

Revelation 13:11-18: The Two Horned Beast (2HB)

Overview: This study reveals that the last power to persecute the church will be the United States. It will bear the mystical number 666, *not* the Papacy. America will do this by replicating the false church-state system of the dark ages—a false worship founded by the Papacy that now permeates Protestantism.

Prayer Thought: *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 118

Who is the Two-Horned Beast?

- **Read: Rev. 13:11** — The U. S. A.
- **The Earth** — Opposite from the “sea” where the beasts of Daniel and the Leopard-like beast arose — The New World (**GC 440**).
- **Two Horns** — Republicanism and Protestantism (**GC 440-442**).
- **Like a Lamb** — Gentle, peaceful, innocence.
- **Spake as a Dragon** — **5T 451** — will cast out the Constitution — exercise the spirit of intolerance and persecution similar to the dark ages (**GC 445**).
- **Summary** — America is the only power that came up out of the New World with a two party political system, professing gentleness, peace and innocence.

America Will Copy the System of the Dark Ages

- **Rev. 13:12**—The Two-Horned Beast (2HB) will reestablish the principles or system of the previous beast (the LLB), the beast with the deadly wound. He will persecute and dominate, as did Ecclesiastical Rome (Catholicism) during the dark ages, and cause the world to worship Apostate Christianity—a system which began in the dark ages but is now led by Protestants.
- When the Bible says that the 2HB “causeth the earth . . . to worship the first beast (LLB), it does not mean to worship the Pope, but rather the system or principles of Apostate Christianity, a system that started with Catholicism, but has spread to all the Western world.

The False Prophet

- **Rev. 13:13, 14**—three persons are brought to view in these verses.
 - i. **The False Prophet (Rev. 19:19-20)**—“he doth great wonders” who wrought “miracles in the sight of the beast”. The person who works the miracles is the false prophet. Notice that he performs the miracles in the sight of the beast. Very carefully compare this with **Rev. 13:14**.
 - ii. **The Beast (2HB)**—It is in the sight of this beast that the false prophet performs his miracles, telling the world to make an image of the LLB.
 - iii. **The Beast with the Deadly Wound (LLB)**—A mixture of Catholicism, Protestantism, Capitalism—apostate Christianity—western society.

Is the False Prophet the Devil?

- **No**—(see: **Rev. 16:12-13**) Three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the Dragon (the Devil), the beast, and the false prophet. This shows that they are separate persons. Thus the Devil and the false prophet are different (see also: **Rev. 20:10**).

Is the False Prophet the Pope?

- **Rev. 19:20-21**—shows the beast and false prophet are cast into a lake of fire, then the remnant that are left are afterward destroyed by the sword of Him who sat upon the horse.
- **The remnant**—Remaining wicked after the beast/false prophet are destroyed.
- **2 Thess. 2:3, 8; GC 321, 356 and 579**—the Pope will be destroyed with the remnant—the “man of sin” is destroyed at the 2nd coming.
- *Neither* the Beast nor the false prophet can be the pope.

Who is the False Prophet and What Does He Do?

- The false prophet must be a future charismatic religious leader who will work miracles through the power of Satan and deceive the world into accepting the mark of the beast. He will become the world’s religious dictator.
- As the doctrines held by the false prophet cannot be fully supported by the Scriptures, miracles are performed to secure the confidence of the masses. To complete the deception, Satan will appear as an angel of light, as a great physician. Yet at the same time he will bring disease and disaster (**GC 624-5**).

Who is the Man 666?

- The 666 is the number of “the beast” and also the number of “a man.” Thus the number points to the head of the power represented by “the beast”.
- The 666 must be a political dictator who will pass laws persecuting those who refuse to accept the mark of the beast.

Why 666 cannot Represent the Pope.

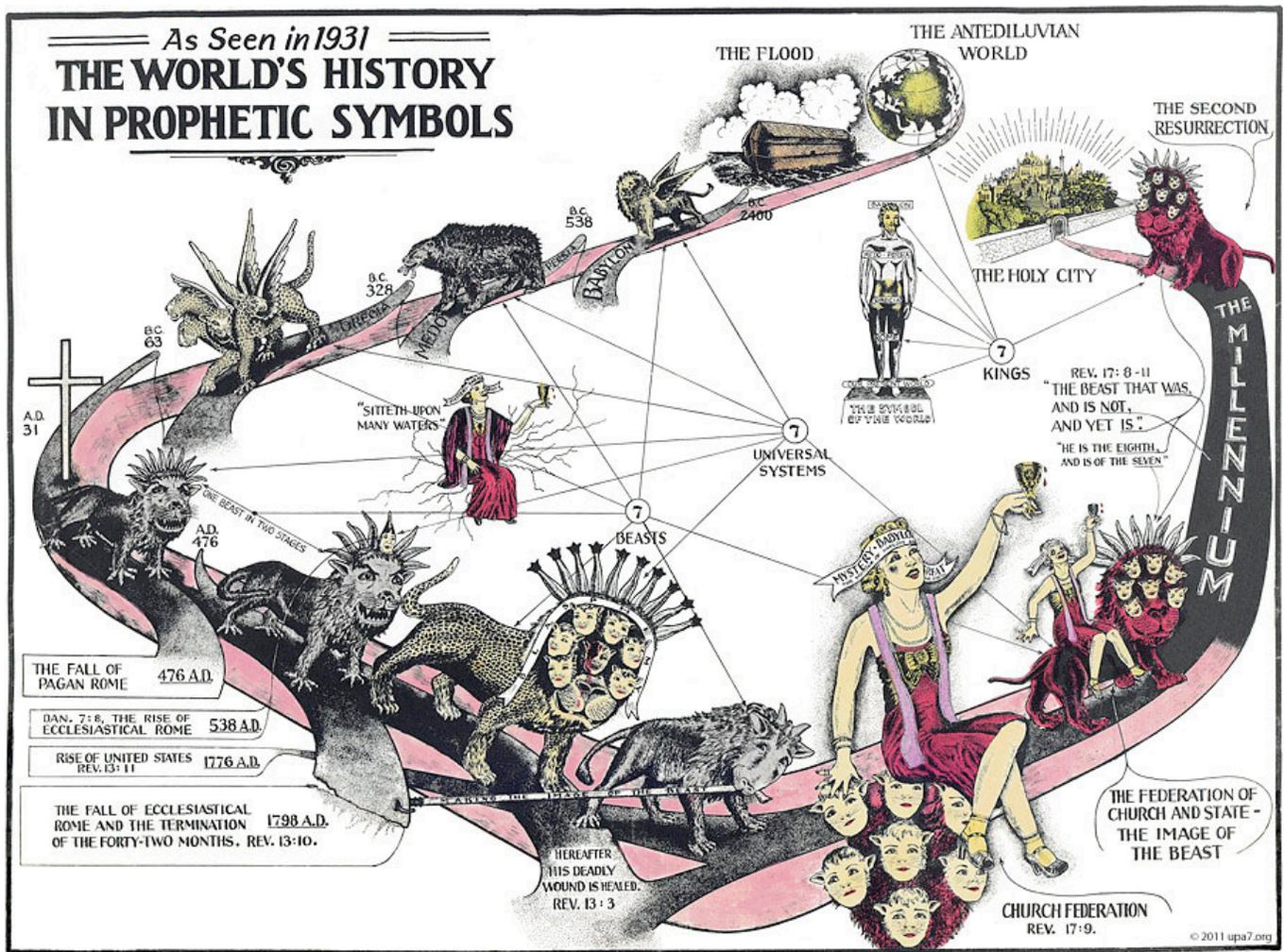
- The pope is not the 666 because the Bible says count the number of “the beast”. Which beast?—the 2HB *not* the LLB or the head that received the deadly wound.
- **Rev. 13:3, 12, 14**—the LLB is always referred to as having a wound—the verses of Rev. 13:11-18 is strictly dealing with the 2HB—America.
- **A Word to the Little Flock pp. 8-9, 19**—the number 666 is placed on the power that is found in verses 11-18, speaking about the U. S. A.
- **2 SM 380**—the image of the beast is to be primarily “The Protestant World” (see also: **5T 451, 6T 17, and GC 579**).
- **Note:** The prevailing belief is that the number 666 is the numerical identification of the Pope. This is incorrect. We have to stand on what the Scriptures teach. Here are three reasons:
 - i. The number 666 is commonly used in paganism and spiritualism. Since the Papacy is a mixture of paganism/spiritualism and Christianity, it is not unusual for the pope to have the number 666 on his person.
 - ii. The numerical identification system is arbitrary, 666 can be applied to many other names.

iii. **Deut. 18:10, 2 Kings 17:17, Jer. 14:14**—the practice of correlating numbers with the letters of name or title is a form of divination known as numerology. This occult practice is clearly condemned in the Scriptures.

Summary:

- The U. S. A. will be the leader for the up coming one world government—the mark of the beast system replicating the principles of ecclesiastical Rome.
- A three-fold union of Protestantism, Catholicism, and Spiritualism arises (**5T 451**).
- This confederacy will be led by two Dictators—the man 666 and the false prophet (one political, one religious)—a church-state confederacy.
- With the establishment of this ungodly system, the people of God will once again face persecution.
- However, those who heed the call of the 144,000 will be sealed and God will deliver every one that shall be found “written in the Book” (**Dan. 12:1**), bringing in the great multitude “which no man could number.”
- This will be during time of the Loud cry when the kingdom is established.

Further Reading: [Shepherd’s Rod, Vol. 2, pp. 108 - 111.](#)



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