

KINGDOMS OF BIBLE PROPHECY

A PROGRESSIVE FALL OF THE GLORIOUS LAND

The interaction internal / external dynamic, in revelation is illustrated with the churches and the seals

*The prophecy which addresses this dynamic, the trampling of god's people by earthly nations, is the **seven times** of Leviticus 26*

SCATTERING OF JUDAH

"The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth. In the prophecy uttered when sentence **from God was pronounced upon the last king of Israel is given the message:**

'Thus saith the Lord God; Remove **the diadem, and take off the crown:** . . . exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.' Ezekiel 21:26, 27.

The **crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.** God says, 'It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.'" *Education, 179*

Four kingdoms: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome

7 KINGDOMS + 1

The picture enlarged in revelation 17 to seven kingdoms, represented as seven heads and 10 horns

Revelation 17

- (1) And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
- (2) With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
- (3) So he carried me away in the spirit into the **wilderness:** and I saw a **woman** sit upon a scarlet coloured **beast**, full of names of blasphemy, **having seven heads and ten horns.**
- (4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
- (5) And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
- (6) And I saw the woman **drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus:** and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.
- (7) And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.
- (8) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

(9) And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

(10) And there are seven kings: **five are fallen**, and **one is**, and **the other is not yet come**; and when he cometh, he must continue a **short space**.

(11) **And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven**, and goeth into perdition.

(12) **And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.**

(13) These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

(14) These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

(15) And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

(16) And the **ten horns** which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

(17) For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

(18) And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

FIFTH KINGDOM: PAPAL ROME (538-1798)

"five are fallen"

Wilderness = 1260 years of the reign of the papacy (revelation 12:6)

SIXTH KINGDOM: U.S.A.

"One is"

Revelation 13:11-18

(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

"But the beast with lamblike 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 previously 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..." *Great Controversy*, 440

Isaiah 23:15-17

(15) And it shall come to pass in that day, that **Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.**

(16) Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be **remembered.**

(17) And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

SEVENTH KINGDOM: TEN HORNS = UNITED NATIONS

"is not yet come"

(Wikipedia)

"The United Nations (UN) is an intergovernmental organization established 24 October 1945 to promote international co-operation. A replacement for the ineffective League of Nations, the organization was created following the Second World War to prevent another such conflict. At its founding, the UN had 51 member states; there are now 193. The headquarters of the United Nations is in Manhattan, New York City, and enjoys extraterritoriality"

"(Extraterritoriality is the state of being exempted from the jurisdiction of local law, usually as the result of diplomatic negotiations.)"

EIGHTH KINGDOM: MODERN ROME

"is of the seven"

Number 8 symbolizes resurrection.

Circumcision performed in the 8th day typified baptism = death and resurrection. Papacy suffered a deadly wound and resurrected.

The papacy (little horn) is the 8th horn in Daniel 8: The Ram had 2 horns; the he goat had a notable horn that was broken, followed by 4 notable ones toward the four winds of heaven, then a little horn.

SEVEN THUNDERS

"The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a **delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages...**" *SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, 971.*

"After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered." **These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order.** Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time." *SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, 971.*

The period assigned in prophecy to the U.S.A. begins and ends with the seven thunders

Typifications of the 7 thunders: the 7 last kings of Judah, 7 kings in Persia from Cyrus to Artaxerxes and 7 kings in the neo-Babylonian empire (from Nabopolassar to Belshazzar).

The 2520 ties in the progressive fall of the ancient (literal) glorious land with the modern (spiritual) glorious land. God has tied in his people (Adventism), prophetically, with the nation he has given them (U.S.A.). They start simultaneously and end simultaneously. So both are given a period of 70 symbolic years.

THE USA IS A 2 HORNED POWER: PROTESTANTISM AND REPUBLICANISM

“‘And he had two horns like a lamb.’ The lamblike 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.

But the beast with lamblike horns "spake as a dragon. 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; . . . saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live." Revelation 13:11-14.

The lamblike 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 and the leopardlike beast. 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." *Great Controversy*, 441, 442

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ISRAEL + JUDAH
 JUDAH + BENJAMIN

ANCIENT (literal) BABYLON

MEDO-PERSIA

King Hezekiah displayed the riches of Judah to the Babylonian ambassadors and awoke the covetousness of that nation. So Judah (2 horn power) placed Babylon into the throne and Medo-Persia (2 horn power) removed Babylon from the throne.

70 YEAR PERIOD (IMPLIED)

Between the captivity of Manasseh in 677 and the first invasion of Nebuchadnezzar in 607 (according to Usher's chronology).

70 YEAR CAPTIVITY

The first invasion of Nebuchadnezzar took place in BC 607 during the reign of Jehoiakim. This is also when Jeremiah prophesies a period of 70 year captivity, which begins with the first invasion and ends with the first decree of Cyrus in BC 537.

70 WEEKS OF YEARS (Daniel 9)

BC 457 to 34 AD in which Christ confirms "the covenant with many for one week" during the period of Pagan Rome

SYMBOLISM OF DRAGON IN THE BIBLE

1. THE DRAGON: SATAN

Rev 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.

2. THE DRAGON: PAGAN ROME

"The line of prophecy in which these symbols are found begins with Revelation 12, with the dragon that sought to destroy Christ at His birth. The dragon is said to be Satan (Revelation 12:9); he it was that moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to death. But **the chief agent of Satan in making war upon Christ and His people during the first centuries of the Christian Era was the Roman Empire**, in which paganism was the prevailing religion. Thus **while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.**" *Great Controversy*, 438.

Satan used the civil power of pagan Rome to persecute Christ as a baby and to place him on the cross, also to persecute the apostolic church.

3. THE DRAGON: POLITICAL POWERS

Kings and **rulers** and **governors** have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and **are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints**--with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ. *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38

TEN HORNS

Daniel 7:7-8

(7) After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a **fourth beast, dreadful and terrible**, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; **and it had ten horns**.

(8) I considered the horns, and, behold, **there came up among them another little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Transition between pagan Rome and papal Rome

Pagan Rome (the dragon) desintegrates into 10 nations in 476. The 10 horns are an extension of the dragon.

TEN KINGS

321 *Emperor Constantine enacts first Sunday law, national apostasy is followed by national ruin*

330 *Constantine moves to the east the capital of the Western Roman Empire, from Rome to Constantinople, leaving the western empire vulnerable*

476 *the Roman Empire is broken in **10 kingdoms** (by the first 4 trumpets, the barbaric invasions)
4 trumpets broke the 4th kingdom into 10 horns (10 nations)*

496 ***Clovis**, king of the **Franks** converts from paganism to Catholicism and becomes the sword of the Catholic church, "eldest son of the church" and becomes instrumental in the removal of 3 horns (Heruly, Vandals and Ostrogoths)*

1 king out of the 10 is the premier king, (Clovis)

508 ***3rd horn** is removed (the Daily paganism is removed)
7 kings joined the Catholic church*

538 *papacy seats over the 7 nations*

70 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY IN SPIRITUAL BABYLON (1260 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY)

"Today the church of God is free to carry forward to completion the divine plan for the salvation of a lost race. For many centuries God's people suffered a restriction of their liberties. The preaching of the gospel in its purity was prohibited, and the severest of penalties were visited upon those who dared

disobey the mandates of men. As a consequence, the Lord's great moral vineyard was almost wholly unoccupied. The people were deprived of the light of God's word. The darkness of error and superstition threatened to blot out a knowledge of true religion. **God's church on earth was as verily in captivity during this long period of relentless persecution as were the children of Israel held captive in Babylon during the period of the exile.** *Prophets and Kings, 714*

Internally, the church of Thyatira was preceded by Pergamos, the church of compromise. The mystery of iniquity working to reveal the man of sin, Barabbas.

This period ended in 1798 when France removed the civil authority from the papacy

4. DRAGON IS EGYPT

Ezekiel 29:1-3

(1) In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

(2) Son of man, set thy face against **Pharaoh king of Egypt**, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:

(3) Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, **Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon** that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.

Revelation 11:3, 7-8

(3) And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a **thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth.

(7) And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

(8) And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of **the great city**, which **spiritually** is called **Sodom and Egypt**, where also our Lord was crucified.

SODOM AND EGYPT (FRANCE)

“The great city’ in whose streets the witnesses are slain, and where their dead bodies lie, is ‘spiritually’ Egypt. Of all **nations** presented in Bible history, **Egypt most boldly denied the existence of the living God and resisted His commands**. No monarch ever ventured upon more open and highhanded rebellion against the authority of Heaven than did the king of Egypt. When the message was brought him by Moses, in the name of the Lord, Pharaoh proudly answered: ‘Who is Jehovah, that I should hearken unto His voice to let Israel go? I know not Jehovah, and moreover I will not let Israel go.’ Exodus 5:2, A.R.V. **This is atheism, and the nation represented by Egypt would give voice** to a similar denial of the claims of the living God and would manifest a like spirit of unbelief and defiance. "The great city" is **also** compared, "spiritually," to **Sodom**. The corruption of Sodom in breaking the law of God was especially manifested in **licentiousness**. And this sin was also to be a pre-eminent characteristic of the nation that should fulfill the specifications of this scripture.

According to the words of the prophet, then, a little before the year 1798 some power of satanic origin and character would rise to make war upon the Bible. And in the land where the testimony of God's two witnesses should thus be silenced, there would be manifest **the atheism of the Pharaoh and the licentiousness of Sodom.**

This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France. During the Revolution, in 1793, "the world for the first time **heard an assembly of men**, born and educated in civilization, and assuming the right to govern one of the finest of the European nations, uplift their **united voice** to deny the most solemn truth which man's soul receives, and renounce unanimously **the belief and worship of a Deity.**"--Sir Walter Scott, Life of Napoleon, vol. 1, ch. 17..." *Great Controversy*, 269

King of the south in 1798 = whoever reigned in (spiritual) Egypt

King of the North in 1798 = whoever reigned in spiritual Babylon

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Daniel 11:40 A

1798 FRANCE (SODOM + EGYPT)

PAPACY (Spiritual Babylon)

FRANCE (SODOM + EGYPT)

The atheistic philosophy morphed into communism

Daniel 11:40B

1989 USSR

TEN CITIES OF EGYPT

Ezekiel 30:6-19

(6) Thus saith the LORD; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Syene [**Migdol** to **Syene**] shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

(7) And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted.

(8) And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shall be destroyed.

(9) In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

(10) Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

(11) He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

(12) And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken it.

(13) Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of **Noph**; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

(14) And I will make **Pathros** desolate, and will set fire in **Zoan**, and will execute judgments in **No**.

(15) And I will pour my fury upon **Sin**, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

(16) And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph shall have distresses daily.

(17) The young men of **Aven** and of **Pibeseth** shall fall by the sword: and these cities shall go into captivity.

(18) At **Tehapnehes** also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

(19) Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 29:14-15

(14) And I will bring again the captivity of **Egypt**, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom.

(15) **It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations:** for I will diminish them, **that they shall no more rule over the nations.**

EGYPT GIVEN TO THE KING OF THE NORTH

Ezekiel 29:17-21

(17) And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, **in the first month, in the first day of the month**, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

(18) Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:

(19) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;** and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and **it shall be the wages for his army.**

(20) I have given him the land of Egypt for his labour wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord GOD.

(21) **In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth**, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

(Internal History)

1d1m April 19, 1844: first disappointment, tarrying time, second angels message arrives. Protestant horn conquered

Progressive conquest 1d1m (9/11): Republicanism conquered

U.N. = Egypt

By 9/11, the lamb like beast had become part of Egypt (Pharaoh). He began to prepare for his role just prior to 1989 when he became the sword for the papacy through the secret alliance (typified by Clovis)

1798 U.S.A. spoke through the Patriot Act, which transgressed the 4th amendment of the Bill of Rights

WEBSTER'S 1828

"sedition is a local or limited insurrection in opposition to civil authority"

SEDITION ACT

"On this day [July 14] in **1798, one of the most egregious [terrible] breaches of the U.S. Constitution in history becomes federal law when Congress passes the Sedition Act**, endangering liberty in the fragile new nation. While the United States engaged in naval hostilities with Revolutionary France, known as the Quasi-War, Alexander Hamilton and congressional Federalists took advantage of the public's wartime fears and drafted and passed the Alien and Sedition Acts, without first consulting President John Adams. (2nd president of the United States)

The first three acts took aim at the rights of immigrants. The period of residency required before immigrants could apply for citizenship was extended from five to 14 years, and the president gained the power to detain and deport those he deemed enemies. President Adams never took advantage of his newfound ability to deny rights to immigrants. **However, the fourth act, the Sedition Act, was put into practice and became a black mark on the nation's reputation. In direct violation of the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of speech, the Sedition Act permitted the prosecution of individuals who voiced or printed what the government deemed to be malicious remarks about the president or government of the United States. Fourteen Republicans, mainly journalists, were prosecuted, and some imprisoned, under the act.**

In opposition to the Alien and Sedition Acts, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison drafted the Virginia and Kentucky Resolves, declaring the acts to be a violation of the First and Tenth Amendments. President Adams, appalled at where Hamilton and the congressional Federalists were leading the country under the guise of wartime crisis, tried to end the undeclared war with France to undercut their efforts. He threatened to resign from the presidency and leave the Federalists with Republican Vice President Thomas Jefferson if they did not heed his call for peace. Adams succeeded in quashing Hamilton and the Federalists' schemes, but ended any hope of his own re-election in the process."

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/sedition-act-becomes-federal-law>

The First Amendment (Amendment I) to the United States Constitution (*adopted on 1791*):

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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