

Lesson: 61 **Making an Image to the Beast** **Part A** Volume: 6

8. Is there any evidence that such an image will be made?

Large and influential organizations, such as the National Reform Association, the International Reform Bureau, the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, have been formed, by professed Protestants, and for years have been persistently working to that end. Many Roman Catholic societies recently formed in the United States, such as the Knights of Columbus and the American Federation of Catholic Societies, are looking to a like end - that of making America Catholic.

9. What according to its constitution, is the avowed object of the National Reform Association?

"To secure such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as shall . . . indicate that this is a Christian nation, and place all the Christian laws, institutions, and usages of the government on a undeniably legal basis in the fundamental law of the land." - **Article II of the Constitution.**

NOTES: Upon the question of making this a "Christian nation," Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in an address delivered in Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C., **March 13, 1910**, made the following observation:-"Suppose this were to be declared a Christian nation by a Constitutional interpretation to that effect. What would that mean? Which of the two contending definitions of Christianity would the word Christian indicate? - The Protestant idea, of course, for under our system majorities rule, and the majority of Americans are Protestants. Very well. But suppose that by the addition of certain contiguous territory with twelve or more millions of Roman Catholics, the annexation of a few more islands with half as many more, and the same rate of immigration as now, the majority some years hence should be Roman Catholics, - who doubts for a moment that the reigning Pope would assume control of legislation and government? He would say, with all confidence and consistency, 'This is a Christian nation. It was so claimed from the beginning and so declared many years ago. A majority defined then what Christianity was, the majority will define now what Christianity now is and is to be.' That 'majority' would be the Pope." - **"The Church and the Government," page 7**

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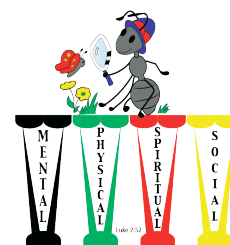
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"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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1. When was the papal head of the first beast of Revelation 13 wounded?

In _____, by the French Revolution and the temporary overthrow of the Papacy in the latter year.

2. What did the prophet see coming up at this time?

"And I beheld *another* _____ *coming up* _____ *of the* _____; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." **Revelation 3:11**

NOTES: Mr. Wesley, in his notes on **Revelation 13**, written in **1754**, says of the two-horned beast: "He is not yet come, though he cannot be far off; for he is to appear at the end of the forty-two months of the first beast."

The previous beast came up out of the "sea," which indicates its rise among the peoples and nations of the world then in existence (**Revelation 17:15**); while this one comes up out of the "earth." This would indicate that the later beast would arise where there had not before been "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." In **1798**, when the papal power received its deadly wound, the government of the United States, located in the western continent, was the only great and independent nation then coming into prominence in territory not previously occupied by people, multitudes, and nations. Only nine years receding this (**1789**), the United States adopted its national Constitution.

It is within the territory of the United States, therefore, that we may look, according to the prophecy, for an ecclesiastical movement to arise, and exercise a dominating control, not only in the civil government of this country, but also in the other nations of the whole world as well.

3. What is the character of this new power?

"He had *two horns like a* _____. "**Revelation 13:11**

NOTE: The Pilgrim Fathers were the vanguard of a great multitude of Protestants, who, when persecuted and outlawed in the lands of their birth, sought refuge in the New World, where they developed rapidly under the protection of a government founded on the great Christian principles of **civil and religious freedom**. The two horns may well symbolize these two fundamental principles.

4. Not withstanding the lamblike appearance of this power, what is it ultimately to do?

"And he _____ *as a* _____. "**Revelation 13:11**

NOTE: The voice of the dragon is the voice of intolerance and persecution. This indicates that the ecclesiastical development dealt with in this prophecy, obtaining a foothold for its initial power and influence in the government of the United States, will repudiate the mild and lamblike principles of civil and religious liberty, and become like the beast before it, a world-wide persecuting power. This is why in **Revelation 19:20** it is called "the false prophet." Born of the Reformation, it will repudiate Reformation principles.

5. How much power will this beast exercise?

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

NOTE: The "first beast before him" (papal Rome) exercised the power of persecution and putting to death all who differed from it in religious matters. The only way the *earth* can be made to worship is by causing work to cease on it through voluntary or enforced rest, or sabbath keeping. "For as long as she [the land] lay desolate she *kept sabbath*." **2 Chroniclea 36:21**. Enforced Sunday observance is evidently implied here.

6. What means will be employed to lead the people back into this false worship?

"And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth *by the* _____ *of those* _____ *which he had* _____ *to do* in the sight of the beast." **Revelation 13:14, first part**

7. What will this power propose that the people shall do?

"Saying to them that dwell on the earth, *that* _____ *should make an* _____ *to the* _____, *which had the wound by a sword, and did live*." **Revelation 13:14, latter part**

NOTE: The beast "which had the wound by a sword, and did live," is the Papacy. That was a church dominating the civil power. In other words, it was a union of church and state, and enforced its religious dogmas by the civil power, under pain of confiscation of goods, imprisonment, and death. An image to this beast would be another ecclesiastical organization clothed with civil power- another union of church and state - to enforce religious dogmas by law.