let’s put the pieces together:

1. **Revelation 13:11 predicts the rising of a beast.**
2. **In prophecy, a beast represents a *great nation*.**
3. **The Revelation 13:11 beast rises “out of the earth,” or wilderness area.**
4. **This nation starts out young, like a baby lamb, and has Christian features.**
5. **It has “two horns,” indicating a separation of power.**
6. **Its two horns have no crowns, or kingly power.**
7. **It achieves superpower status near the end of time.**
8. **It impacts the world’s economy.**
9. **In an hour of desperation, it speaks “like a dragon.”**
10. **It finally enforces “the mark” of the first beast.**

How many nations fit each of these clear, specific, Heaven-inspired details? *Only one: The United States of America.* Certainly, God *has* blessed America, and in spite of its faults, He is blessing it now. Yet prophecy predicts that major changes will envelope our beloved county and our eyes should be wide open to discern the proverbial writing on the wall. May the Lord prepare us for future events. Above all, may we each have a strong relationship with the true Lamb, Jesus Christ, and reject the dragon’s voice.

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