

## Fundamental Belief Number Thirteen

### The Remnant and its Mission

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#### Bible Study Summary Introduction Statement

**The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness.**

## BIBLE STUDY

### **The United States of America, the lamb-like Beast, in contrast arises to power in a more sparsely populated area with no real political or religious powers of significance to conquer**

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**Jeremiah 51:43** Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a **wilderness**, a land wherein no **man** dwelleth, neither doth *any* son of man pass thereby.

Note: The "earth" is symbol of a more sparsely populated part of the world unlike Europe where the other beasts had to conquer other well populated ruling kingdoms to rise up into power.

The earth represents a more uninhabited place in the world, which is the complete opposite to where most of the other beasts in Daniel and Revelation that came out of the sea, or the more largely populated areas of Europe, arose (Dan 7:3; Rev 13:1; 17:15). The beast with lamb-like horns was seen "coming up out of the earth." Instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the nation thus represented must arise in territory preciously unoccupied and grow up gradually and peacefully. It could not, then, arise among the crowded and struggling nationalities of the Old World--that turbulent sea of "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." It must be sought in the Western Continent.

What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America. Again and again the thought, almost the exact words, of the sacred writer has been unconsciously employed by the orator and the historian in describing the rise and growth of this nation. The beast was seen "coming up out of the earth;" and, according to the translators, the word here rendered "coming up" literally signifies "to grow or spring up as a plant." And, as we have seen, the nation must arise in territory previously unoccupied. A prominent writer, describing the rise of the United States, speaks of "the mystery of her coming forth from vacancy," and says: "Like a silent seed we grew into empire."--**G. A. Townsend, The New World Compared with the Old, page 462.** A European journal in 1850 spoke of the United States as a wonderful empire, which was "emerging," and "amid the silence of the earth daily adding to its power and pride." -- **The Dublin Nation. Edward Everett, in an oration on the Pilgrim founders of this nation**, said: "Did they look for a retired spot, inoffensive for its obscurity, and safe in its remoteness, where the little church of Leyden might enjoy the freedom of conscience? Behold the mighty regions over which, in peaceful conquest, . . . they have borne the banners of the cross!"--**Speech delivered at Plymouth, Massachusetts, Dec. 22, 1824, page 11.**

## The Two Horns on the Lamb-like Beast representing America stand for religious and Civil liberty as outlined in the constitution

How do the two horns like a Lamb accurately describe the United States of America as it grew into a nation?

**Revelation 13:11** And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two **horns** like a **lamb**, and he spake as a dragon.

**John 1:29** The next day John seeth **Jesus** coming unto him, and saith, Behold the **Lamb** of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Psalms 89:17** For thou *art* the glory of their **strength**: and in thy favour our **horn** shall be exalted.

Note: The horns of the beast representing the United State of America reveal the symbol of its power and Christ-like character at the time of its early growth as a nation.

The lamb-like horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as "coming up" in 1798. Among the Christian exiles who first fled to America and sought an asylum from **royal oppression and priestly intolerance** were many who determined to establish a government upon the broad **foundation of civil and religious liberty**. Their views found place in the Declaration of Independence, which sets forth the great truth that "all men are created equal" and endowed with the inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." And the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. **Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity.** The oppressed and downtrodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth.

**Although the United States of America began as a Christ – like nation upholding religious and civil liberty. Although they had no pope and no king to force upon them laws contrary to the Bible how do the Scriptures describe them changing to become like the Papacy? Who is the evil perpetrator of this diabolic change?**

**Revelation 13:11** And I beheld another **beast** coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he **spake** as a **dragon**.

**Revelation 13:12** And he **exerciseth** all the **power** of the first **beast** before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

**Revelation 13:2** And the **beast** which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the **dragon** gave him his **power**, and his **seat**, and great **authority**.

**Revelation 12:9** And the great **dragon** was cast out, that old serpent, called the **Devil**, and **Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

**Revelation 20:2** And he laid hold on the **dragon**, that old serpent, which is the **Devil**, and **Satan**, and bound him a thousand years,

Note: The lamb-like horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The "speaking" of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak "as a dragon" and exercise "all the power of the first beast" plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon (Pagan Rome) and the leopard-like beast (Papal Rome). And the statement that the beast with two horns "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast" indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy.

There are many, even of those engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results which will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty. There are many who have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath and the false foundation upon which the Sunday institution rests. Any movement in favor of religious legislation is really an act of concession to the papacy, which for so many ages has steadily warred against liberty of conscience. Sunday observance owes its existence as a so-called Christian institution to "the mystery of iniquity;" and its enforcement will be a virtual recognition of the principles which are the very cornerstone of Romanism. When the United States of America shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism.

**There have been serious Sunday laws in the United States before.** Sunday blue laws, as they are called, existed in America from Colonial days. But it was not until the late 1880s and early 1890s that Sunday laws became a widespread issue in the United States. During that period 17 of the 48 states with Sunday laws were actually using them to prosecute Sabbath keepers. Arkansas and Tennessee were the worst. In fact, in the two years of 1895 and 1896 "no less than 76 Seventh-day Adventists were prosecuted in the United States and Canada under the existing Sunday laws. Of these, 28 served terms of varying lengths in jails, chain gangs etc., aggregating 1,144 days" (**American State papers, p. 562; see also, Warren L. Johns, Dateline Sunday, U. S. A., PP 43-57).**

A **blue law** is a type of law, typically found in the [United States](#) and [Canada](#), designed to enforce religious standards, **particularly the observance of Sunday as a day of worship or rest**, and a restriction on [Sunday shopping](#). Most have been repealed, have been declared unconstitutional, or are simply unenforced, although prohibitions on the sale of [alcoholic beverages](#), and occasionally almost all commerce, on Sundays are still enforced in many areas. Blue laws often prohibit an activity only during certain hours and there are usually exceptions to the prohibition of commerce, like grocery and drug stores. In some places blue laws may be enforced due to religious principles, but others are retained as a matter of tradition or out of convenience.<sup>[1]</sup>

### **Article Wikipedia encyclopedia**

Many people believe that laws limiting religious freedom will never exist in the United States. They already exist. Sunday Blue Laws in the United States are living proof.

A blue law, in the United States and Canada, is a type of law designed to enforce moral standards, particularly the observance of Sunday as a day of worship or rest.

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that Sunday laws are not unconstitutional or discriminatory. This opens the way for all the present confused, contradictory local state laws to be replaced by a national law that will standardize the enforcement of Sunday all over America.

With the incredible strides being taken toward federal control of individual freedoms, this step to regulate the day of worship will not seem so drastic when it actually does take place.

Sunday Blue Laws have been a part of the US government earlier in history and now the Moral Majority Movement has been pushing hard to re-enact them back into the government.

Numerous counties in the U.S. still have Sunday Blue Laws (e.g. Bergen County, NJ right up on the border of New York, Forty Counties in South Carolina). Eight states still have state-wide Sunday blue laws. Also outside of the United States Nova Scotia has voted to retain their blue laws and numerous counties in Europe, for example, Germany.

Sunday Blue Laws are an example of the actual possibility of the United States implementing laws that address religious beliefs and restrict them. Many people believe that this is impossible in the light of the Constitution, but the facts are there and already existent. Bible prophecy has already revealed to us that this will take place.

### **Current Sunday Laws being enforced around the world**

**C**oincident with the enacting of the Lisbon Treaty/EU constitution on December 1, Germany's Constitutional Court has ruled that the nation's capital must, like the rest of the country, abide by the law instituting Sunday as a day "of rest from work and of spiritual improvement" ([Deutsche Welle](#), December 1).

Since the war, Berlin had enacted its own legislation allowing 10 shopping Sundays per year. That local ruling is now quashed. Effective from Jan. 1, 2010, Berlin must fall into line with the law institutionalizing Sunday as a day of rest and religious contemplation as contained in Germany's Basic Law.

The actual law establishing Sunday as Germany's weekly day of worship is enshrined in an appendix to the Basic Law under the heading, "Extracts From the German Constitution of Aug. 11, 1919 [Weimar Constitution]." There we find, under the subhead "Religion and Religious Societies," Article 139, which reads: "Sunday and holidays recognized by the state shall remain protected by law as days of rest from work and of spiritual improvement."

Though, under that same section, Article 137 (1) states "There shall be no state church," the effect of the Sunday law is to institutionalize Roman Catholicism and its daughter churches as Germany's state religion.

Those aware of the history of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation will see this move by Germany's highest court as one step further toward enforcing Rome's religion, not only as the state religion on Germany, but on the whole European empire enacted by treaty on this infamous day, Dec. 1, 2009.

**Would you like to accept Jesus totally and make your own choices with the religious liberty that God has given us as a right that no political power can take from us? Yes!**

## **RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

**The United States of America arose out of the earth in Revelation 13:11. What does the earth represent? A place where there are very few people**

**America was represented by a lamb. Who does the lamb represent? Jesus**

**What kind of nation then would America be as it grew to become a super power? Christian**

**What do the two horns on the lamb-like nation represent? Power**

**What were the two fundamental principles in the constitution of America that brought it to great power? Religious and Civil liberty**

**Although America has started off with wonderful Christian virtues how does Revelation 13:11 describe a change? It will speak like a dragon**

**Who does the dragon represent in Revelation 12:9? Satan**

**Who really gave power to and inspired the religious intolerance of the Papacy? Satan**

**What religious laws of intolerance has America adopted which are identical and in fact originate with the Papacy? Sunday laws**

**When did America prosecute Seventh-day Sabbath keepers earlier in its history in 17 of its states? In the 1880s and early 1890s**

**In 1895 and 1896 how many Seven-day Adventists were prosecuted by these Sunday Laws in America and Canada? 76**

**Are there Sunday laws in many states of the America and many countries around the world at this time? Yes**