

## America in Bible Prophecy

Key text: "Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon." Revelation 13:11

Revelation 13 and Daniel 7 contain parallel prophecies. Both chapters refer to "beasts," a "lion," a "bear," a "leopard," a dragon-like creature, "ten horns," "a mouth speaking great things," and "war on the saints." **One critical question is:** What do these "beasts" represent in these two parallel chapters?

**God's answer is:** "*The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth.*" Daniel 7:23. Most Bible scholars and Bible commentaries recognize that the four beasts in Daniel 7:3-7 represent Babylon (the lion), Persia (the bear), Greece (the leopard) and Rome (the fierce, dragon-like creature).

### Characteristics of the first "beast" in Revelation 13:11:

(1) Based on Daniel 7:23, we know that this beast represents a mighty nation. (2) It is seen "coming up" near the end-times, for it is involved in the enforcement of the mark of the beast (verse 16,17). (3) It rises "out of the earth." The nations of Daniel 7 rose "out of the sea." "Water" in prophecy represents densely inhabited areas (see Revelation 17:15). By contrast, this new nation was seen "coming up" in a territory sparsely inhabited. (4) It has "two horns" without crowns (compare with Revelation 13:1). "Crowns" indicated kingly, monarchical power. This new nation would not be ruled by a king, but would be democratic. (5) It has "two horns like a lamb," indicating Christian features. Jesus, the Lamb of God, said, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's," (Matthew 22:21). Thus Jesus separated "the things of Caesar (government) and the things of God (religion). This is a principle of the Lamb. (6) Unlike the Daniel 7:3-7 nations, which are beasts of prey that rose through wars and conflicts, this new nation would not arise by conquering another mighty nation, but gradually. (7) This nation would be "like a lamb." Lambs are baby sheep. Thus this nation would be a young nation. (8) Revelation 13:16 indicates that this nation would eventually become a super-power, capable of influencing the global economy. (9) It will eventually deny its lamblike principles, "speak as a dragon," and enforce the mark of the beast (vs. 16).

A close study of Revelation 13:11  
suggests that this new, earth-beast with  
lamblike horns without crowns that becomes a  
super-power capable of influencing the global economy  
symbolizes **The United States of America.**