

Outline 18

When the Clock Runs Out on America and the New World Order (Is the Christian Right/Wrong?)

I. Revelation 13 depicts two symbolic beasts representing two world powers, the second of which joins forces with the first beast and eventually enforces global worship. **REVELATION 13:11-15 (1183)**

A. John saw the second beast “coming up out of the _____.”

REVELATION 13:11 (1183)

1. By contrast, he had seen the first beast “rising up out of the _____.”

a. “Water” in prophecy represents great masses of _____ . **REVELATION 17:15 (1186)**

b. In our last study we identified this first beast as the Roman _____ , which arose out of the large population centers of Europe.

2. The “earth” represents a less densely _____ region of the world, away from the masses of Europe.

B. The timing of the second beast’s rise is indicated by the word “then.”

REVELATION 13:11 (1183)

1. “Then” means after the “mortal wound” was inflicted on the first beast as indicated in Revelation 13:3, 10. This occurred in 1798 when French General Berthier imprisoned Pope Pius VI and temporarily shut down the _____ .

2. “Then” refers to the time period of the late _____ .

C. The only world power that fits this description is the _____ .

II. Revelation prophesied the role the United States of America would play in the world. **REVELATION 13:11-17 (1183)**

A. A leading role recognized by world leaders:

1. Margaret Thatcher said of the U.S.A: “It is the _____ power

in the world today. You have a very, very special destiny.”

2. Yassir Arafat called Washington, “The New _____ ,” recalling the dominance of the Roman Empire.

B. The founders of the U.S.A. came in search of “a country without a _____ and a church without a _____ .”

C. The “two horns” may represent the twin legacies of _____ and _____ liberty. **REVELATION 13:11 (1183)**

1. The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an _____ of religion, or _____ the free exercise thereof . . .”

2. Thomas Jefferson called it the wall of separation between _____ and _____ .

D. A powerful New Right religio-political alliance called the Christian Coalition is challenging the principle of the separation of church and state in the name of moral reform.

E. Revelation 13 warns of two powers (religious, political) uniting in a new world order to make war and enforce its own _____ agenda on the whole world.

REVELATION 13: 7, 8, 12 (1183)

1. One is a religious power which turns to _____ to achieve its ends.

2. The other is a political power which turns to _____ to achieve its ends.

III. Whom shall we obey?

A. “We must obey _____ rather than men.”

ACTS 5:17-19, 25-29 (1056)

B. Jesus invites: “Open the _____ (of your heart) and I will come in . . .” **REVELATION 3:20 (1177)**

ANSWERS: (I) A: earth; A-1: sea; A-1-a: people; A-1-b: Papacy; A-2: populated; B-1: Papacy; B-2: 1700's; C: U.S.A.) (II) A-1: greatest; A-2: Rome; B: king pope; C: civil religions; C-1: establishments; prohibiting; C-2: church, state; D-1: moral; D-2: political; E: worship; E-1: politics; E-2: religion) (III) A: God; B: door