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HEADQUARTERS OF THE BEAST EMPIRE

The world will be at ease - banquets and parties and weddings -just as it was in Noah's time before the sudden coming of the flood: people wouldn't believe what was going to happen until the flood actually arrived and took them all away. So shall my coming be.

Matthew 24:37-39

The Atlantis Legend

Every ancient culture tells the story of a prehistoric civilization destroyed by flood. Apart from the Biblical account of Noah's flood, the most renowned is the legend of the sinking of Atlantis. Ignatius Donnelly, in *Atlantis; The Antediluvian World*, compares the Biblical account with this Greek legend:

The [Biblical] Deluge plainly refers to the destruction of Atlantis, and agrees in many important particulars with the account given by Plato. The people destroyed were, in both instances, the ancient race that had created civilization; they had formerly been in a happy and sinless condition; they had become great and wicked; they were destroyed for their sins - they were destroyed by water.²

The earliest of secret societies were obsessed with the legend of Atlantis. Freemasonry is no exception. William Still, in *New World Order*, informs us that "[a]ccording to Masonic sources, the most important mystery of secret societies is an ancient plan, passed down for thou-sands of years by oral tradition, for the establishment of a world government - a 'universal democracy' - a 'New Atlantis.'"³

Old Atlantis was believed by Freemasonry to have been a democracy. Legend states that it was also an advanced scientific society. In fact, it is reputed to have been the center of learning. Still explains:

Secret societies believe that in Atlantis stood a great university where most of the arts and sciences originated. The

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structure that housed this university was an immense pyramid with many galleries and corridors, with an observatory for the study of the stars sitting on its immense apex.⁴

Mackey's Encyclopedia of Free masonry says that from this legend "developed a long-lasting tale of a continent in the Atlantic, somewhere west of the Straits of Gibraltar, once covered with civilization, which sank suddenly under the waves."⁵

Explorers have searched for "lost Atlantis" in the Mediterranean, west and south of Africa, South America, and off the east coast of the United States. In 1932 Edgar Cayce (1877-1945), a psychic from Kentucky, reportedly pinpointed Atlantis. To no one's surprise Cayce said it was where Plato had located it, in the Atlantic Ocean, though Cayce did not specify exactly where in that great watery expanse somewhere between the Mediterranean and the Gulf of Mexico. Then, he made another prediction that Atlantis would one day rise up out of the sea near the Caribbean island of Bimini.⁶

Can we find any connection between the Atlantis of ancient legend and the location of the Beast empire? Surprisingly, the apostle John gives a description similar to Cayce's of the Beast empire in Revelation 13:1: "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns...."

The numbers seven and ten from this verse in Revelation correlate with the Atlantean legend. Still states that "some 10,000 years before the Greek civilization, Atlantis was ruled in complete harmony by a cooperative commonwealth of ten kings, known as the Atlantic League. Seven of these kings ruled over the seven islands that actually made up what was called the 'continent of Atlantis.' The other three kings of the Atlantean kingdom ruled over the other three known continents: Europe, Asia, and Africa."⁷

The legend states that these ten kings were brothers, which may mean they belonged to a brotherhood

similar to Freemasonry. Freemasonry believes the number "10" is significant when applied to government. Manly P. Hall, a 33rd degree Mason, explains:

The league of ten kings is the cooperative commonwealth of mankind, the natural and proper form of human government. Atlantis, therefore, is the archetype or the pattern of government, which existed in ancient days but was destroyed.. 8

Like the Biblical story, the legend of Atlantis states that its destruction was due in large part to its passion for limitless luxury. No longer

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did the Atlanteans value goodness above material wealth. Plato says, "The portion of divinity within them was now becoming faint and weak through being oftentimes blended with a large measure of mortality."9

Loving their possessions above all else, the Atlanteans had lost their virtue. And now the seven kings of the seven isles of Atlantis amassed a great army to conquer the three continents. Because of their greed for power, the father of the gods (Zeus) caused the seven islands (seven heads) of Atlantis, with its population, to sink beneath the waves.¹⁰

Freemason Hall states that when Atlantis died, so did the "ideal pattern of government." According to Hall, the "league of ten kings" is part of the "Secret Doctrine" preserved by secret societies through their oral traditions. Hall believes that when the unifying force of the ten kings was broken, destruction automatically followed. "So complete was this destruction," he writes, "that men forgot there is a better way of life, and accepted the evils of war and crime and poverty as inevitable.... The old Atlantis is gone, dissolved in a sea of human doubts. But the Philosophical empire would come again, as a democracy of wise men."¹¹

Freemasonry planned long ago to philosophically raise Atlantis out of the sea, and in this new land, reestablish democracy as a New World Order. Masonic author George H. Steinmetz confirms in *Freemasonry:*

Its Hidden Meaning that the democratic philosophy of Freemasonry "has been traced back to the 'Lost Continent of Atlantis.'¹² He attempts to prove that Atlantis was a Masonic society by suggesting that the destroyed temples of upper Egypt are all part of that Atlantean destruction: "There [in Egypt] we find their ruined temples which, compared with our lodge rooms, have similar floor plans, the same 'dark north,' and many of the same emblems."¹³ Finally Steinmetz says that one cannot understand the universality of Freemasonry without accepting the Atlantean account.¹⁴

Hall concurs: "Masonry is a university, teaching the liberal arts and sciences of the soul to all who will attend to its words. It is a shadow of the great Atlantean Mystery School, which stood with all its splendor in the ancient City of the Golden Gates, where now the turbulent Atlantic rolls in unbroken sweep."15

Hall suggests that the antediluvian civilization was democratic, that Freemasonry planned over three centuries ago to recreate a universal democratic society that will philosophically "rise up out of the sea," and like Atlantis, join with ten kings to lead mankind in the pursuit of universal happiness. He says that the Christian Church has delayed the search for the "New Atlantis." And he alludes to the ancient Roman

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empire as the last attempt at resurrection of the Atlantean project and states that another attempt would be made.¹⁶

We can see how Freemasonry's planned resurrection of Atlantis correlates with Daniel's prophecy of a revived Roman empire. Likewise, John's vision of the Beast with ten horns (representing ten kings) is more significant in this regard given the fact that Freemasonry calls for its one-world government to be patterned after the "Atlantean League" often kings. Therefore, to locate the headquarters of Freemasonry's "New Philosophical Atlantis," Daniel's revived Roman empire, and John's Beast, we must search for a land that meets the following requirements:

1. If old Atlantis was democratic, then New Atlantis will be democratic and most likely be born of Templar French Freemasonry, the father of modern democracy.

2. John's Beast and Freemasonry's "Philosophical Atlantis" will figuratively rise up out of the sea in the Atlantic Ocean, somewhere west of the Straits of Gibraltar where old Atlantis was alleged to have sunk.
3. If resurrected west of the Straits of Gibraltar, Daniel's revived Rome will be a new land in a new world populated from the territory of the old Roman empire.
4. Daniel's uncivilized Beast will be born in an uncivilized western land bordered by water - from Daniel's vantage point at Babylon - a land in the extreme west.
5. John's Beast will eventually unite with ten kings as did old Atlantis.

Unlike Edgar Cayce, Hall is not looking for ancient Atlantis to literally rise out of the sea, but rather, looks to America as the nation that will represent "Philosophical Atlantis." In *America's Assignment With Destiny*, he writes, "The explorers who opened the New World operated from a master plan and were agents of re-discovery rather than discoverers."¹⁷ In a second book, *The Secret Destiny of America*, Hall claims that the unifying goal of ancient secret societies was to create a "New Atlantis" beyond the Atlantic Ocean, in what is now called America. "The bold resolution," he said, "was that this western continent should become the site of the philosophic empire."¹⁸

Still explains that "America, according to this Great Plan, was to become the first nation to begin to establish a 'universal democracy,' or 'world commonwealth of nations.' This quest was said to be the most noble pursuit to which a man could devote himself."¹⁹

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America: The New Atlantis

The first modern philosopher to promote America as the New Atlantis was Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626), an English lord and Sionist-Rosicrucian. As an occultist well-versed in the "Great Plan," Bacon concealed the "Secret Doctrine" in a novel entitled *New Atlantis*, in which he laid out the plan for a utopian society to be built on this newly discovered continent. Masonic authors Marie Bauer Hall and Manly P. Hall respectively say of Bacon:

[Bacon] is the Founder of Free Masonry.. the guiding light of the Rosicrucian Order, the members of which kept the torch of true universal knowledge, the Secret Doctrine of the ages, alive during the dark night of the Middle-Ages.²⁰

Bacon had been initiated into the new liberalism represented throughout Europe by secret societies of intellectuals dedicated to civil and religious freedom.... Later, when the moment was propitious, he threw the weight of his literary group with the English colonization plan for America.. cherishing as he did the dream of a great commonwealth in the New Atlantis.²¹

Still says, "Baconian scholar and Masonic enthusiast Marie Bauer Hall believes this Great Plan has been perpetuated by an international group of only the highest initiates of the secret societies."²²

We have seen how this international group has changed its name many times to conceal the Great Plan. Bacon was the first of modern philosophers to reveal this plan as a Masonic blueprint for America. The hierarchy in his day was the Priory of Sion, operating through the Order of Rose-Croix, and later the Royal Society. It was then usurped by the Knights Templar, who initially operated through the Illuminati, then the Palladian, and now through Lucis mist.

Rosicrucian Sir Walter Raleigh, a member of a secret society named after Bacon (the Baconian Circle), began the British exploration in America in 1585, settling off the coast of North Carolina on Roanoke Island. His colony failed and England did not attempt colonization again for a generation.

Meanwhile, in 1603 the Priory of Sion lost Great Britain to the Templars when James Stuart VI of Scotland ascended the British throne as King James I. German Rosicrucians immediately went into action, founding Rosicrucian Freemasonry in England, then backing Cromwell to dethrone the Templar Stuarts. Many Protestants joined Cromwell's

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cause. Finally, in 1717 the Stuarts, with their Templar Freemasonry, were deported to France.

During the on-and-off English revolution that spanned the latter half of the 17th century, the New World was colonized by British and European Protestants fleeing persecution. In 1733 English Freemasonry entered America, founding St. John's Lodge at Boston. Boston, in effect, became the Masonic capital of Britain's transatlantic colonies. Between 1733 and 1737, Grand Lodge England chartered additional provincial lodges in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. These lodges contained only three degrees.

Templar Freemasonry, having been weakened by exile to France, had no strength to establish a base in America. Unimpeded, English Freemasonry planned to inaugurate the Great Plan contained within her Secret Doctrine. Happily for America, most of the settlers were Christian, hence, the Great Plan was forced to operate more slowly from within the newly organized English lodges.

The Templars in America

One of the requirements of the Beast empire is that it be a democratic nation born of Templar French Freemasonry, the father of modern democracy.

Michael Baigent, co-author of *The Temple and The Lodge*, has traced the movement of the Templars to America. He discovered that Sionist English Freemasonry reigned supreme in Boston until a higher degree Templar lodge was warranted in 1756 by Grand Lodge Scotland. "There were thus two rival Provincial Grand Lodges in Boston," says Baigent, "St. John's, under the aegis of the Grand Lodge of England, and St. Andrew's, under the aegis of Grand Lodge of Scotland.... And on 28 August 1769, St. Andrew's conferred, for the first time anywhere in the world, a new Freemasonic degree - specifically called the Knights Templar Degree."²³

Shortly thereafter another form of Templar Freemasonry came to America. The quasi-Jacobite Grand Lodge of York warranted lodges in Virginia.²⁴ York Rite Freemasonry created additional degrees in the New World until it reached the 13th and final degree, known as the Knights Templar degree.

Thirteen-degree Templar York Rite Masonry, having ceased operation in England after establishing its base in the New World, exists today only in North America. Michael Baigent was able to trace the westward migration of the Templars by following their esoteric number "13." As

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you recall, the original Templar order consisted of thirteen degrees. The number "13" also commemorates Friday the 13th, 1307, the day persecution of the Templars began. In 1314, Jacques de Molay, the Grand Master of the Knights Templar, was burned at the stake. Only in America, says Baigent, has the Templar Grand Master received his most flattering and lavish public homage, in the form of a youth organization sponsored by Freemasonry, the Order of DeMolay.

Templar Military Lodges

The Templars also stealthily entered America through military lodges. Of particular significance are those chartered by the Irish Grand Lodge, which offered the higher degrees of Jacobite Masonry. Later these lodges incorporated the French Templar Scottish Rite degrees, further dividing colonial America between two rival forms of Freemasonry. While British politics in the colonies was dominated by English Masons in the Northeast, her military was under the influence of French Templar Field Lodges throughout the colonies - not a stable union for governing "13" rebellious colonies.²⁵

European Templars Settle America

Another identifying characteristic of the Beast's revived Roman empire, according to our analysis of Daniel 7:7-8 in chapter 26, is that it must be populated by immigrants from the territory governed by the old Roman empire. Of course colonial America was populated by peoples from a Europe shaped by ancient Rome and later by the Holy Roman Empire. Templar influence in America began after Prince Charles

Edward, the Young Stuart Pretender, failed to regain his British throne. As you recall, in 1746 he was soundly defeated, forever dashing the hopes of Scottish Templars recapturing England. As a result, many Irish and Scottish Templar Jacobites who had fought with Charles Stuart fled to America. Those who returned to France with the Prince founded the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Between 1745 and 1753, the British and European Templar population in the New World had increased dramatically. In 1754 Benjamin Franklin attempted to relieve population pressure by proposing a plan for the union of all 13 colonies. The British government rejected Franklin's proposal, fearing a united America would be difficult to control. Subsequently, the exploding population was forced to move west into

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French territory, which precipitated the French and Indian War in America, a phase of the Seven Years War on the continent of Europe. During this war the French military brought to the New World the Templar Scottish Rite, first setting up base at Boston, then Charleston, S.C.²⁶ Michael Baigent, in *The Temple and The Lodge*, explains:

Prior to the Seven Years War, most of the Freemasonry in North America was orthodox pro-Hanoverian, warranted by Grand Lodge [London]. During the Seven Years War, however, "higher degree" [Templar] Freemasonry, by means of regimental field lodges, was transplanted on a large scale to the American colonies and quickly took root. Boston - the soil from which the American Revolution was to spring - exemplifies the process of transplantation and the friction that sometimes arose from it.²⁷

Benjamin Franklin: Templar Spy Master

Benjamin Franklin became a Mason in February 1731 and Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1734, and again in 1749. In 1756 he was inducted into the Royal Society in absentia. (The Royal Society, you may recall, was an English Masonic front organization for the Rosicrucian Priory of Sion.)

Between 1757 and 1762, and again between 1764 and 1775, Franklin spent considerable time in England and France. While in England, he discovered English Freemasonry's "Secret Doctrine" for America. Franklin was in London in 1775 when he was made aware that war between the colonies and Great Britain might break out at any moment, so in March he returned to Philadelphia. Later that year he attended the Second Continental Congress, through which he helped draft the Declaration of Independence. In 1776 he was sent to Paris where he came in contact with the Illuminati. Franklin learned of the esoteric significance of the number "13" and the Illuminati plan for the "13" American colonies. He stayed in Paris only a short while, returning to America with this important information. On the afternoon of July 4, 1776, he, with two other Masons, were appointed by the Continental Congress to design the Great Seal of the United States of America, which would include the Seal of the Illuminati.

Baigent suggests that Franklin favored the Illuminati plan to create a New World democracy, a "Philosophical Atlantis," over the British plan for an oligarchic expansion of empire. When Franklin was in France, he began to build a spy network in preparation for America's independence from England. Baigent gives us the details:

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On 9 November [1777], a special committee - the "Committee of Congress for Secret Correspondence" - was appointed to establish a network of contacts among "our friends abroad." This committee consisted of Robert Morris, John Jay, Benjamin Harrison, John Dickinson and Benjamin Franklin. It was to operate extensively through Freemasonic channels and to lead to the creation of an elaborate spy network. At the same time, and quite coincidentally, it was to overlap a British spy network which ran parallel to it and also operated through Freemasonic channels. Both networks were to be based primarily in Paris, which became the centre for a vast web of espionage, intrigue and *shifting allegiances*.²⁸

Spying was not foreign to Franklin. As Deputy Postmaster General for the American colonies from the 1750s until 1775, he became particularly friendly with his British counterpart, Sir Francis Dashwood, who

moved in Jacobite Masonic circles. Dashwood also had Masonic friends who were staunch supporters of Charles Edward Stuart. While in England Franklin stayed at Dashwood's estate. Michael Baigent gives us more details about the "traditional" role of spymaster incumbent upon Postmasters-General:

Because it afforded access to virtually all letters, all communications, the position of Postmaster-General was also traditionally that of spymaster. And during the American War for Independence, their experience as Postmasters-General was to stand both Dashwood and Franklin in good stead.

In his dual role of spymaster and colonial ambassador to France, Franklin established his centre of operations in Paris. He was accompanied here by two other appointees of the Congressional Committee for Secret Correspondence, Silas Deane and Arthur Lee. Lee's brother was based in London. So, too, was Franklin's sister, who is also believed to have been engaged in espionage.²⁹

Franklin's sister introduced Franklin to the Howe brothers, one a General in the British Army, the other an Admiral, both of whom belonged to Templar military lodges in the colonial theater of operation. As Templars they were favorable to the rebellion. And in fact in 1781 the Howe brothers were accused of "belonging to a 'faction' which conspired to facilitate the colonists' bid for independence."³⁰

Franklin's Templar Masonic friends in the postal service and in the military also had Templar sympathizers in the British Parliament. These

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traitors to the British Crown clandestinely raised money for the Colonial Continental Army and remitted it to Franklin in Paris. Franklin passed it on to North America, or used it in France to purchase arms and material.

In 1778 Franklin joined the Illuminati lodge "Neuf Soeurs" (Nine Sisters), assisting in the initiation of Voltaire. Later he became Grand Master of the Lodge. In 1782 Franklin joined a more elusive and mysterious Freemasonic conclave, the Royal Lodge of Commanders of the Temple West.

As stated earlier, the British spy network in Paris was also Masonic. Its agents had penetrated Franklin's operation by joining his Nine Sisters' Lodge. Thus, "the British government was kept apprised not only of the colonists' activities, but also of French plans for entering the war."³¹

British knowledge of the impending colonial revolt did not, however, reach ears in America, because the British colonial high command in charge of the Crown's army and navy in the New World (namely the Howe brothers) were Templar Freemasons solidly in the camp of Franklin. To guarantee the success of the American Revolution, the Howe brothers displayed dilatory conduct throughout the war.

A Templar American Revolution

The war for American independence was a continuation of the battle between English and French Freemasonry. The conflict over the control of "New Atlantis" originated in Boston between two adversarial lodges, Sionist St. John's and Templar St. Andrew's. Among the members of St. Andrew's were John Hancock and Paul Revere. To the south in Virginia were two other Templar Masons, Patrick Henry and Richard Henry Lee, who in 1769 prompted the Virginia Assembly to formally condemn the British government. Events swiftly accelerated toward open conflict between England and her American colonies. In 1770 the famous Boston Massacre occurred when British sentries killed five rioters. In 1771 thirteen rebels were executed for treason in North Carolina. In 1772 two prominent Freemasons, John Brown and Abraham Whipple, had attacked a customs ship off Rhode Island and burned it. In 1773 the British government increased the tax on tea to keep the British East India Company solvent. In retaliation, Templar Masons from St. Andrew's Lodge dressed as Mohawk Indians, boarded the *Dartmouth* in Boston harbor and dumped its tea overboard. This was the famous "Boston Tea Party" that is said to have triggered the American Revolution.³²

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It took three months for the news of the "Boston Tea Party" to reach London, whereupon the British

Parliament declared Massachusetts to be in a state of rebellion. Not realizing the significance of the Masonic division in the colonies, the Crown's action was swift and misguidedly drastic. The "Boston Port Bill," which placed an embargo on all trade with Boston, for example, effectively closed the port,³³ and stiffened colonial resolve against the Crown.

On September 5, 1774, the First Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia to plan action against the British. The Congress was under the presidency of Templar Freemason Peyton Randolph, a prominent attorney and Provincial Grand Master of Virginia. Boston delegates included Samuel Adams and Paul Revere. In February 1775, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress met and announced plans for armed resistance. Within a month Templar Freemason Patrick Henry made his famous speech - "Give me liberty, or give me death" - to Virginia's Provincial Assembly. On April 18, 1775, 700 British troops were dispatched outside Boston. Templar Freemason Paul Revere made his famous ride, announcing "The Red Coats are coming!" The Templar bid to take America from Rosicrucian England had begun.³⁴

The Templars and Public Opinion

Englishman Thomas Paine joined Grand Orient Freemasonry while living in Paris. Shortly before the American Revolution, he returned to England and founded several Grand Orient lodges in that country.

Paine was in London when the Boston Tea Party ignited the American Revolution. In 1774 he embarked for Philadelphia. From the City of Brotherly Love, Paine published *Common Sense*, which "did much to polarize attitudes and convert many hitherto loyal colonists to the principle of independence from the mother country." ³⁵

The Templars and the Colonial Military

Before the War of Independence began, the Second Continental congress was still under Templar control with the presidency of Peyton Randolph. When Randolph died, John Hancock of St. Andrew's Lodge became president. On May 10, 1775, the Templar-controlled Congress made its move to control the Colonial military by authorizing the raising of a full-fledged Continental army. George Washington, a prominent Templar Mason under the Virginia Grand Mastership of Randolph, was

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appointed commander-in-chief of the army. Baigent writes, "Indeed, during the early days of the war, the high command of the Continental Army was dominated by Freemasons."³⁶

Virtually all the military generals under Washington were Templar Masons, most of whom were more qualified than he. Richard Montgomery was a prominent Jacobite Mason from Ireland. David Wooster organized the Templar Hiram Lodge No.1 in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1750. Hugh Mercer of the rebel Jacobite army of Charles Edward Stuart had escaped to Philadelphia in 1746. Arthur St. Clair was descended from the Templar Sinclairs in Scotland. Horatio Gates, a Templar Mason, was one of Washington's closest friends. And Israel Putnam was a member of a Templar military lodge.³⁷

The list could go on. John Dixon, Joseph Frye, William Maxwell, and Elias Dayton. All were Templar Freemasons. Yet, of the many generals more qualified than Washington - generals who could have resented his appointment as commander-in-chief - only one did, Freemason Benedict Arnold. His resentment led to treason.

These American generals repeatedly went against tremendous odds. Each time the British generals backed off, as if they wanted the rebels to win their independence. Baigent gives several examples of how the Howe brothers were slothful in the manner in which they fought the colonists:

It is significant that during the following year (1776) - the year of Washington's most severe defeats - he, not Howe, was on the offensive. Howe did not seek him out; he sought out Howe. When he did, Howe reacted cursorily - almost like a man swatting away a fly and going back to sleep.

Thus, on 26 December 1776, Washington made his famous crossing of the Delaware and fell in a surprise attack on a detachment of Hessians at Trenton. Eluding the main British force under Cornwallis, he then, on 3 January 1777, won a second victory at Princeton against a smaller contingent.

Instead of responding, however, Howe, whose army was vastly superior in both numbers and supplies, simply abandoned New Jersey and moved into Pennsylvania. On 11 September, he brushed aside Washington's assault at Brandywine. Instead of pursuing, however, he proceeded to occupy Philadelphia whence the Continental Congress had hastily fled - and established winter quarters. Three weeks later, on 4 October, Washington attacked again, at Germantown. Again, Howe repulsed him, this time

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inflicting particularly heavy casualties. His army plagued by disease, desertion, low morale and lack of supplies, Washington withdrew into his own winter quarters at Valley Forge. With gentlemanly good sportsmanship, Howe left him alone to lick his wounds and rebuild his shattered army.³⁸

When the Howe brothers were accused of facilitating the colonists' bid for independence, the accusation was also extended to George Washington. Baigent quotes an open letter by one "Cicero" as saying, "Washington's whole conduct demonstrated a confidence which could arise from nothing short of certain knowledge."³⁹

Templars and the New Masonic Republic

The severe winter of 1776 took its toll on Washington's army. In the spring of 1777 he began to rebuild. By then word had spread through the Continental lodges in Europe that America was experiencing the world's first Templar Masonic Revolution. Response was overwhelming. Baigent gives us brief details:

In this process of rebuilding the [American] Continental Army, Freemasonry was to play a particularly significant role. Lured by the dreams which Freemasonry had helped to inculcate, professional soldiers from abroad crossed the Atlantic and rallied to the colonists' cause. There was, for example, Baron Friedrich von Steuben, a Prussian veteran recruited by Franklin and Deane, who became Washington's drill-master. Bringing with him the discipline and professionalism of Frederick the Great's army, Steuben, almost single-handedly, turned the raw colonial recruits into an efficient fighting force. There was also the Frenchman Johann de Kaib, another veteran of European battlefields, who was to become perhaps the most competent and reliable of Washington's subordinate commanders.

There was Casimir Pulaski, a passionately committed Pole, destined to die of his wounds at the Siege of Savannah. From Poland, too, came Tadeusz Kosciuszko, who constructed the elaborate fortifications for West Point and became the colonists' leading military architect and engineer. Finally, of course, there was the twenty-year-old Marquis de Lafayette, whose status and charismatic personality compensated for his lack of military

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experience and had a dramatic effect on morale, while his diplomatic activity was to prove crucial. Indeed, he was probably more responsible than anyone else for bringing France into the war, and this, in turn, made possible the final victory at Yorktown. With the exception of Kosciuszko, on whom no relevant information survives, all of these men were known or probable [Templar] Freemasons. Lafayette and Steuben in particular saw themselves as contributing to the foundation of the ideal Freemasonic republic.⁴⁰

Templar Masons occupied every dominant position that either ran or protected the fledgling nation. The 1951 Masonic edition of the Holy Bible reports that "twenty-four of George Washington's major generals were Masons, as were thirty of his thirty-three brigadier generals. Of fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, fifty-three were Master Masons."⁴¹ Freemason Manly P. Hall says, "all but five were Masons"⁴² - still, an overwhelming majority.

Moreover, on February 4, 1789, George Washington, while Grand Master of Alexandria Lodge No.22 in Virginia, was elected first President of the United States. Freemason John Adams was his Vice President

The Oath of Office was administered by Robert Livingston, Grand Master of New York's Grand Lodge. The Marshall of the day was Freemason General Jacob Morton. Freemason General Morgan Lewis was Washington's escort. The Bible used for the oath was a Masonic Edition from St. John's Lodge No.1 of New York.⁴³

From the time Ben Franklin made contact with the Illuminati in Paris, to the election of our first President, Templar Freemasonry was in total control of American politics. A century later Professor Charles Eliott Norton of Harvard spoke the following words to his history students:

"Not only were many of the founders of the United States Government Masons, but they received aid from a secret and august body [the Illuminati] existing in Europe, which helped them to establish this country for a peculiar and particular purpose known only to the initiated few. "⁴⁴

Today we know what that "peculiar and particular purpose" was. According to Masonic authority already quoted, the United States of America was Freemasonry's "Philosophical Atlantis" resurrected from the "sea" to establish a democratic nation in the New World that would set the standard for the Old World. Included in this "Great Plan," as we shall soon learn from analysing the meaning of The Great Seal of the United States, was a reuniting of the two adversaries, the Priory of Sion and the Knights Templar. America's system of government was to

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be a harbinger of things to come - a world of democracy built by Templar Freemasonry, under the watchful eye of the Priory of Sion.

To the Atlanteans, America had philosophically risen "up out of the sea" and had become the new utopia of the world, as envisioned by Sir Francis Bacon. The Illuminati, however, had discarded Great Britain and her English Freemasonry in favor of the United States of America as the new protector of the Priory of Sion. The Knights Templar would begin to build the New World Order in America under Sion's watchful "eye."

The United States in Bible Prophecy?

This author was educated at university by Bible prophecy teachers who taught that the United States of America was not in prophecy. They claimed that the Bible remains strangely silent on this issue. Why? Because America will be short-lived - unworthy of mention in prophecy.

It is unlikely that Bible prophecy would remain silent on a 200-year-old America because it is short-lived, when we learned in chapter 26 that the seventh head of the Beast was prophesied to be short-lived - and may have been 10-year-old Nazi Germany. Accepting for the moment that America is not mentioned in prophecy by location, and remembering that America was established by Freemasonry, perhaps Scripture sheds light on America's future, not by location, but by Masonic intrigue and symbols - the same intrigue and symbols understood and used in all mystery religions during Bible times. The author found this to be the case.

In Daniel 2 and 7 the prophet had a vision of four world empires, which, in order, are Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. Daniel's vision shows Rome eventually dividing East and West (2:41), then dividing still further into ten toes (2:42). The ten toes represent ten end-time kings who will be crushed by a "Stone" (2:44-45). The Stone is Jesus Christ.⁴⁵ Daniel describes this end-time power in 7:7-8 as a Beast with ten horns:

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. 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

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the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

This fourth Beast represents both old Rome and revived Rome. Verse 7 is the former and verse 8 is the latter. That the ten horns are mentioned in both verses, suggests they are ten European nations that existed in the old Roman empire, and exist in the revived Roman empire as well. The ten horns or nations are not the same as the Beast, for Revelation 17:12-13 states that the ten horns will become subservient to the Beast.

The "little horn" that "came up [from] among" the ten horns represents the birth of revived Rome, a nation that is not one of the ten, but an eleventh nation that "came up [from]" the ten. It appears to be a new nation founded in the latter days by a few people from the territory of the ten, for Daniel 11:23 speaks of it maturing: "he [the little horn] shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small [few] people."

Before the "little horn," or young nation, matures, it plucks up three of the ten European horns by the roots. The phrase "plucked up by the roots" in Hebrew means "to hamstring."⁴⁶ The little horn "with a small [few] people" is strong enough to hamstring the three, but not mighty enough to destroy them. After a time, however, the little horn builds strength and becomes the Beast, incorporating the ten horns in its empire.

Most prophecy teachers are still looking to the future for the birth of the "little horn." One, however, writes: "We will not find in the future what has already transpired in history."⁴⁷ Randy Shupe, author of the mistitled book, *Is America Mystery Babylon the Great?*, believes young America is the "little horn." Of the three horns plucked up by their roots, he says, "All had colonial roots planted in America. Through the revolutionary war England was 'plucked up' [eastern third]. France sold out rather than facing war with 'little America' [central third]. Spain was the last to be 'plucked up' through the provoked war with Mexico in 1847. By 1848 Mexico had been defeated and conceded its remaining holdings in America [western third]."⁴⁸

Young America did not destroy these nations, but rather, as prophecy states, "hamstrung" them. In Daniel 8:25 we read how the Beast matured: "And through his policy [wisdom] also he shall cause craft [deceit] to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace [prosperity through safety] shall destroy [decay] many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand [decay from within, or self-destruct]."

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The key words above describe perfectly the cultural, political, economic, criminal and Masonic life in America today. *Policy* means "intelligence, wisdom."⁴⁹ *Craft* means deceiving, fraud, deceit, false, feigned, guile, treachery.⁵⁰ *Peace* means "security, abundance, peace, prosperity, secure or successful, prosper in safety."⁵¹ *Destroy* means "to decay, corrupt, or spoil."⁵² *Broken* means, both literally and figuratively, "to burst."⁵³ It carries the idea of self-destruction when used with the phrase, "broken without hand." *Without hand* means "to disappear, cease to exist, or fail from within."⁵⁴

We shall now examine how these key words from Daniel's prophecy of the Beast finds fulfillment in contemporary America.

Deceit and America's Wars

Daniel uses the word *craft* to describe the deceit used by the Beast. The prophet affirms in 11:23 that this deceit makes the Beast a military power: "he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong...."

Craft is a synonym for Freemasonry and a nickname for witchcraft. The Hebrew meaning in this verse does not convey the idea of a secret society or the use of witchcraft, but does define the deception in Freemasonry. History confirms the same, revealing that England, France and Spain (the three horns "plucked up by their roots") were "ham-strung" by Masonic deception. For example, our Revolutionary War against British control was a deception, for it was secretly organized in our own Masonic lodges. Our negotiations with France in 1803 for the Louisiana Purchase involved four Masons: Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston, James Monroe, and Napoleon Bonaparte. America took advantage of, or "hamstrung" Napoleon, who was in desperate need of the miniscule amount paid for the Louisiana Territory.⁵⁵ Our war with Mexico to oust Spain from the western frontier was a Masonic war. The Most Rev. Francis Clement Kelley, in *Blood-Drenched Altars*, describes in detail the Masonic intrigue that flourished on both sides during that war.⁵⁶

And finally, our entry into both World Wars, as we have seen, was engineered through Masonic deceit, which wars made us the most powerful military force in the world. As Daniel prophesied in 11:23, "he [the Beast] shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong...." No political or civil body can stand or survive continuously when deceit becomes its root and branch. This deceit will eventually cause our nation to "be broken without hand" (decay from within), as described by the prophet in Daniel 8:25.

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America's Military Muscle

A recent secular book entitled *The Coming Caesars*, subtitled *A challenging interpretation of America's destiny in the Light of World History*, speaks prophetically of America's role as the dominant world power. The dustjacket boasts:

The author of this challenging and controversial interpretation of America's historical and political destiny believes that our Western world, Europe and America, is threatened with the advent of Caesarism on a scale unknown since the Roman Empire... the tremendous increase in the relative power of America.. is virtually becoming an American Empire.⁵⁷

America has the most powerful military force on earth. Daniel says in 11:38 that the Beast shall "increase," that is build up, his military "forces." The decade of the 1980s certainly saw a build-up of American military might. And in the spring of 1991, the world witnessed the awesome military weapons of America during the Gulf War with Iraq.

In Revelation 13:4, John asks, "Who can make war against him [the Beast]?"⁵⁸ In Revelation 13:13 John describes what seems to be a Star Wars weapon used by the Beast: "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of man. (Our Star Wars program now in development uses laser beam and particle beam weaponry. A charged particle beam shot from a satellite would be similar to a lightning bolt, looking much like fire coming down from heaven.)

Policy and America's Cultural Imperialism

Virtually all Americans are aware of our global ascendancy, military might, and cultural dominance. An excerpt from a story in the August 23, 1990 *Rocky Mountain News* illustrates the height and breadth of this awareness:

We have cultural dominion. The Academy Awards, a glitzy trade show of some California merchants, were watched on television by 1 billion people in 94 countries - which is linked to the fact that for the first time since Babel, there is an emerging universal language. It is American, or if you prefer the archaic term, English.

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America is the intellectual center of the world. Our universities are the best. That's why so many foreign students study here. America won 48% of the Nobel Prizes in science and medicine in the 1960s. And 55% in the 1970s. And 64% in the 1980s.

Daniel 8:25 says, "And through his [the Beast's] policy...." The word for "policy" in Hebrew means "intelligence, wisdom." In other words, it is the policy of the Beast kingdom to operate with intelligence. America has the brightest minds in the world.

The Rocky Mountain News continues: "From all over, people come here. We take in more legal immigrants than the rest of the world put together. Legislation now moving through Congress will likely raise the number, yielding healthy population growth."

Daniel 2:43 says that the Beast kingdom will be a mixture of people.⁵⁹ Likewise, Revelation 13:1 states

that the Beast kingdom will "rise up out of the sea" - *sea* meaning peoples.

"Such cultural influence, prosperity, commercial and military power," continues the *Rocky Mountain News*, "have never before been in the hands of one nation. We stand partially guilty as charged by anti-Americans. We are, indeed, the most potent cultural imperialists in history, although non-coercive on the side of liberty.... Our standard of living remains the highest in the world. And, with little notice, American businessmen are buying into Europe at record rates."

Western Europe, which according to Scripture and our analysis will eventually side with the Beast, is presently concerned about American businessmen. On National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* (April 25, 1991), commentators interviewed European government officials, who voiced concern about the United States of America preparing to build an economic bloc against the soon-to-be United States of Europe, citing, for example, the Free Trade negotiations between the U.S.A., Mexico, and Canada. Economic barriers torn down between these three nations, the broadcast said, would mostly benefit the U.S.A., making it economically superior to any nation, or group of nations on earth, even the United States of Europe.

Europe's fear of America is not limited to economic power alone, but to military power as well. In the same broadcast the commentators spoke of the recent imperialistic nature of America in the Persian Gulf Crisis. Before the disintegration of the U.S.S.R., western Europe remained free from war because of the balance of power between the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union, the commentators said. After having observed America's unopposed military might during the pounding the

United States gave Iraq, European politicians are in fear that America, if left unrestrained, will revert to military force to resolve international conflicts.

Ancient Rome and the United States: A Comparison Rome

Rome	America
From 100-300 A.D. most of pagan Rome converted to Christianity.	When our nation was founded 67 percent of America's population was Christian.
Christians in Rome suffered severe persecution.	Christians in America were fleeing European persecution
Rome was the melting-pot of the world.	America is the melting-pot of the world.
Rome was a democracy based upon a two-party system (the Optimates and the Populares).	The U.S.A. is a democracy based upon a two-party system (the Democrats and the Republicans).
Rome had a divided balance of power (Roman Tribune and his Senate).	America has a divided balance of power (the American President and his Congress).
Rome was based on specific laws (Rome's 12 tables).	America is based on specific laws (our Constitution).
Rome protected the rights of its citizens.	America protects the rights of its citizens (Bill of Rights).
In Rome all men were equal (Inter-national law of Rome).	In America all men are equal (Declaration of Independence).
Rome had a sordid history of slavery.	America had a sordid history of slavery.
Rome was capitalistic.	America is capitalistic.
Rome practiced abortion as a means of population control.	America practices abortion as a form of birth control.
Rome loved R-rated entertainment (history of Pompeii).	America protects R-rated entertainment under the First Amendment as freedom of speech.
Rome had a welfare program funded by taxes.	America's welfare budget rivals our military budget.

Rome had a thriving business in lawsuits	America has a thriving business in lawsuits.
Sports was Rome's pastime.	In America football dominates fall and winter, basketball winter and spring, and baseball spring and summer.
Ancient Rome's national emblem was the single-headed eagle pointing west	America's national emblem is the single-headed eagle pointing west
From 300-500 A.D. the Roman Church was weakened spiritually because of pagan infiltration.	After 200 years the Church in America has been weakened spiritually because of Masonic infiltration. ⁶⁰

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"America": What's in a Name?

Most historians attribute the name "America" to the explorer Amerigo Vespucci. Freemasonry, however, has a different point of view. According to Freemason and author Manly Hall, the Indians in Central and South America say the name came from their gods, who were peace-loving. For example, the supreme god of the Mayan culture of Central America was known as Quetzalcoatl, a light skinned god who wore a long white robe covered with red crosses. Carved in the stones of his temples were serpents. Quetzalcoatl was known as the peace-loving serpent god.

The same god in Peru was known as Amaru, the god of peace, who was pictured as a plumed serpent. Amaru's territory was known as Amaruca. The 1895 issue of *Lucifer*, a periodical published by Freemason Blavatsky's Theosophical Society, states:

From the latter comes our word America. Amaruca is, literally translated, "Land of the Plumed Serpent." The Priests

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of this God of Peace once ruled the Americas. All the Red men who have remained true to the ancient religion are still under his sway.⁶¹

According to author William T. Still, "Manly Hall claims that since the serpent is frequently symbolic of Lucifer, it is no exaggeration to extrapolate from this that America may well mean 'Land of Lucifer.'"⁶²

In chapter 14 we learned that the hierarchy in Freemasonry considers Lucifer to be the good, benevolent and peace-loving god. America is known as the good, benevolent, and peace-loving nation. In chapter 5 we learned that the Seal of the Illuminati (the unfinished pyramid, its capstone, and its All-Seeing Eye) represents the kingdom of Lucifer. The image of this Luciferian masterpiece makes up half of "The Great Seal of the United States of America." (See the reverse side of your \$1 bill.)

Ezekiel 28:12 tells us that Lucifer was the epitome of beauty. "America, the Beautiful" may therefore be a sinister figure of speech for "Lucifer, the Beautiful!"

Is America a Christian Nation?

Almighty God has always raised up a righteous standard against the enemy. Noah was that standard before God destroyed the earth by water. Shem, which means "the appointed one to make things right,"⁶³ was that standard after the Flood. In Old Testament times the nation of Israel was that standard in the East. Today Christianity is that standard in the West.

Isaiah 59 is a prophetic description of the evil that will pervade the world in the last days. Verse 19 in

particular is a prophecy of God's Christian standard against evil from the West: "So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west.... When the enemy [referring to the Beast] shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Isaiah's prophecy suggests that the Beast (the end-time enemy) and the standard against him will both come from the West - more specifically, from the Western Hemisphere, for the Hebrew word for "west" means *extreme west* - "the region of the setting sun."⁶⁴

History bears record that Christianity has flourished in the West; more specifically, in the United States of America.

Long before "the enemy" of Christianity, which we know today as Freemasonry, came "in like a flood," and founded democracy in America,

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God had established his standard in this land with a population of Christians fleeing various persecutions in Europe. William Still informs us that "Although secret societies were generally able to guide the course of political change in colonial America, the vast majority of the population was Christian in its religious orientation. In fact, according to Constitutional scholar John W. Whitehead, when the Constitution was adopted in 1787, the population of the United States numbered about 3.25 million, of whom at least two million were Christians."⁶⁵

Bible scholar and author Clarence Larkin dates the beginning of the Philadelphia Church age to the colonial era of American history. Writing in 1919, he says that the Philadelphia Church "made possible the evangelistic and missionary labors of the past 150 years."⁶⁶

The greatest missionary movement of all time has been sustained by the United States of America, whose churches have either tradition-ally sent or supported 95 percent of the world's missionaries.⁶⁷ Christ's words of commendation to the Philadelphia Church in Revelation 3:8 have become a cliché in evangelistic America: "I know thy works:

behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

Perhaps the headquarters of the Philadelphia Church is the United States of America. This, however, does not mean that America is a Christian nation. Christians in America, not the government of the United States, have taken the gospel of God's Son around the world. For this reason America is known as a Christian nation. In this nation - the land from where the end-time Beast will arise - God has set up His righteous standard against the enemy.

Perhaps Christ's promise to the Philadelphia Church in Revelation 3:10 is a promise to Christians in America: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation [the tribulation], which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

Perhaps our land has never witnessed foreign invasion because of this promise.

Is Democracy Godly?

The activity of Satan in history would suggest that his end-time empire will be tyrannical - much like communism or fascism. That, however, is not to be the case - at least, not at first. Satan, the Master Deceiver, has reserved his greatest deception for the end-time. He will gain power by offering peace and prosperity through democracy.

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Is Democracy Godly in the Church?

Many Christians consider democracy and prosperity a God-given blessing. Yet, both have created the last age or period of the Church, the lukewarm Laodicean Church of Revelation 3:14-22. The word *Laodicea* means "the people speak."⁶⁸

Based upon definition, Laodicea can be seen plainly as the age of the democratic Church, "rich, and increased with goods, and [in] need of nothing," not even in need of Christ, the Head of the Church, Who we vote out. Our Savior stands outside the Laodicean Church door, knocking for reentry (3:20).

Is Democracy Godly in Government?

In Proverbs 11:15, God says, "By me kings reign." Yet, in a democracy man elevates his will above God's. For example, the Preamble to our Constitution begins with, "We the People...."

"We the people" have replaced God-appointed rulers with man-elected rulers. Yet, from time to time our merciful God offers opportunity in a democracy to vote a righteous man into office. We were given that chance in 1988 with the Presidential candidacy of Pat Robertson. Those who watch *The 700 Club* on television have witnessed Robertson pray daily for the healing of the sick and the healing of our nation. He is devoted to evangelizing the world with the gospel of Christ through television. During his presidential campaign, he publicly declared Jesus Christ as Lord of his life. He said that if he were elected President, Christ would be Lord of his Administration.

Did we vote for him? We should have, because Christians in America knew him much better than any other candidate. In stead, we voted for George Bush, a Templar who promotes the Masonic New World Order.

In the most recent election the Republican platform was predominantly a Christian platform. Did we vote for righteousness? Not at all! The majority voted for Clinton and Perot, who both espoused abortion rights.

Is Democracy Godly when Divided?

Daniel 2:43 informs us that the revived Roman empire will be rife with division: "And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay." ⁶⁹

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Democracy is "iron mixed with baked clay" - the weakest form of government, because it is based on division. For example, in the governmental arena the power is divided among the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. The Legislative is divided between the House and Senate, and further divided between Democrats and Republicans, causing decision-making to bog down. When legislation is passed, the Executive branch may veto it, or the Judicial branch overturn it. And the process begins again. In the political arena the two-party system divides voters. In the ethnic arena we are a mixture of peoples, as Daniel's prophecy declares, dividing ourselves into communities of race and color.

Is Democracy Godly in Religion?

Most devastating is the division in religions, commonly called freedom of religion. Mixing religions has been the nemesis of the one true religion throughout history. For example, when Israel permitted false religions equal opportunity, the Jews went whoring after false gods. America is experiencing the same today. As our revived Roman government accepts more and more emigrants, we have become a nation of pagan religions. To make sure we do not offend the new arrivals, Bible reading and prayer have been outlawed in our public schools. Gradually our educational heritage has been replaced with "New Age" rituals.

Now, with the demise of the Soviet Union, we are anticipating a democratic world. The Beast empire will begin as a democratic empire, and the world will worship it. At first the Beast will act benevolently and be a peace-maker. One day, however, he will show his true character and rule with an iron hand, forcing the world to accept his mark and worship him.

Democracy has left us to our own devices. Is it godly?

Mark of the Beast upon America

As we previously noted, Michael Baigent has traced the movement of the Knights Templar from its birth a thousand years ago in Jerusalem, to France, to Scotland, to the British throne, back to France, and finally

to America. The three symbols which led Baigent half way around the world in search of the present-day headquarters of the Templars are (1) the skull and crossbones; (2) the octagon, an esoteric form of the Templar splayed cross; and (3) the number "13." We will consider each in this order.

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Skull and Bones

Antony C. Sutton in the 1980s authored several books on the subject of a little known secret society at Yale University. This society, first exposed a century earlier on October 13, 1873, in *The Iconoclast*, a New Haven, CT. newspaper, is known by several names: The Order, the Brotherhood of Death, and Skull and Bones.

Fifteen seniors are permitted membership each year. They are known as Knights during that year, and after graduation are called Patriarchs. Photographs taken of each year's members show 13 standing and two sitting. Resting atop a table between the two sitting Knights is a human skull and crossbones, the symbol of the Knights Templar. For their entire lives, the initiates wear the skull and bones symbol on their breast.

The Order refers to the outside world as Gentiles and vandals, and like Freemasonry, claims to be Jewish. Yet, Yale graduate and Jewish journalist, Ron Rosenbaum, expressed concern in *Esquire* magazine (September 1977) that The Order has some definite anti-Semitic tendencies.

Sutton ties The Order to the Illuminati, both having been founded in Germany - the former soon after the suppression of the latter. In 1833, three years following the death of Adam Weishaupt, a chapter of The Order was opened at Yale. Sutton reports that "over the century and a half span, a group of 20-30 families has emerged to dominate The Order." ⁷⁰

These families fall into two major groups. First are old line American families who arrived on the east coast in the 1600s from various parts of Great Britain when Templar Stuart kings ruled England - during the time Sir Francis Bacon was promoting America as the "New Atlantis." Many of these American families, no doubt, can trace their origins to the old Templar families. They are Whitney, Lord, Phelps, Wadsworth, Allen, Bundy, Adams, etc. The second group are "families who acquired wealth in the last 100 years, sent their sons to Yale and in time became almost old line families, e.g. Harriman, Rockefeller, Payne, Davison." ⁷¹

To date about 2500 Yale graduates have been initiated into The Order. At any one time about 500-600 are alive and active, most of whom gather annually for a reunion. We find their names listed as directors on boards of major corporations. They specifically dominate non-profit foundations - and they have taken over both the Ford and Carnegie foundations, neither of whose founders were members of The Order. They have penetrated industry, and a dozen members can be linked to the Federal Reserve. Many are members of the Council on Foreign

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Relation (CFR) and its spin-off, the Trilateral Commission. Some have been Supreme Court Justices politicians at the state and federal levels, and Presidents of the United States.

Members of The Order have founded the American Historical Association, the American Economic Association, the American Chemical Society, and the American Psychological Association. The Order was the forerunner of the League to Enforce the Peace, which developed into the League of Nations, which link ties The Order to Templar Grand Orient Freemasonry, founder of the League of Nations.

The Order has also penetrated communications with members such as Henry Luce of *Time-Life*; William Buckley of *National Review*; Alfred Cowles, president of Cowles Communications, the *Des Moines Register*, and the *Minneapolis Star*; Emmert Bates of Litton Educational Systems; Richard Ely Danielson of the *Atlantic Monthly*; Russell Wheller Davenport of *Fortune*; and John Chipman Farrar of Farrar, Straus, the publishers. ⁷²

"Historically," says Sutton, "operations of The Order have concentrated on society, how to change society in a specific manner towards a specific goal: a New World Order.

The Order's most famous member today is former President George Bush. It is often said, "He is Skull and Bones to the marrow," the highest compliment one Bonesman can pay another. ⁷⁴

George Bush was the first person in high office to promote publicly the Templar Masonic New World Order. Following are some of his remarks leading up to, and during the U.N.- Iraqi war. The first is an

excerpt from his speech to a joint session of Congress, September 11, 1990:

The crisis in the Persian Gulf, grave as it is, offers a rare opportunity toward an historic period of cooperation. Out of these troubled times our fifth objective, a New World Order, can emerge. This is the vision I shared with President Gorbachev in Helsinki. He, and other leaders from Europe, the Gulf and around the world understand how we manage this crisis today could shape the future for generations to come.⁷⁵

Secretary of State James Baker, on his way to Brussels, Belgium, in the fall of 1990, echoed the President's language in his answer to a question about punishing Saddam Hussein for invading Kuwait:

We think that it would set an extremely unfortunate precedent for the New World Order that we hope will result from this first real crisis of the post cold war era if we start out by somehow rewarding aggression.

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If we really believe that there's an opportunity here for a New World Order, and many of us do believe that, we can't start out by appeasing aggression.⁷⁶

On February 6, 1991, at the height of the war, President Bush spoke before the Economic Club of New York City. Peter G. Peterson, current chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), and David Rockefeller, member of the CFR and the Lucis trust, and founder of the Trilateral Commission, were both sitting at the head table with George Bush. After his speech the President was asked by a reporter, "You have talked several times about basing the future on a New World Order. Can you give us a definition of a New World Order, and if it depends on the collaboration between the Soviet Union and the United States, how do events in the [then intact] Soviet Union affect this concept?"⁷⁷

Two truths emerge from Bush's answer: (1) the New World Order is not a Soviet-styled form of government, but a world democracy; and (2) it does not depend on the [now former] Soviet Union. Bush's reply was:

Well, it doesn't depend entirely on it, but it would be greatly enhanced by a Soviet Union that goes down the line with its commitment to market reform, to private ownership of land, to a free economic system, to a system that resists, and does not use force to assure order amongst the republics, that goes farther down the road with elections, and all the openness that I give President Gorbachev credit for.... Now, my vision of a New World Order foresees a United Nations with a revitalized peacekeeping function.⁷⁸

The Octagon, or Templar Splayed Cross

The illuminated French Grand Orient engineered and achieved the French Revolution, then in 1801 merged with the Templar Scottish Rite. That same year in Charleston, South Carolina, the Southern Jurisdiction of Templar Scottish Rite Freemasonry created the 33rd degree Supreme Council, adopting the French Masonic constitution as its own. The Templar splayed cross became the Jewel of the 33rd degree. (See Appendix 2, Figs. 6 and 7.)

The Charleston Lodge was immediately established as Sovereign over all Templar Scottish Rite orders throughout the world. In 1833 its school for higher learning became Yale College. In 1865 Templar Freemasonry's political headquarters were shifted to Washington, D.C.

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Moreover, both Washington and Charleston are the most militarily protected cities in America. Surrounding their outskirts are huge silos filled with anti-ballistic missiles. Charleston alone has over 2,000

- twice as many as Washington. No other city but Charleston can boast such protection.

In 1795 our Masonic founding fathers laid out the streets of Washington to form Masonic symbols - the Square, the Compass, the Rule, the Pentagram, the Pentagon and the Octagon. Edward Decker explains the significance of the design of Washington, D.C. in *FREEMASONRY:*

Satan's Door to America:

Take any good street map of downtown Washington, D.C. and find the Capitol Building. Facing the Capitol from the Mall and using the Capitol as the head or top of the Compass, the left leg is represented by Pennsylvania Ave. and the right leg, Maryland Ave. The Square is found in the usual Masonic position with intersection of Canal St. and Louisiana Ave. The left leg of the Compass stands on the Jefferson Memorial. The circle drive and short streets behind the Capitol form the head and ears of what Satanists call the Goat of *Mendes* or Goat's head.

On top [to the north] of the White House is an inverted 5-pointed star, or Pentagram. The point is facing South in true occult fashion. It sits within the intersections of Connecticut and Vermont Avenues north to Dupont and Logan Circles, with Rhode Island and Massachusetts going to Washington Circle to the West and Mt. Vernon Square on the East.

The center of the pentagram is 16th St. where, thirteen blocks due north of the very center of the White House, the Masonic House of The Temple sits at the top of this occult iceberg.

The Washington Monument stands in perfect line to the intersecting point of the form of the Masonic square, stretching from the House of the Temple to the Capitol building. Within the hypotenuse of that right triangle sit many of the headquarters buildings for the most powerful departments of government, such as the Justice Dept., U.S. Senate and the Internal Revenue Service.

Every key Federal building from the White House to the Capitol Building has had a cornerstone laid in a Masonic ritual and had specific Masonic paraphernalia placed in each one.

The Washington Monument actually represents the *Phallic Principle* upon which Speculative Masonry is based. From above, the monument and its circular drive form the esoteric Masonic "Point within a circle." The Reflecting Pool bears its shadowed image, with the illusion duplicated in the Lincoln Memorial.⁷⁹

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Michael Baigent notes the final Templar mark: "The Capitol and the White House were each to become focal points of an elaborate geometry governing the layout of the nation's capital city. This geometry, origin-ally devised by an architect named Pierre l'Enfant, was subsequently modified by Washington and Jefferson so as to produce specifically octagonal patterns incorporating the particular cross used as a device by Masonic Templars."⁸⁰

Baigent says, "It is in America that our story comes full circle, for it is there that the Knights Templar have received the most fulsome public homage to be paid them anywhere in the world."⁸¹

Sion and Templars Reconcile

The Illuminati planned to discard Great Britain as protector of the Priory of Sion after creating a New World Order under Templar protection. Ben Franklin was exposed to this plan while in Paris, where he also learned that peace between Sion and the Temple was to be made in America. Templar Freemasonry was then to build the New World Order in America under the watchful eye of Sion.

The story of the rapprochement between Sion and the Templars is contained in the Seal of the Illuminati, which identifies the Illuminati with both the Knights Templar and the Priory of Sion. (The Seal can be seen on the left-back of a \$1 bill.) The Templars are represented by the thirteen steps of the unfinished pyramid and the thirteen letters in the words, *Annuit Coeptis*. The Priory of Sion is represented by the Egyptian form of the All-Seeing Eye atop the unfinished pyramid.

In 1776 Ben Franklin incorporated the Seal of the Illuminati as part of the Great Seal of the United States. He then set up headquarters in Paris from which to direct the American revolution.⁸² Afterwards, Templar America was to lead the world into peace and prosperity under the watchful eye of Sion.⁸³

Daniel's Vision: The Great Seal of the United States

E. Raymond Capt, author of *Our Great Seal* (1979), writes: "It was late in the afternoon of July 4, 1776, after the members of the Continental Congress had signed the 'Declaration of Independence' that a resolution was passed: 'Resolved, that Dr. Franklin, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. Jefferson be a committee to prepare a device for a seal of the United States of America.'"⁸⁴

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Franklin and Jefferson were both Templar Masons and members of the Illuminati. Adams was a Mason, but did not become aware of the illuminati influence in America until the end of the 18th century, at which time he became alarmed.⁸⁵



At the behest of Franklin, the Seal of the Illuminati became part of the Great Seal of the United States. Above and below the Illuminati pyramid are the Latin words *Anno Oceptis Novus Ordo Seclorum*, meaning "Announcing the Birth of a New Secular Order!" (New Secular Order can also be interpreted as New World Order.)

As the Latin word *seclorum* implies, America was to be a secular nation, divorced from all religion - a harbinger of the Universal Masonic New World Order. The United States was not the New World Order, "but the birth of," or catalyst behind, a new Masonic concept for the world. America was assigned the task of finishing the universal pyramid empire for Templar Freemasonry.

Hovering above the unfinished pyramid is the triangular capstone with rays of the sun shooting from its peak. In the capstone is an eye like the eye of a man.

The capstone signifies the dwelling place of the pagan god.

The All-Seeing Eye represents the pagan god. The gods of eastern mystery religions were believed by pagans to have dwelt in the peaks of the highest mountains; therefore, pagans literally worshipped on mountain peaks, called "high places" in Scripture. Where there were no mountains, pyramids were built to represent mountain peaks.

Dr. Merrill F. Unger, in *Archaeology and the Old Testament*, informs us that the pyramids or ziggurats of Mesopotamia were given the names *Mountain of God*, or *Hill of Heaven*.⁸⁶ Like the gods who dwell in the mountain peaks, their gods are said to have dwelt on the peak of these pyramids.

In Eastern mystery religions, the "triangle" is the geometric symbol used to represent the pyramid or high place on mountain peaks. The Egyptians placed inside their triangle a single eye to represent their sun-god, Osiris. This symbol was adopted by the Priory of Sion and then by Freemasonry. The prophet Daniel saw this symbol when he described the Beast nation as the "little horn" in Daniel 7:8:

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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 eyes of man*....

Horn in Hebrew literally means *apeak of a mountain, a ray of light*. It comes from a prime root word, which figuratively means *a horn that shoots out rays, shines*.⁸⁷

What is most astounding about Daniel's vision is his description of what he saw inside the horn, or sun-rayed triangle. He says, "in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man..."

For some unknown reason translators have made the Hebrew word for "eyes" plural. In the original, however, it is singular.⁸⁸ What Daniel actually said was, "in this sun-rayed triangle was an eye like the eye of man" What Daniel actually saw was the Great Seal of the United States of America - the emblem of revived Rome.

John's Vision: The Base of the Seal

Superimposed on the base layer of bricks on the unfinished pyramid are the Roman numerals MDCCLXXVI (1776), representing the founding date of both the Illuminati and the United States of America. The year 1776 is of utmost significance in identifying the birth of revived Rome. It is the only date that arranges the Roman numerals in the exact order spoken of by John in Revelation 13:18: "and his number is Six hundred threescore and six" ($600 + 60 + 6 = 666$).

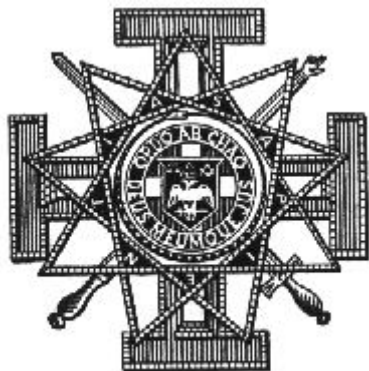
To decipher this arrangement, we must understand more about triangle symbology. We mentioned above that the triangle is symbolic of the pagan pyramid temple or high place. Eastern mystery religions also use triangles to symbolize the three planes of creation - heaven, earth, and hell.

The 33rd degree Templar Scottish Rite of Freemasonry recognizes these three planes of creation in its *Jewel*. These triangles also symbolize the three secret societies in Freemasonry: (1) the Blue Lodge, degrees 1-3; (2) the Scottish Rite, degrees 4-32; and (3) the Supreme Council, degree 33.

The *Jewel* of the 33rd degree consists of three interlaced triangles, signifying the Supreme Council's dominion over the three secret societies within the Scottish Rite, as well as its perceived dominion over the three planes of creation. Notice the double-headed eagle of the Roman empire in the center of the hooped serpent biting its own tail. The hooped serpent represents zero, the evolutionary origin of Free-

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masonry's serpent god. In the background is the splayed cross of the Knights Templar.



JEWEL OF THE 33RD DEGREE

According to Warren Weston in *Father of Lies*, each plane of creation has its own occult trinity represented by the three corners of the triangle - god the father, god the mother, and god the son.⁹ God the father (the highest numerical value) is at the peak of each triangle, god the mother (the next highest value) is at the lower left, and god the son (the lowest value) is at the lower right.

We have separated the three triangles below, placing them in a row to represent the three planes of occult creation. By grouping the nine Roman numerals in the above order of threes, remembering that the old style for "M" was CIC with the right-hand "C" turned backwards, we are able to decipher the mark of the Beast:

Hidden in the Great Seal of the United States of America is the mark of the Beast in the exact numerical order prophesied by John. Revelation 13:16-17 informs us that the number will be tied to the medium of exchange; that it will be carried in the palm of the hand or in the forehead; that no man can buy or sell without it.

In 1934 President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a 32nd-degree Freemason at the time, had the Seal of the Illuminati placed on the reverse side of our \$1 bill. Since that time, when we in America buy and sell with the almighty dollar, the mark of the Beast is in the palm of our hand. If we

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use credit cards, the mark of the Beast is transferred from our hand to our forehead, for the Greek word for forehead means to transfer.⁹⁰ The Greek also suggests the use of computers by defining forehead as accompaniment or association.⁹¹ For instance, behind the forehead is the brain, or human computer. Synonyms of accompaniment and association are companion and resemblance. John's use of the word forehead, therefore, may suggest a companion to, or resemblance of the human brain - a computer.

Don't be alarmed. This type of buying and selling is not what John warns us against. His warning is against the ultimate cashless society that the computers are working towards. We are warned against accepting a mandatory private number through which all buying and selling will be controlled. For example, the so called "Smart Card," the size of a credit card, has a chip that can hold 1,600 pp of

information. Our new President is proposing to control health care from birth with this card.



THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The left side of the Great Seal is spiritual. The All-Seeing Eye hovering above the unfinished pyramid represents the Priory of Sion overseeing the Templar task of building a universal New World Order.

The right side of the Great Seal is political. The 13-starred hexagram hovering above the Flying Eagle represents the union of Sion and the Temple brought about by the revived Roman empire.

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The American Eagle: Symbol of Revived Rome

The coat of arms for America became known as the Great Seal of the United States. As we have just seen, the visions of both the prophets Daniel and John, prophesied this emblem or symbol of the Beast. On the front side of the two-sided Seal is displayed the so-called American Eagle. William Still explains what the eagle really represents:



[T]he small tuft at the back of the head indicates a hybrid combination of an eagle and the mythical phoenix. This is hardly a revolutionary discovery. The eagle was not the original bird pictured on many coins of early America.

[These coins do] not show the rugged, familiar lines of the American bald eagle, but the thin, long-necked, crested profile of the phoenix.⁹²

The phoenix is a legendary bird which according to legend lived 500 years, burned itself to ashes on a pyre, and rose alive from the ashes to live again. It was one of the most familiar symbols in Egyptian and Atlantean cultures. Moreover, the single-headed phoenix-eagle was the national emblem of ancient Rome, before Constantine divided the empire. *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* tells the story: "The Eagle Displayed, that is, with extended wings, as if in the act of flying, has always, from the majestic character of the bird, been deemed an emblem of imperial power. Marius, the [Roman] consul,

first consecrated the eagle, about eight years before the Christian era, to be the sole Roman standard at the head of every legion, and hence it became the standard of the Roman Empire ever afterward. As the single-headed eagle was thus adopted as the symbol of imperial power, the double-headed eagle naturally became the representative of a double empire; and on the division of the Roman dominions into the eastern and western empire, which were afterward consolidated by the Carolingian race [through which the Merovingian Holy Bloodline survived] into what was ever after called the Holy Roman Empire, the double-headed eagle was assumed as the

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emblem of this double empire; one head looking, as it were, to the West, or Rome, and the other to the East, or Byzantium."⁹³

To Freemasonry the double-headed eagle represents immortality and resurrection. In this form it becomes the emblem of the 33rd degree Mason. *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* makes one of the most profound statements regarding the double-headed eagle, which statement suggests that the assignment of the Templar Scottish Rite is to revive the Roman empire:

The double-headed eagle was brought by Crusaders to the Emperors of the East and West.... [It] was first introduced as a symbol into Freemasonry in the year 1758. In that year the Body calling itself the Council of Emperors of the East and West was established in Paris.... [Its] successors today are the Supreme Council, 33rd degree.~

Mackey subtly hides the Templars in the name "Crusaders," whose plan, after having conquered Jerusalem, was to revive the Roman empire. This "Secret Doctrine" was kept under lock for five centuries until the New World was discovered. In 1801, the year the Templar Scottish Rite Supreme Council of the world was founded at Charleston, the double-headed eagle was adopted by that body, signifying that the Emperors of the East and West transferred their headquarters to America where the Roman empire would be revived.

The Flowing Ribbon

In the beak of the phoenix-eagle is a flowing ribbon inscribed with *E pluribus Unum*, meaning "one out of many." William Still remarks of the slogan: "This has a double meaning: both the unification of the American states into the American nation, and the ultimate goal, a unification of nations into a one world state."⁹⁵

The slogan, "one out of many," has prophetic significance in identifying revived Rome. The "one" Roman Empire covered "many" nations - all of Europe and the territory of the old Grecian Empire. "One out of many" also refers to "many nationalities." Rome itself had every nationality living in its city limits. Likewise, America, which was settled by Europeans from the territories of the old Roman Empire, has the distinguishing mark of being a mixed multitude of races. The prophet Daniel spoke of revived Rome in his interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2:43: "And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture..."

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The apostle John affirms the same in Revelation 13:1: "And I stood upon the sand of the sea. and saw a beast rise up out of the sea...." Literally the United States rose up from between two oceans, the Atlantic and Pacific, and became to the Masonic hierarchy the "New Atlantis," and was prophesied by the prophets Daniel and John as the revived Rome. As we have noted, figuratively "sea" means "a mixture of peoples, or nationalities, or nations." All three are true in America today. Every race and nationality is represented in our citizenry. And 50 nation-states make up the whole of the United States.

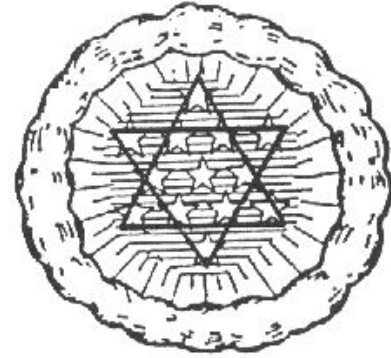
Ten Kings United with the Beast: Ridden in the Glory Cloud

One day the Beast will cause ten European nations to agree to unite with him. What crisis will initiate this merger can only be a matter of speculation. It could occur as a result of war, or it may be an economic merger. Western Europe is in fear of both.

The unopposed military might of the United States and the economic threat the Americas (Canada, the U.S.A., and Mexico) present to Europe is of paramount concern to the Old World. Moreover, London, "that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth," is also considered a threat, because its banking system controls the finances of the world.

The glory cloud hovering above the hybrid Eagle represents unity between Sion and the Temple. In the glory cloud is the hexagram, or six-pointed star created by a unique arrangement of thirteen pentagrams, or five-pointed stars. E. Raymond Capt, in *Our Great Seal*, states: "This hexagram is composed of two equilateral triangles and in each triangle are exactly ten stars."⁹⁷

As we have learned, the hexagram is the coat of arms of the Priory of Sion. The thirteen pentagrams (five-pointed stars) represent both the thirteen colonies of America, and the Knights Templar. They demonstrate the desired unity the United States will bring to Sion and the Temple. The ten pentagrams in the two equilateral triangles represent the perfect unity of government in "New Atlantis," that is, a government ruled over by ten kings, as was



THE GLORY CLOUD

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old Atlantis. These are the same ten kings who Will be given power for a short time with the Beast.

In the center of the hexagram is a hexagon, within which are seven stars. Thus, the Glory Cloud provides us with the individual numbers "7" and "10", while including the seven with the ten. This correlates with the body of the Beast with seven heads and ten horns. The "7" could represent the seven-nation Trilateral Commission, four of which are members of the European Economic Community, which will eventually consist of ten nations.

The Olive Branch of Peace

In the right talon of the Eagle is an olive branch with thirteen leaves and thirteen olives. Raymond Capt says, "The official explanation is that it signifies peace."⁹⁸ It has a deeper meaning, however. It represents America holding out the olive branch of peace to the Priory of Sion and the Knights Templar, and ultimately to the world.

The Arrows of Military Might

In the left talon of the Eagle are thirteen arrows, which appear to contradict the olive branch of peace. The official explanation, says Capt, is that "they represent the war power of the country, which is thus shown to be in a state of readiness and preparation." He adds "The Arrows are most appropriately given the secondary or sinister place in the grasp of the Eagle's talon. America prefers peace to war. We offer first, the right hand of friendship. However, we are prepared for conflict."⁹⁹

The arrows and olive branch also represent the means by which the Beast will maintain peace on earth. The apostle John asks in Revelation 13:4 "Who can make war with him [the Beast]?" Daniel says in 8:25, by peace he shall destroy many. Peace will be maintained by threat of war.

The Shield of Defense

To complement the arrows of military might and the olive branch of peace is the thirteen-striped

escutcheon, or shield. "From earliest times," says Capt, "the shieldans been the most honored of defensive arms.... Its deep significance has continued to remain among all peoples as the emblem of supreme protection." 100

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Daniel 11:38 describes the Beast as honoring the god *of forces*, which in Hebrew means *military defense*. The United States of America has the most awesome defense force in the world. Our "Star Wars" program being built in outer space is supposedly for "defense." Our military budget is called a "defense budget."

In Conclusion

The clandestine struggle between English and French Freemasonry is over the control of a one-world government. Christians have lived under every and all forms of government, and may experience living, at the beginning at least, under a one-world government.

This is not a problem, for Christians lived under the one-world government of ancient Rome. The problem is Christians who have billed ranks with Freemasonry - the order that is destined to establish the one-world government of the Antichrist. If you are a Christian in the Lodge, you are contributing to this creation.

Christ pleads with you in Revelation 18:4, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

The apostle John completes his prophecy with these words recorded in Revelation 22:20: "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

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