

Who is the:

Earth Beast
with
Lamb-like
Horns



of Revelation 13

The concept of a “beast” in prophecy relates to an empire or a nation. (Dan. 7:17, 23)

Intriguingly, the two beasts in Revelation 13 come from the word *therion* (G), meaning that they are savage creatures!

- The first beast ascends out of the sea, meaning that it arises from the environs of chaos and evil. (Isa. 57:2)
- The second beast ascends or rises out of the earth, meaning earthly, a wicked place. (Rev. 17:5, 19:2)



We understand “who” the sea beast is from Revelation 17.



It is the Vatican. There, a woman, the Roman Catholic church, rides that beast, showing that she controls that nation. In chapter 13 it is represented as a unified power, church and state, supported by ten world powers (crowned horns). It has become a world power!!!

Interestingly, the various animals that are shown on this beast represent parts of the four beasts (nations) in Daniel that come out of the sea! (Dan. 7:2-8)

That “beast” became a geopolitical power in Revelation 17:11, when it accepted the collective support of those ten horns:



“The ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings ... these have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”
(Rev. 17:12-13; cf. Dan. 7:24a).

Summary: The sea beast is a church and state, a super world power. It has characteristics of the four Daniel 7 beasts, and it hates God’s people!

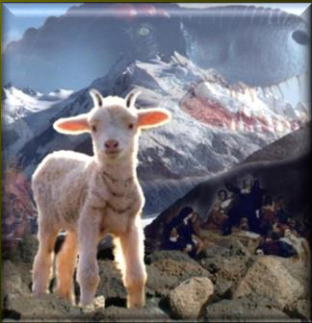
Pope Benedict XVI said in his encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, “World peace can be ours if we only submit to a one-world government that manages our lives and our finances.”



Who might that world power be?

Contextually, it is that sea beast, the papacy!

E. G. White said that that won't occur easily: “She will employ every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world.” (GC 565)



We are not told what the earth beast looks like! It has lamb-like horns. But, there is something important to observe:

In Daniel 7:17 those four beasts are also shown as coming out of the earth! This suggests by the tie to Revelation 13 that the “*earth beast*” shares the same characteristics as the sea beast! Since the papal sea beast is a *religious nation* and the earth beast helps the sea beast, it too must be a religious nation!

Sea Beast – nation, religious, world power,
characteristics of four historic
nations from Daniel 7



Earth Beast – nation, religious, world
power, characteristics of four
historic nations from Daniel 7



Since the Roman Catholic Church alleges to be
a “Christian Church,” the earth beast nation
must be a “Christian Nation” that sympathizes
with and supports that form of Christianity!

Looking deeper:

In Revelation 12 it shows the dragon's (Satan, vs 9) rage against the pure woman (vs 1) (God's true church). Then the dragon wars against her children (a remnant who identify with God's commandments and with Jesus). (Rev. 12:17)

- Chapter 13 shows how that war will be waged!
- There, the dragon uses those two “agents” – a sea beast and an earth beast – to war against the saints.

We now can see that there is an intimate and friendly association between Satan, the Papacy and this earth beast.

This is called the “False Trinity.”

- As Christ received authority from the Father (Matt. 11:27), the sea beast receives authority from the dragon (Satan) (Rev. 13:4)
- As the Holy Spirit glorified Christ (John 6:14), the earth beast glorifies the antichrist. (Rev. 13:12)

Satan – dragon – pretends he is God

Sea Beast – pretends he is Christ

Earth Beast – pretends to be man's conscience, functioning like the Holy Spirit and, outwardly, pretends to stand for right!

- The earth beast is later called the “False Prophet.” (Rev. 16:13, 19:20, 20:10)
- A true prophet leads people to worship God, the false prophet leads people to worship the papal power!
- Once again, we tie this beast to religious issues.

Who is this earth beast – this false prophet?

So far we have these clues:

1. It is a nation that is tyrannical.
2. It sympathizes with “Christianity.”
3. It leads the world to worship the papacy.
4. It is in unity with Satan and the Church of Rome by opposing God’s people.
5. It has characteristics like the four beasts in Daniel 7: savage like a lion, powerful as a bear, fast as a leopard and fearsome like the fourth beast.

Other interesting parts of this beast are its two horns and its mouth! *“It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon.”* (Rev. 13:11 – NIV)

- Horns give power to the beast they are on.
- Two horns are less than the ten horns of the sea beast, showing its subordinate role.
- These two horns resemble a lamb. It is acting or pretending it is like the “Ram/Lamb of God” (cf. Dan. 8:3) – a harmless picture!



Though this beast presents as “innocent,” it speaks like a dragon. It is mimicking the “little horn” (the antichrist) of Daniel 7 and 8.

There, the little horn blasphemed God, persecuted His people, magnified himself to the Prince of the princes (Jesus Christ), threw truth to the ground and took away the place of God’s true church.



Its deception is like the speaking serpent in the Garden of Eden!

We are reminded:

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.” (Matt. 7:15 – NIV)

John continues:

“It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.” (Rev. 13:12 – NIV)

Notice how power and authority are being transferred in Revelation 13:

1. Satan (the dragon) gives evil authority to the antichrist (papal sea beast). (13:3b)
2. The papal antichrist, by the Greek words, gives “all of its authority” to the false-prophet earth beast.



Power – Authority



To do nefarious work

The earth beast must be exceedingly capable of controlling or even forcing individuals and nations into submission. And it must have a strong sympathetic interest in the Holy See!

Strong interest to help



Power – Authority



To do nefarious work



We are now seeing stronger clues as to what this earth beast represents!

The sea beast was given geopolitical power by the ten horns! Satan then gave the sea beast authority to act on his behalf. The earth beast has power and desires to do the wishes of the papacy.

There is more! The earth beast is so powerful that it can force the whole world, all its inhabitants, to worship the “first beast” as if it were a god!

Now we know that whoever that earth-beast nation is, it is a major, tyrannical, world power!

- Might it be China? Might it be Russia? Might it be the United States?
- Interestingly, it is associated with Christianity and has sympathetic ties to Rome.

The United States suddenly seems to be a possibility! Does the U.S. have any interest in being friends with the Vatican?

Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan, worked together leading to the demise of world communism (1989-91).

Pope John Paul II addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations (1979 and 1995). He was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom by George W. Bush (2003).

United States Presidents (Reagan, Bush, Obama and Trump) have visited the Pope in the Vatican.



President Ronald Reagan in 1984 opened formal diplomatic relations with the Holy See (*the Roman Catholic Church and the Vatican City State*). Ambassadors have been exchanged since!

William Wilson, the first Ambassador to Rome from the United States, greets Pope John Paul II.



Perhaps the most dramatic demonstration occurred in 2015 with Pope Francis!



Arriving in New York
in September

He addressed the United Nations.

He addressed a joint session of Congress – a first in U.S. history!



Pope Francis visited the Obama's at the White House with a large entourage of people.



The United States friendship is ongoing.



The prophecy continues to “speak”:

“... made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.” (Rev. 13:12 – NIV)

Here, a very important point of history is given! Revelation 13 talks about two woundings and the recovery from those wounds.

1. One head was wounded to death, then healed. (Rev. 13:3)
2. Here, the sea beast was fatally wounded, and it healed!

Ellen White notes: “Each period of the fulfillment of prophetic history is a preparation for the advanced light which will succeed each period. As the prophecy comes to an end, there is to be a perfect whole [of understanding].” (13MR 15 – 1895)

This means that:

- The historical fulfillment will be partial.
- As advanced light comes, as we approach the end, our understanding will be complete! That applies here!

Notice the wonderful unfolding of what these “wounds” represents:

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Historical

End-Time

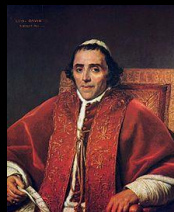
1798: Head wounded
(Pope Pius VI)



1981: Head wounded
(Pope John Paul II)



1800: Wound healed
(Pope Pius VII)



1983: Wound healed
(Recovered)

Historical

BEAST

End-Time

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1870: Wounded to death
(Italian army took all
papal land)



1929: Lateran Treaty
(Vatican City State was
given to the papacy.
Quickly, it became a

world power)! (politically, financially and
religiously).

Was Ellen G. White aware that there were two applications to Revelation 13?



“In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth.... Then will take place the final fulfillment of the Revelator’s prophecy. [Revelation 13:4-18, quoted.]” (19MR 282 – 1902)

She then quoted Revelation 13:4-18 (i.e., the rest of the chapter). That included these two texts:

- *“He [the antichrist – sea beast] was given authority to continue for forty-two months.”* (vs 5 – NKJV)
- *“He [the earth beast] exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”* (vs 12 – NKJV)

Now we know in that “final fulfillment” of Revelation 13:

1. The worldwide religious work of the earth beast, on behalf of the sea beast, is during a 42 month period (clearly tied to Daniel 8 –12). And:
2. It has to have occurred on or after 1929, when the wound of the “*beast*” was healed!



Pope Pius XI, head of the Roman Catholic Church (1922–1939)

It was during his “reign”
that the Catholic Church
regained world power!



Representatives from nearly 200 countries are now in Rome – assigned to the Holy See. Notice the Pope on his throne.

The earth beast is later called a “*false prophet*”! He also tries to look like Christ!

- He has lamb-like horns.
- Christ is the Lamb of God. (Rev. 5:6)
 - He promotes worship – of the beast.
 - Christ promotes worship of the “Lord God.” (Matt. 4:10)
 - He speaks and teaches – for the dragon.
 - Christ speaks and teaches – for the Father. (Heb. 1:3)

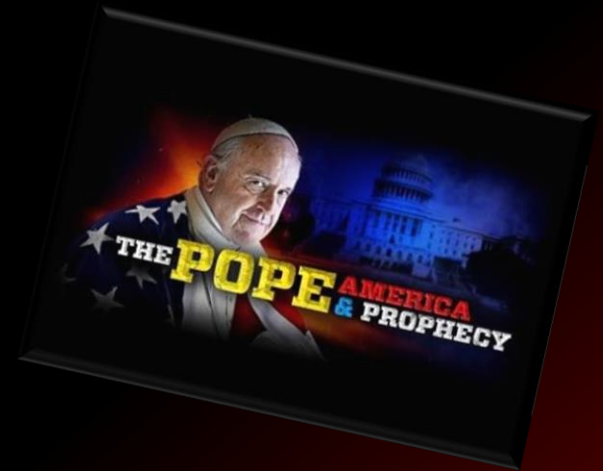
What nation was founded on religious principles, can promote “Christianity,” is the strongest country and has the highest percentage of Christians?

United States – 75% Christians

Russia – 45% Christians

China – 7% Christians

Evidence continues to mount that the United States is to become that “false prophet” that has close ties with Rome.



The “authority” of the earth beast continues to be exercised!

- The “sea beast” or papacy has a following. Daniel calls that his “host” (Dan. 8:12) or “them that forsake the covenant.” (Dan 11:30) They are in a coalition with the papacy! They serve as its “promotional arm.”
- A similar picture emerges for the “earth beast.” It must be able to “force” other nations to “observe,” like forcing worship to the beast – and have sympathetic citizens!

“He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.” (Rev. 13:13 – NKJ)

Signs are used to validate the authenticity of a “prophet.” There must be powerful religious leaders guiding this earth beast!



- This “sign” power was given to Moses, representing God! (Exod. 4:17, 30; 10:2; 11:10)
- It also proved that Elijah’s God was above all gods.

Inside the “earth beast”/nation are leaders who strongly support the aims of the papacy. To show their religious power and authority, they will demonstrate supernatural signs! We can hear an echo of what was said long ago:

“Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them

in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived.... They will perform wonderful miracles of healing and will profess to have revelations from heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures.” (GC 624)

Strange supernatural things will appear on planet earth that appeal to man’s emotions.

In Revelation 16 unclean spirits come out of the mouth of each of the “beings” shown as the false trinity. One of those “beings” is that “false prophet!” (Rev. 16:13-14)



1. These spirits are like “frogs” – unclean.
2. This suggests their deceptive nature.
3. They represent Babylon, because it is the home of “unclean spirits.” (Rev. 18:2)
4. They are “spirits of devils!” (Rev. 16:14)
5. Their mission: To gather the whole world and its leaders to battle on the “*great day of God Almighty.*” (Rev. 16:14)

John later sees this mission being fulfilled!

“Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army.” (Rev. 19:19 – NIV)

The powers shown in Revelation 13 have one final objection: To war against Christ and His people!

They will be met with total defeat! (Rev. 19:20-21)



The papacy has no army. Satan has only the earthly forces that he can muster. The “earth beast” or that “false prophet” has to have enormous “power” to force the inhabitants of the world to give obeisance to Rome.

Its military?

What country or nation has the greatest might to enforce such international law?

The United States:



1. Has the strongest economy in the world. GDP: United States \$53,000; Russia \$10,000; China \$6,800.
Military spending: Russia has 14% of U.S., China 25% of U.S.
2. Political influence: The U.S. foreign aid far exceeds that of Russia and China.
<http://time.com/3899972/us-superpower-status-military/>
3. Military power (weapons, personnel) far exceeds both of those countries!
http://armedforces.eu/compare/country_USA_vs_China;
http://armedforces.eu/compare/country_USA_vs_Russia

Evidence continues to mount that the only nation in the world that could be represented by the earth beast is the United States!

John continues:



“Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.” (Rev. 13:14 – NIV)

This text opens up a series of amazing issues related to what happens at the time of the end!

Because of the power the earth beast has, it is able to deceive the “*inhabitants*” of the world. This is religious and a global influence!

Again, this nation must have leaders that:

- Will perform miracles which convince the world that they have and speak truth –
- At a time when global interest in a supernatural power is intense, and the world is looking for help!
- What they do and teach will entice everyone – except God’s people.



They think that what is being taught is the answer to the heartache and challenges they are facing (calamities, wars, economic loss)!
(Matt. 24:7-8; EGW: *Conflict and Courage*, 245, GC 590, 587 – 1911)
The catalyst for such an interest in God?

1. First, an increased public awareness and interest in the Ten Commandments!
2. Politicization of the Sabbath – important!
3. Economic stress – “perhaps God will help!”
4. Calamities that clearly create helplessness.
5. Speaking out against society’s immorality.

“As the movement for Sunday enforcement gains favor, ... it will eventually bring the whole Protestant world under the banner of Rome.”
(GC 448)

“Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.” (GC 588)

Who are the leaders that use “mystical signs” and bring religion into the fore?

- Protestants
- In the United States

Once again, we are left with no other conclusion than that the religious leaders of the United States represent that “authority” which brings the signs and miracles that deceive the world.

On whose behalf do they do these things?

“... on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth.”

This, again, clearly shows a very close tie (a working relationship) between the United States and Rome!



The prophecy continues:

“It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.” (Rev. 13:14 – NIV)

The United States, this earth beast, has so much power, it orders “them,” the inhabitants of the world, to “set up” or make a law in honor of the beast.

Daniel 11:31 says that the antichrist is behind this law. There, it is clear that this comes from the direct influence of the papacy!

Daniel is clear that this law relates to taking away of the true Sabbath and setting up a false Sabbath. What does God call that?

An “abomination!”

Though our study today is not to evaluate the meaning of the “image to the beast,” it is from this tie that we can show Biblically that it relates directly to the Sabbath!!!

Ellen White knew the meaning of the earth beast when she noted: “The United States is the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns.... this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance.” (GC 578)

From the Bible and current history and the weight of evidence, it can be shown that the earth beast represents the United States of America. At this time we are not *looking for* the Sunday laws, per se, but for:

1. Calamities that create the need for God
2. A government in the United States that is powerful enough to control the world
3. A government that is sympathetic to Christianity
4. A growing Protestant voice for the “right”

*“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:”
(II Peter 1:19)*

The End

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