

Jesus Is The Answer Bible Study Course

(Advanced 2)



Lesson 17

WORSHIP WARS, part 3: WHAT DOES AMERICA HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

Whenever a nation or ancient kingdom played a significant role in the fulfillment of God's purposes, God had His prophets to record it in His Word. So wouldn't it be strange for God to raise up a nation committed to the ideals of democracy and not mention it at all in Bible prophecy?

Directions: Read the Bible texts at the end of each statement, then circle TRUE or FALSE, or FILL IN THE BLANKS. **PRAY FIRST!**

1. Clues that the beast in Revelation 13:11-18 symbolize the USA are: A. It came up out of the _____ (sparsely populated area). B. It was like a lamb with two _____ but no crowns or kings that reign. C. It would rise to a position of worldwide _____ and influence.
2. A lamb is also used in the Bible to represent Jesus. (John 1:29) **TRUE-FALSE**

Note: The USA started out like Jesus in the sense that her Constitution guaranteed religious and civil freedoms. Jesus gives us freedom of choice. He does not force us to worship and obey Him.

3. The USA will soon speak like a dragon. Who does the dragon represent? (Revelation 12:9) "that s_____ of old, called the D_____ and S_____."

Note: Since the Devil works through people, nations, and systems, he used Pagan Rome to enable Papal Rome to rise to become a worldwide religious and political power, by giving Papal Rome its power, throne, and great authority. Therefore, Pagan Rome is also symbolized as a dragon. (Revelation 13:1-2)

4. When the USA speaks like the dragon, she is going to do the same thing Pagan Rome did—further enable Papal Rome to receive worldwide worship. (Revelation 13:12) **TRUE-FALSE**

Note: Pagan Rome = dragon; Papal Rome= beast whose deadly wound was healed; USA= lamb with two horns and spoke like a dragon (Revelation 13:1-3, 11)

5. What steps will USA take to force the world to worship the beast/Papal Rome? (Revelation 13:13-17) 1. Perform great s_____, 2. Use signs to d_____ the masses, 3. Make an I_____ to the B_____, 4. Legislate a death decree to k_____ those who refuse to worship the Image of the Beast, 5. Legislate the "M_____ of the B_____, and 6. Legislate an economic boycott so those who refuse to worship the beast by receiving the Mark, name, and number of the Beast can't b____ or s_____.
6. What is the Image to the Beast? An image is a likeness of the beast/Papal Rome. It is the way that Papal Rome governs and worships. The Image to the Beast is the union of church and state

that forms a national religion that all must adhere to.

TRUE-FALSE

Note: When the USA forms an Image to the Beast/Papal Rome religious and civil freedoms will end. She will repeat the history of the Dark Ages when the Roman Catholic Church ruled the old world, and persecuted and killed those who refused to follow their false teachings. “The church has persecuted. Only a tyro [novice] in church history will deny that.” *Western Watchmen*, Dec. 23, 1908. “The church may by divine right confiscate the property of heretics, imprison their persons and condemn them to the flames....” *Public Ecclesiastical Law*, vol. 2, p. 142.

7. The Mark of the Beast/Papal Rome is Sunday. (Daniel 7:25) **TRUE-FALSE**

Note: “The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.” (Decretal de Translat. Episcop. Cap.) “Sunday is our mark of authority.... The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.” (Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923)

“...Q. Which is the Sabbath day? A. Saturday is the Sabbath day. Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. Q. By what authority did the Church substitute Sunday for Saturday? A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday by the plentitude of that divine power which Jesus Christ bestowed upon her.” (*The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, by Rev. Peter Geiermann C.SS.R., p. 50)

8. The Seal of God, which is also referred to by God’s Mark or Sign, is Sabbath/Saturday. (Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Ezekiel 20:12, 20) **TRUE-FALSE**

Note: Every week the seventh day Sabbath reminds us that God created us, the world, and everything in it. This is the reason why He is the only One worthy to receive our worship. Revelation 14:7

9. God is gracious and merciful! He is keeping all of this from happening until everybody has an opportunity to hear and understand what this controversy is really about, and to choose which side we want to be on. God wants to seal us so He can save us in His eternal kingdom. (Revelation 7:2-3) **TRUE-FALSE**

Note: Unlike the Mark of the Beast that can be received in the forehead or the right hand, God’s Seal can only be placed in the forehead, symbolizing that your mind is made up and you are convinced that obeying God is the right thing to do. The right hand symbolizes that you are obeying the Sunday Law out of fear; you would rather follow the crowd than to stand up for Jesus; you’re coerced to go along with it.

10. Jesus does not coerce us, He invites us. “C _____ unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you r _____.” (Matthew 11:28)

Note: The Sabbath symbolizes: coming to Jesus, resting in Him, believing, loving, obeying, and worshiping Him as our Creator, Lord, Savior, and soon coming King. And although there is no salvation in the Sabbath (salvation is in Jesus the Lord of the Sabbath), we cannot be saved unless we obey Jesus. (John 14:15; 15:10)