

Our Message This Morning  
"All Who Would Worship - the Lamb, lamblike,  
& Liberty For All?"

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Institutionalism vs Incarnation:

The Dangerous Dichotomy of Race & the Church, pt 4



“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Declaration of Independence - July 4, 1776



John 13:19 I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he.



Rev. 12:1 ¶ A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Rev. 12:2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birthpangs, in the agony of giving birth.



Rev. 12:3 Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

Rev. 12:4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born.



Rev. 12:5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne;  
Rev. 12:6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.



Rev. 13:1 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea having ten horns and seven heads; and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names.

Rev. 13:2 And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority.



Rev. 13:4 They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"





Rev. 13:7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation,

Rev. 13:8 and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.



Rev. 12:13 ¶ So when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.



Rev. 12:14 But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to her place where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

Rev. 12:15 Then from his mouth the serpent poured water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood.



- 👁 1540 - Society of Jesus approved by Paul III. The counter reformation begins.
- 👁 1542 - the Inquisition is re-instated.
- 👁 1545 - martyrdoms begin even in England. Bloody Mary martyrs Cranmer & Latimer.
- 👁 1554 - Jesuits expelled from England.
- 👁 1572 - St. Bartholemew Massacre - 50,000 Huguenots die in one night.



• 1618-1648 - 30 years war.

Most destruction in European history.

It halved the population.

• 1649 - Separatists from the Church of England - Puritans - execute Charles I.



👁️ The Flood Nearly Completes Its Job



Rev. 12:16 But the earth came to the help of the woman; it opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.



“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.”

1st Amendment - U.S. Constitution





Rev. 13:11 ¶ Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.

Rev. 13:12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed.



Rev. 13:13 It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all;

Rev. 13:14 and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast, it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived;



Rev. 13:15 and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.



Rev. 13:16 Also it causes all, both small and great,  
both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be  
marked on the right hand or the forehead,

Rev. 13:17 so that no one can buy or sell who  
does not have the mark, that is, the name of the  
beast or the number of its name.



*“Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!..”*

*Patrick Henry, 1775*



“Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!..”

“They’ll free your ni\*\*rs!!!”

Patrick Henry



“...This Fourth of July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn. To drag a man in fetters into the grand illuminated temple of liberty, and call upon him to join you in joyous anthems, were inhuman mockery and sacrilegious irony.”

Frederick Douglass, July 4, 1852



“...As I write this twenty years later, I cannot stand and sing the anthem. I cannot salute the flag; I know that I am a black man in a white world. In 1972, in 1947, at my birth in 1919, I know that I never had it made.”

— Jackie Robinson, *I Never Had It Made*





- The first angel warned that the hour of God's judgment was at hand - unrepentant pro-slavery Americans would be doubly punished for their sins.
- The second angel warned that Babylon was fallen - Millerites came out of the Protestant churches (Babylon) because they supported slavery.



- Ellen White specified that any Seventh-day Adventist holding pro-slavery sympathies must be immediately disfellowshipped.
- third angel's message against worshipping the beast with anti-slavery -
  - the two-horned beast enforces idolatry,
  - America as this beast because it professed to uphold religious and civil liberty
  - in reality denied those privileges to religious and racial minorities.



👁️ The power of the 2nd beast is no more of the Lamb than the dragon is just because its American.



Rev. 6:1 ¶ Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, "Come!"

Rev. 6:2 I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.

