

WHICH WAY, AMERICA?

Night 3

The United States in Bible Prophecy

“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.” —*Declaration of Independence*

Two Principles to Understand Prophecy

1. Bible must be its own interpreter (2 Peter 1:19–21)
2. Compare Scripture with Scripture (Isaiah 28: 9, 10; John 5:39)

Bible Prophecy Symbols

1. Water = Peoples & nations, (populated areas) – Revelation 17:15
2. Earth = Non-populated or sparsely populated areas – Revelation 13:11
3. Wind = War & conquest – Jeremiah 49:36, 37
4. Beasts = Kingdoms – Daniel 7:17, 23
5. Wings = Speed – Habakkuk 1:6–8

Four Beasts of Daniel 7:2–7

- 1st Beast – Lion with Eagle’s Wings = Babylon
- 2nd Beast – Bear with 3 ribs in its mouth = Medo-Persia
- 3rd Beast – Leopard with 4 heads & 4 wings = Greece
- 4th Beast – Dragon-like with iron teeth and 10 horns = Rome

Identifying Marks of the Beast with Lamb-like horns (2nd beast) in Revelation 13

(Rev. 13:11–17)

1. Beast represents a nation (Daniel 7:17, 23)
2. Nation that rules at end-time (Revelation 13:16, 17)
Because this nation enforces the mark of the beast, which takes place at end-time
3. World’s most powerful nation at end-time (Revelation 13:12, 15, 16)
Because this nation forces the whole world to worship the beast (the antichrist) and receive its mark
4. Rises from the **“earth”** (a new country) (Revelation 13:11)
Not among the crowded nations of Europe or Asia, but rather in the “New World”

“Like a silent seed we grew into a nation.” —*George Alfred Townsend*

A European newspaper in 1850 described America as “emerging” and “amid the silence of the earth, daily adding to its power and strength.” —*Dublin Nation*

5. Lamb-like: (Revelation 13:11 – **“two horns like a lamb”**)
 - a) Not beast of prey • Lamb = nation that rises not by conquering other great nations
 - b) A “young” nation • Lamb = baby animal
 - c) A nation characterized by freedom, innocence, gentleness, & energy
“Congress shall make no law respecting establishment of religion or prohibiting free exercise thereof.” —*Bill of Rights*
 - d) A Christian Nation
The lamb represents Christ (John 1:29)
6. A democracy or a republic
Absence of crowns on this second beast clearly indicates this is a democracy, where the power of government is in the hands of the people. (See Revelation 13:14)
7. Eventually leads (controls) the world (Revelation 13:12, 13, 15, 16)
 - 1st) Politically & economically (Revelation 13:16, 17)
 - 2nd) In worship & religion (Revelation 13:12)
8. Speaks as a dragon (Revelation 13:11)
Note the change of character: The lamb symbolizes Christ but the dragon represents the devil.
 - A nation “speaks” through its laws. Since America is likely the nation referred to here, this prophecy indicates that America will one day enact oppressive laws restricting religious freedoms & enforcing religious observances. (See Revelation 13:12)
9. Makes an image of the first beast (Revelation 13:15)
10. Forces the world to accept the mark (Revelation 13:16, 17)



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