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We have been trying to discover whether or not America is in view or could be in view in the Bible prophecy if these days we are living in. God wants His children to know His plans.

**Jer 9:23-24, notice what he prophet Jeremiah said; Thus says the Lord, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things, “declares the Lord.**

God does not hide His plans from His children. Now, today when it comes to Bible prophecy, you must understand that there are a lot of people today who claim to be prophets because they know that when you teach on prophecy and claim to be a prophet, there’s a lot of profit to made from selling your books and your teachings. But not only is that false but they really don’t know what the prophets were like in the Old Testament.

It was a very popular thing to be a prophet in the past. You would have to think twice before you said like Isaiah said in Isa 6:8...”Here am I. Send me!”

There is a Jewish tradition that reports that the prophet Isaiah was condemned to death by King Manasseh and although he hid in a tree, he was found and the tree with Isaiah inside was sawn in half.

Then there was the prophet Ezekiel who told to lie bare on his right side and left side for a certain number of days. (Eze 4:1-8).

We don’t see people claiming to be prophets for God in those biblical ways. Daniel was a prophet who was thrown in a lion’s den. The only possible biblical reference to these gruesome events is in Heb 11 where it says in **Heb 11:34-38, (they-these prophets) quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in**

**two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated. (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.**

Where are all these prophets today? Today people want to be prophets because of what they can profit...as they laugh all the way down to the bank! These individuals are simply revealing their own personal opinions of how current events fit into biblical prophecy to scare their listeners into their wallet for the information that they say they have that no one else does. Yet we must back to some principles of doctrine that those of us who teach bible doctrine have been saying for years....such as

**Deu 29:29, “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.**

**2Ti 3:16-17, “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”**

Have you heard that one before? Especially when it comes to Bible prophecy, look at **2Pe 1:19-21, And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

**2Pe 2:1, But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them [They all have been bought with a price which is the doctrine of the unlimited atonement which says that TLJC dies for who? For all ---- but they deny it!], bringing swift destruction upon themselves.**

**2Pe 2:2, And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;**

I’m not saying that this happens to all who believe these things but to those who teach it! They add or take away from the word of God. Therefore the last two prophecies and verses written in the Bible, notice, are a warning. Look at them since they are easy to find, the last two verses in this book say:

**Rev 22:18-19, I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.**

Therefore, because of **Joh 12:48** “**He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.**”

Our third question for consideration as to the role of America in Bible prophecy which is: Which nation was predicted to arise around the same time the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) and the Papacy (it’s title for the function of the Popes) was receiving its deadly wound which it did in 1798? And I believe that we established the fact that when Rev 13:11 says, **And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.**

That the Historic fact is, the only power which arose out of a sparsely-populated area at the end of the 18th century was in fact the United States. But, does the USA accurately fit all the features of this prophecy?

**Answer:** The first papal captivity mentioned in verse 10 took place in 1798, and while that was happening, the new power called the Second beast (verse 11) was seen emerging at that time. The first papal captivity mentioned in verse 10 which took place in 1798, is referenced in Rev 13:10, If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

The first beast empowered by the Roman empire and the RCC and the Papacy. Both in the political and the religious realm took others into captivity, therefore they were taken into captivity. They killed others with the sword and therefore the Roman empire and the RCC with the papacy were also killed by the sword.

**Oba 1:15, “As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head.”**

**Rom 12:19, Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.**

Now, while this was happening the old powerful beast, the new powerful beast in Rev 13:11 was seen emerging on the scene.

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

The RCC and the papacy received its deadly wound in 1798. The US declared independence in 1776, voted the Constitution in 1787, adopted the Bill of Rights in 1791, and was definitely a world power by 1798.

Therefore, a fourth question that needs to be answered concerning whether or not America could be found in biblical prophecy is this: Could a government really control buying and selling? When Rev 13:16-17, says, **And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, and he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.**

How could this ever happen?

It already has in a way when during World War II, buying was controlled for some items (such as sugar, tires, and auto fuel) by requiring ration stamps. Without stamps, money was worthless. Think of it, in this highly computerized age, a system based on your Social Security number could easily be set up. And unless you agree to cooperate with the worldwide coalition, your number, when punched in before a purchase, could show you disqualified. We do not know precisely how all this will come about. But we can be positive it will happen because in Rev 13:16-17 God says it will. The point is that Revelation chapter 13 is clear.

Two superpowers will emerge in the end time: the USA and the new Roman empire with the RCC and Papacy as its religious power. The USA will support the Papacy by leading a drive to force the people of the world to worship the false teaching or doctrines of the beast, related directly to the papacy in some way, and receive his mark or else face death.

Therefore a fifth question that needs to be answered is: How strong and influential is the RCC especially with the Pope today?

Answer: It is by far the strongest religious-political power in the world. Virtually every leading country of the world has an official ambassador or state representative at the Vatican. Notice the following facts:

- The papacy is so influential and powerful that nearly every major country consults her before making major policy moves. Her large diplomatic corps maintains relations with more than 150 nations according to U.S. News and World Report.

- She takes the credit for the demise of communism, saying that Mary,

Jesus' mother, guided the pope's strategy that brought down communism. This was found in the "Handmaid or Feminist," magazine in the December issue in 1991.

- The aim of the pope is to unify the Christian world under the leadership of the Papacy during this decade. The Papacy has made more than 75 trips to lay the ground work for this goal. Just recently, the current pope today, Pope Francis has visited the Christian, Muslim and Islamic nations in Africa for the first time in human history.

- The worldwide response has been almost overwhelming. During the recent Middle crisis, the Pope and America's president sometimes discussed world affairs weekly by phone.

- A Russian leader said, "Everything which took place in Eastern Europe in recent years would have been impossible without the Pope's efforts and the enormous role, including the political role, which he played in the world arena." The papacy (office of the Pope), formerly referred to Protestants as "heretics," and is now calling them "separated brethren" and graciously suggesting that all work and pray together for peace and God's presence.

They are praying and promoting unity to the extent of saying some popular phrases like "Let's put all of our doctrinal differences aside and love each other." Millions of Protestants are deeply impressed. In fact, several Protestant denominations have had official dialog with the papacy to try to settle the differences that caused the Reformation.

- Therefore a sixth principle of consideration and question that needs to be answered is **How strong and influential is the United States today?**

Answer: The US is still regarded as the world's number one military power and center of influence. Note the following: America is still the world's #1 superpower. There is really only one power (Russia) in the immediate future to rival the United States. However, China and Korea are coming on strong.

- Many Arab leaders have labeled America "the new Rome" because, as the old Rome was the undisputed superpower of its age, America is still now number one in the political realm.

Even when a Marxist group overthrew the government of Ethiopia, America was asked to negotiate. When Boris Yeltsin took office as president of the so-called newly independent Russia, he visited America first. Former U.S.S.R. President Mikhail Gorbachev turned to America in his crisis. Today, Russia's prime minister Vladimir Putin is using a more subtle aggressive approach doing what he can to expose the weakness and

the lies of America's present administration. And the sad but also serious thing is that it is working! When Kuwait was invaded, its government called on America. The U.S.-led war against Iraq rallied the support of almost the entire world. A National Public Radio correspondent called one American president, not the present one, but he was called the "president of the world."

Most world nations are still looking to the US for protection and support. Though that idea is diminishing every day but my point is that America is still going to play a major role in the last days of biblical prophecy. Either through omission or submission, inclusion or exclusion. This is why we need to learn from history because we do not seem to be doing so.

What is the main lesson we need to learn? The main lesson is that Negative Volition to Bible doctrine destroys a client nation. This becomes apostasy beings to reign. People are falling away from the truth...not so much from religion but from the truth. There were periods of apostasy in Israel in the OT. Apostasy in a client nation is always a cancer. If it grows long enough, that client nation loses all the blessings of god that were upon it. This principle of reaping what you sow or violating passages like Mat 7:12 where our Lord said, **"Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."** This principle of doctrine has been around ever since Gen 12:2-3. Even the minor prophets warned nations about what would happen to them if they violate these principles.

Look at what the prophet Obadiah said in **Oba 1:15**, **"For the day of the Lord draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head.** This principle has always been true, especially about the future of God's client nations. For example, take the nation of Israel, in every case of Jewish apostasy both the clergy and the politicians of Israel are indicted along with the negative volition of the people.

**Jer 6:13-14**, **"For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone is greedy for gain, And from the prophet even to the priest Everyone deals falsely. And they have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace.**

**Eze 13:10**, **"It is definitely because they have misled My people by saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace. And when anyone builds a wall.**

In context, the wall refers to the political lies of politicians, behold, they plaster it over with whitewash; = the false solutions to the problems of the client nation;

**Eze 13:11-16, so tell those who plaster it over with whitewash, that it will fall. A flooding rain will come, and you, O hailstones, will fall; and a violent wind [law of discipline] will break out. “Behold, when the wall has fallen, will you not be asked, ‘Where is the plaster with which you plastered it?’” Therefore, thus says the Lord God, “I will make a violent wind break out in My wrath. There will also be in My anger a flooding rain and hailstones to consume it in wrath. So I shall tear down the wall [expose the political lies of the leaders] which you plastered over with whitewash and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation is laid bare; and when it falls, you will be consumed in its midst. And you will know that I am the Lord. Thus I shall spend My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it over with whitewash; and I shall say to you, ‘The wall is gone and its plasterers are gone, along with the prophets of Israel who prophesy to Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when there is no peace, ‘declares the Lord God.’”**

Good decisions of national leadership result in greater options for greater decisions. Bad decisions destroy freedom options and enslave the nation, so that the client nation status is destroyed from within. A nation that is not prepared for war is not prepared for peace. Mankind always has been and always will be the product of their own volition, not their environment. We blame environment, which is part of the arrogance skills.

The doctrine of man’s sin nature and total depravity plus the function of Satan’s cosmic system requires that people in a client nation periodically will have to make great sacrifices for freedom. Political solutions are useless without spiritual solutions. What makes political solutions great is the invisible heroship of a pivot of mature believers. Political solutions are temporal; spiritual solutions are eternal. Political solutions relate to the power of man; spiritual solutions relate to the power of God. Rejection of Bible doctrine leads to destruction of the client nation. Everything depends on your attitude toward Bible doctrine.

Therefore it is clear that the influence and power of both the US and the RCC with the pope are escalating with rapidity. What other factors could possibly help set the stage for a worldwide law to execute those who refuse to violate the conscience of tyrants?

Answer: We cannot name all the enemies of a spiritual godly nation with certainty, but a few possibilities do exist which are as follows: What are the enemies we are facing today as a client nation under God?

- The activity of terrorists.
- Riots and escalating crime and evil.
- Drug wars.
- A major economic crash.
- AIDS and other epidemics.

- Nuclear threats from radical nations.
- Political corruption.
- Gross miscarriage of justice by the courts.
- Welfare abuse.
- Increasing taxes.
- Pornography and sickening immorality.
- Appalling global disasters.
- Radical “special interest” groups.
- **Civil war within the nation**

Corruption, lawlessness, immorality, permissiveness, injustice, poverty, weak and ineffective political leaders, and many similar woes could easily precipitate a demand for strong, specific laws to be rigidly enforced. All these enemies and more subtle ones need to be noticed and identified so that we are able to discern the times in which we live.

An eighth principle of consideration and question is: As world conditions worsen, what will Satan do to deceive the masses? Rev 13:13-14 tells us what he will do. **Rev 13:13-14, And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.**

**Answer:** America will experience a counterfeit, worldwide revival and will insist that religious laws be passed to force every person to participate. (This is represented by “an image to the beast” in Rev 13:14; 2Th 2:7-9.

**2Th 2:7-13, For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness. But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.**

People will be forced to disregard God’s word as it is found in the Bible. Morality will replace spirituality for living the spiritual life. Some will

also comply simply for social or economic reasons. World conditions will become so intolerable that a worldwide “back to God and prayer” movement, with all joining in worship and prayer will seem to be the only solution. They will be the misunderstanding of solutions to problems and misquoting and misinterpreting passages of Scripture.

**Such as 2Ch 7:14, If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

Satan will deceive the world into believing that they must compromise Bible truth when in reality, obedience to and worship of the beast will shut people out of God’s kingdom.