

# Revelation 83 Authority to Govern?

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Revelation 13:7-10



# Authority to Govern: Flows from Worship

- ♦ Modern governments view religion separate from themselves since French Revolution
  - ♦ America's Constitution Establishment Clause, government shall not establish a state religion, has morphed into a *separation* of religion and state on *paper*; embraced by Christians
  - ♦ Government laws define right and wrong with punishments prescribed for wrongs
  - ♦ Religion is a system of morality used by government legitimizing its laws
  - ♦ Thus, **every** government is based on religion; atheism is a religion {Scientism}
- ♦ Antichrist (AC) unmasks this *self-imposed* delusion: Satan is god and AC is his prophet
  - ♦ Americans already *worship* President as savior from problems over Bible: Elections
  - ♦ Republicans and Democrats: Denominations of same *works-based* faith – **Implacable** fervor
  - ♦ Adherence to *works-based faith* over Truth; purpose: Develop ONE unifying faith

# Authority to Govern: Granted by Christ

- ♦ Christ, Creator, ultimate authority of who governs; chose Abel over Cain (Is 45:1-7; Ro 13:1-7; Col 1:15-20)
  - ♦ God allows Man to *show* his character by governing; Cain rejected Abel (Ge 4:1-9; Ro 1:18-28)
  - ♦ Man developed government to Control sinners to populate earth; however, sinful people seek Control over governments, theirs and yours via rebellion and war (Ge 4:17; 1Sa 15:23; Ac 4:15-20)
  - ♦ Man *proves* himself sinful by not governing rightly (Hab 1:12-17; Ro 3:3-4)
  - ♦ God holds governments accountable, people in government; their excuse: Their sin displays God's righteousness; they are God's mirror (Ps 82; Hab 2:6-20; Ro 3:5-8; 13:1-7)
- ♦ Christ allows AC to establish Control over sinners via his religion {The Lie} (1Co 2:16; 2Th 2:3-12)
  - ♦ AC's religion incorporates ALL *works-based* faiths: Roman emperor worship (Mt 6:24)
  - ♦ ALL who do not have Christ's mark have AC's mark; they embrace AC {LEM; LNC} (Ez 9:3-6)

# Do Have an Ear? Can You Hear Jesus?

- ♦ Idiom: *If anyone has an ear, let him hear* – Saved taught by Spirit *hear* Truth; Lost consider it foolishness and *hear* The Lie as truth (1Co 2:14)
  - ♦ Two Distinct groups: Lost or Saved {LEM; LNC}
- ♦ Goes off into Captivity – Lost {Azazel} (Le 16:7-10)
  - ♦ Jesus *gives* them up to their **desires** evidenced by worship of AC, and via him: Satan (Ro 1:24-28)
  - ♦ Lost embrace AC's Lie are slaves to sin (Da 12:1-2; Ro 6:15-16)
  - ♦ Four governing regions like religious denominations, only one: Har Megiddo {Armageddon}
- ♦ Given to the Sword – Saved {*Herbert Marcuse on Tolerance* – Critical Theory}
  - ♦ Saved carry Christ's *mark* and will be given over to the First Death {Many, not all} (Mt 6:25-33)
  - ♦ Saved do not die vainly; by their murders {Abel}, the Lost {Cain} *show themselves* sinners
  - ♦ Saved: Absence from this life; presence with the Lord {Follow Christ's Example} (2Co 5:6-10; 1Pe 2:20-25)

# Call for: Endurance – Faith

- ♦ Bible's definition of Faith: Assurance hoped for – Conviction not seen. (He 11:1)
  - ♦ Hope {Future}: Belief in Christ's promise of Life He received (Ro 6:5-11; 8:24-25)
  - ♦ Conviction {Present}: We do not see it now; we live in Spirit's Truth of its reality (2Ki 6:16-17)
  - ♦ Historically believers murdered because they believed Christ though they did not fully possess salvation or even understanding its Truth; Trusted Christ (Ro 4:1-14; He 11:32-40; 2Pe 3:15-18)
- ♦ Every generation of Saved called to live by Faith amidst Satan's governments
  - ♦ Endurance {Hypomene}: Not come from within; Fruit of the Spirit – City to come (Ga 5:22-24; He 11:10)
  - ♦ PROCESS by which Father refines Saved into His Gems {Job} (Da 11:33-35; 12:3)
- ♦ All who endure to the end will be Saved; possible only via the Spirit (Mt 24:9-14)
  - ♦ Saved still sin; they repent knowing only Jesus has *words of Life*... (Jn 6:66-69; 1Jo 1:9-10)

# Why Do People Believe AC? Need a Savior in *Troubled* Times

- ♦ Why do people believe, follow and worship AC?
  - ♦ Heavens disrupted: Sun's Micronova with frequent Solar Flares, CMEs and EMPs
  - ♦ Tribulation begins with tremendous earthquake starting tectonic shift back to one continent
  - ♦ Frequent tremors and volcano eruptions darken sky, disrupt food production with wholesale deaths from diseases, famine and societal generalized Disruption; looking for a *savior*
  - ♦ *AC appears* from shadows offering hope if people trust him...Christ as Demiurge, gnosticism
  - ♦ Modern *education* conditions people to accept his faith as true: Hermetic dialectic scientism
  - ♦ ~~His claim *appears* true when he is killed then resurrected: Promises life w/o repentance~~