

The Earth And The Sea.

Rev. 13:12 And he 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.

Note: Will America cause the world to worship the first beast? A one new world reign for the papacy. That's what it says, it says that. Does it? It says earth not as in world. This is the same earth as in verse 11 i.e., the place where America arose, in difference to "coming up from the sea" Dan. 7:3. Not a place already occupied by Nations—Europe east and west. *GC 439.3-440.2*. Nor in a place occupied by the first beast, but in a place where it had no dominion. D&R 532.1. Protestants do not observe sunday by papal authority and claim to take it directly from scripture. Just so passing a sunday law for themselves results in its observance for all churches who gather on the first day—a bad law that benefits one as a result benefits all. Rev. 13:15.

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. 12 And he exerciseth all the power" (Dan. 7:26; Rev. 17:16,17) "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."

Note: Again if verse 12 means earth as in world, then the place of this coming up does also. And then America is removed from prophecy for it did not rise—come up un-specifically out of the world, and what two horned beast are we to look for coming out of the world.

Other Notes: His deadly wound was healed before he is worshipped, so the wound is not a loss of his power though that did happen (Dan. 7:26), but the loss of its very existence by Napoleon who also reinstated it. In the following (Rev. 13:4) we see a parallel to Rev. 13:11,15. That as in their early days, the Ten Horns did not believe or understand they were in fact accepting the modified principles of paganism under a cloak of christian terms. And so for they under the dominion of the two horned beast (protestantism) are accepting the principles of the papal hierarchy and working to duplicate a union of church and state for themselves (the Image) and not for the beast.

Similar History Of Self Interests.

Rev. 13:4 And ***they worshipped the dragon*** which gave power unto the beast: ***and***

they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Note: Pagan Rome gave the beast its power and Seat. It moved its capitol from Rome to Constantinople. GC 54.2

The advancing centuries witnessed a constant increase of error in the doctrines put forth from Rome. *Even before the establishment of the Papacy, the teachings of heathen philosophers had received attention and exerted an influence in the church. Many who professed conversion still clung to the principles of their pagan philosophy, and not only continued its study themselves but urged it upon others as a means of extending their influence among the heathen.* This introduced serious errors into the Christian faith. Prominent among these was the belief in man's natural immortality and his consciousness in death. This doctrine laid the foundation on which Rome established praying to the saints and the adoration of the virgin Mary. From this sprung also the heresy of eternal torment for those who die without repenting, which was early incorporated into the papal faith. GC 58.2;4SP 62.1.

Rev. 13:12 And he 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. . . 15 And he had power to give **life unto the image** of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and **cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

At the time when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon's voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. *This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God*, is represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it *had risen from the sea*; but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which it symbolized--the United States. {ST, February 8, 1910 par. 5}

Note: It could not be possible for an imposed worship of both unless understood that the worship of the first is incidental by way of an active effort to establish the second. Again Who's new one world government would it be, the two horned beast or the beast itself? If the two horned beast "causes the world," then it's not the first beast that has the dominion Dan. 7:26;Rev 13:12. But wisdom is justified by her children. Luke 7:35.

The archdeceiver had not completed his work. He was resolved to gather the

Christian world under his banner and to exercise his power through his vicegerent, the proud *pontiff* who claimed to be the representative of Christ. *Through half-converted pagans*, ambitious prelates, and world-loving churchmen he accomplished his purpose. Vast councils were held from time to time, in which the dignitaries of the church were convened from all the world. In nearly every council the Sabbath which God had instituted was pressed down a little lower, while the Sunday was correspondingly exalted. Thus the pagan festival came finally to be honored as a divine institution, while the Bible Sabbath was pronounced a relic of Judaism, and its observers were declared to be accursed.

The great apostate had succeeded in exalting himself "above all that is called God, or that is worshiped." 2 Thessalonians 2:4. He had dared to change the only precept of the divine law that unmistakably points all mankind to the true and living God. In the fourth commandment, God is revealed as the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and is thereby distinguished from all false gods. It was as a memorial of the work of creation that the seventh day was sanctified as a rest day for man. It was designed to keep the living God ever before the minds of men as the source of being and the object of reverence and worship. Satan strives to turn men from their allegiance to God, and from rendering obedience to His law; therefore he directs his efforts especially against that commandment which points to God as the Creator.

Protestants now urge that the resurrection of Christ on Sunday made it the Christian Sabbath. But Scripture evidence is lacking. No such honor was given to the day by Christ or His apostles. The observance of Sunday as a Christian institution had its origin in that "mystery of lawlessness" (2 Thessalonians 2:7, R.V.) which, even in Paul's day, had begun its work. Where and when did the Lord adopt this child of the papacy? What valid reason can be given for a change which the Scriptures do not sanction? GC 53.2-54.1

The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people. In Matthew 24, in answer to the question of His disciples concerning the sign of His coming and of the end of the world, Christ had *pointed out some of the most important events* in the history of the world and of the church from His first to His second advent; namely, the *destruction of Jerusalem*, the great tribulation of the church under the *pagan and papal* persecutions, *the darkening* of the sun and moon, and the falling of the stars. After this He spoke of His coming in His kingdom, and related the parable describing the two classes of

servants who look for His appearing. Chapter 25 opens with the words: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins." Here is brought to view the church living in the last days, the same that is pointed out in the close of chapter 24. In this parable their experience is illustrated by the incidents of an Eastern marriage. GC 393.2

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"5. And now mark the work of apostasy: This work never begins by thrusting out God's institutions, but always by bringing in those of men and at first only asking that they may be tolerated, while yet the ones ordained of God are sacredly observed. This, in time, being effected, the next effort is to make them equal with the divine. When this has been accomplished, the third stage of the process is to honor them above those divinely commanded; and this is speedily succeeded by the fourth, in which the divine institution is thrust out with contempt, and the whole ground given to its human rival."

These verses bring to view *the third great symbol* in the line of prophecy we are examining, usually denominated the two-horned beast. We inquire for its application. The dragon, pagan Rome, and the leopard beast, papal Rome, present before us great organizations standing as the representatives of two great systems of false religion. Analogy would seem to require that the remaining symbol, the two-horned beast, have a similar application, and find its fulfilment in some nationality which is the representative of still another great system of religion. But the only remaining system which is exercising a controlling influence in the world to-day is Protestantism. Abstractly considered, paganism embraces all heathen lands, containing more than half the population of the globe. Catholicism, which may perhaps be considered as embracing the religion of the Greek Church, so nearly identical with it, belongs to nations which compose a great portion of Christendom. Mohammedanism is an effete system, which has ceased to be any important factor in the world's progress. Moreover, it seems to have received enough prophetic attention in Daniel 11 and Revelation 9. But Protestantism is the religion of nations which constitute the vanguard of the world in liberty, enlightenment, progress and power. {1897 UrS, DAR 565.2}

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The sources from which these spirits (3 unclean spirits Rev. 16:13) issue, denote that they will work among *three great religious* divisions of mankind, **represented by the dragon**, the beast, and the false prophet, or Paganism, Catholicism, and

apostate Protestantism. {1897 UrS, DAR 650.2}

"And thunders and lightnings"—another allusion to the judgments of Egypt. (See Ex.9:23.) The great city is divided into *three parts*; that is, the *three* grand divisions of the false and apostate religions of the world (the great city), Paganism, Catholicism, and relapsed Protestantism, seem to be set apart each to receive its appropriate doom. The cities of the nations fall; universal desolation spreads over the earth; every island flees away, and the mountains are not found; and great Babylon comes in remembrance before God. Read her judgments, as more fully described in chapter 18. {1897 UrS, DAR 653.4}

And since the fall here introduced is a moral one, it must *apply to some branch of Babylon besides, or outside of, the pagan or papal divisions*; for from the beginning of their history, paganism has been a false religion, and the papacy an apostate one. And further, as this fall is said to occur but a short period before Babylon's final destruction, certainly *this side of the rise and predicted* triumph of the papal church, this testimony cannot apply to any religious organizations but such as have sprung from that church. These started out on reform. They ran well for a season, and had the approbation of God; but fencing themselves about with creeds, they have failed to keep pace with the advancing light of prophetic truth, and hence have been left in a position where they will finally develop a character as evil and odious in the sight of God as that of the church from which they first withdrew as dissenters, or reformers. As the point before us is to many a very sensitive one, we will let members of these various denominations here speak for themselves. {1897 UrS, DAR 664.1}

Rom. 121 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

We Have a Sure word of Prophecy They do not!

2Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

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