Revelation With Daniel

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One of the first things we notice about this second beast of chapter thirteen is where it comes from. The first beast came from the waters, this second beast came from the earth. **Revelation 12:15-16** show us that the first beast in the fraudhead trilogy, the dragon, had water in its mouth. Then, the earth helped the woman. Could it be that the dragon beast was in the same water that the first beast of chapter thirteen came out of? Is that where the dragon was able to get the water that was in its mouth? Also, did the beast which came from the earth have anything to do with helping the woman?

Verse 11 - Another beast (or nation) came up out of the earth. 'Coming up' means to "arise, ascend, climb up" (Strong's Greek #305). Notice, this beast didn't come up like a beast of prey, but rather, more like a plant—peaceably. The 'earth' is never explained symbolically, but it is opposite of the sea, which we know to be a populated area (17:15). This nation had two horns (horns can be symbolized as nations, but a horn can also be understood to mean power. Notice Habakkuk 3:3-4). These horns are specifically "like a lamb." 29 times the book of Revelation uses the word "lamb." Every time but this one refers to Jesus Christ. This time the horns, or powers, are lamb *like*. While looking like Christian powers, they eventually speak as a dragon—the devil. This is sacrilege...

Verse 12 - He, a nation that sprung up without a fight in an unpopulated area with Christian powers/principles that end up speaking like the devil, has and exercises all the power of the beast of verses 1-10. When the first beast was going into captivity, what peaceful nation sprung up in an unpopulated area with Christian principles that has a voice like the devil—stealthily turning people away from God when acting/looking like all purposes are pure? America, with the Christian principles of protestantism and republicanism! One for the church, the other for the state... This 1) nation 2) fought no wars coming into power, it started in an 3) unpopulated area, it is 4) a nation with Christian principles, it 5) came up while the previous beast was going into captivity, and it 6) has worldwide influence to be able to fulfill the global predictions of this prophecy, and 7) will unite church with state. America will lead the world, through principle and example, to worship the papal system of the first ten verses (occurring after the deadly wound began to heal in 1929).

Verse 13 - America will do great "miracles" (wonders, a Greek word used 7 times in the Revelation) to make people believe God has accepted them. Fire coming down from Heaven in the Bible is some times proof that God has accepted a situation (Leviticus 9:23-24, 1 Kings 18:38, 2 Kings 1:10, 12, 2 Chronicles 7:1, Acts 2:1-3). Much of the time fire from heaven refers to judgment, but here it seems to falsely represent God's acceptance, so as to deceive those that dwell on the earth that God is behind the US movement. Great wonders/miracles and fire coming from God out of Heaven seems to be a mimic of what was described in 11:5-6 with the two witnesses.

Verse 14 - The purpose of the miracles is plainly stated in this verse, to deceive. "Many will be ensnared through the belief that spiritualism is a merely human imposture; when brought face to face with manifestations which they cannot but regard as supernatural, they will be deceived, and will be led to accept them as the great power of God... No mere impostures are here foretold. Men are deceived by the miracles which Satan's agents have power to do, not which they pretend to do." {Darkness Before Dawn, 19-20} Examples of deceptive miracles when God was delivering His people are presented in **Exodus 7:22** and **8:7**. Notice, Pharaoh's heart was hardened in disbelief.

America will have (currently has) a voice speaking to the entire world saying "that *they* should make an image to the first beast." "Here is clearly presented a form of government in which the legislative power rests with the people, a most striking evidence that the United States is the nation denoted in the prophecy" (The Great Controversy, 442). The beast which had a wound by a sword which is being healed is Catholicism empowered with civil authority. When the wound of world-wide civil authority is given again to the Papacy, this prophecy will quickly see its complete fulfillment.

Verse 15 - America will have power to give life (breath—the ability to live) to the image (representation, resemblance) of the beast. America will be behind the re-creation of what has already been during the 1260 years of prophetic history (Rome united with the Catholic church). America will be responsible for enabling the image of what has been (church and state unity) to both speak (make known their desires through laws) and cause people (enforce those laws) to worship. Church and state will be united, and the death penalty will be enforced against those who will not submit their will to the authority of the church/state in their interpretation of worship. Only those who know God personally will be able to stand during these trying times. Spending time *speaking* words to God and *hearing* His words is the best way to get to know Him personally (consistent daily devotions of prayer and reading His Word).

Verse 16 - America will cause all (by legal force) to receive a mark in their right hands or foreheads. All terms in this section are symbolic, therefore, the mark is the same. The right hand represents works (Ecclesiastes 9:10), while the forehead represents choices (Revelation 7:3). (See also Exodus 13:9, Deuteronomy 6:5-8) Most will either follow (receive the mark) out of ease, or by choice, but there is a people who will not submit to any authority contrary to God's desires. In concert with the first study of Revelation 7 in this series, the mark is the greatest sin portrayed that God's people are sighing and crying against in Ezekiel 8-9. It is worshipping the sun in the form or honoring Sunday in place of God's Sabbath. Again, God's commandments show Him as God, the Creator, of heaven and earth—only in the fourth or Sabbath commandment—the only commandment that gives specifics of whose commandments they are. The issue, according to Revelation 13:15, is worship in this end time scenario. The questions can be boiled down to one: who have I given authority in my life, God or man?

Verse 17 - There will be an economic boycott against those who do not follow the dictates of the foretold church/state union. If someone doesn't follow the conscience of the union of world leaders causing all to worship the image of the beast, they will be in dire straights! But the truth is this: if we follow God we will be punished by the world, and when we follow the world we will be punished by God. I choose the former.

There are three characteristics mentioned of those who will be able to buy and sell during that time: he that had the <u>mark</u>, or the <u>name</u> of the beast, or the <u>number</u> of his name. Having the mark seems to represent those who follow along with the system because of a lack of conviction. They are just going along with the flow to stay out of trouble. Those with the name have the character of the system, as a name in the Bible often refers to character. Those with the number have calculated their position. They know exactly what is going on and have studied into where they believe. Could the three groups represent 1. those who are following out of ease, 2. the believers and 3. the leaders?

Also, if today we are addicted to anything—nicotine, alcohol, medications, the internet, video games, even caffeine, what will be our plight when we cannot buy or sell? Our bodies would make it impossible to resist the physical demand for such things during that time. We would thus be more willing to surrender to receiving the mark of the beast—out of necessity. God's Word desires us to

be free from all things that are addictive (regarding medications, speak with your doctor as soon as possible to find alternatives). "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). "Buy the truth, and sell it not..." (Proverbs 23:23).

The foolish and wise virgins are spoken of in a parable by Christ representing humans spiritual conditions at the end of time. One thing the foolish needed to do was buy and sell. "The foolish said unto the wise, <u>Give</u> us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, <u>Not so</u>; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for <u>yourselves</u>. And while they went to buy, the <u>bridegroom came</u>; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut" (Matthew 25:8-10). This parable represents the time just before and after the close of probation. Those who are not filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit will have no other options but to go to them which have the mark of the beast—those which will be able to buy and sell. The righteous will have no earthly support at this time, but "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

Verse 18 - Wisdom. Used only four times in Revelation: 5:12, 7:12, 13:18, and 17:9. The first two are praising God's characteristics. The last two are identifying the beast system. Those who will have understanding will count, or calculate the number of the beast—which is the "number of a man" which is the "number of his name" (15:2). Knowing the beast is the Roman Papacy, we ought to look to a name of a man in that system. The pope has an official title, "Vicarius Filii Dei" meaning Vicar (representative) of the Son of God.

Though there are many ways to find the numbers 666 in various places, this one is the number of the <u>name</u> of a <u>man</u> connected to the <u>beast</u>. The Bible is specific...

(Using latin numerology)

The second beast, or false prophet scenario of **Revelation 13**, can be illustrated by an Old Testament Bible story that has elements of a nation causing all to worship an image on pain of death for dissension. Find that story in **Daniel 3**. A more detailed explanation can be found by listening to part three of these presentations: <u>RevelationWithDaniel.com/3-angels-in-daniel-1-6-atsecrets-unsealed-studio</u>.

Some may ask, "How can the United States of America, a nation started by God and being a help to His people, turn against God's people?" Historic examples of nations that were first for and then against God's people are here:

After the days of **Joseph** in the famine of Egypt (which was a time that God used Egypt to bless His people), God brought His people out of the bondage of Egypt. Later, Egypt came against God's people with what seemed to be a death decree.

"When Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?" (Exodus 14:10-11)

Notice what happened before the days of <u>Esther</u>: Cyrus, king of Persia, was used of God to call His people out of Babylon. The prophecy was given many years in advance found in **Isaiah 44:28**. That same prophecy was fulfilled in the record of **Ezra 1:1-3**. Later, Persia was a tool in the hand of the enemy to bring a death decree against God's people. See **Esther 3:8-15**.

The nations of the Medes and Persians that <u>Daniel</u> prophesied about to overtake Babylon (**Daniel** 5:25-31) were later the tool to throw Daniel (representing God's people) into the lion's den during a death decree (see **Daniel** 6).

America was a safe haven for God's people coming out of Rome and America will later make an image to Rome and bring the death decree against God's people (**Revelation 13:15**).

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