

#2179 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 438, **The Pale Horse, (xxxv), The Fourth Part of the Earth: The naming of America by Martin Waldseemüller**

Key Understanding: *Naming the land in the New World ‘America’*. The first person to attach the name *America* to the land in the New World was German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller in 1507. The New World was considered the “fourth part of the world.”



Above is a 19th century painting of Martin Waldseemüller. Waldseemüller did not know of North America, and was primarily labeling South America as “America”.

The name “America” appeared for the first time on this 1507 world map. Waldseemüller relied on Ptolemaic (Egyptian) geographic sources for most of Europe and Asia. Africa has much detail along the coasts, based on the information of Portuguese travelers. China was based on information from Marco Polo. The original map measured over 4’ x 7’, printed on 12 woodcut sheets (like what is shown below, which is the only surviving copy of Waldseemüller’s original printing of the map).



In late May 2003, the Library of Congress in the United States completed the purchase of the only surviving copy (*shown above*) of the first image of the outline of the continents of the world as we know them today – **Martin Waldseemüller’s monumental 1507 world map**. The map has been referred to in various circles as *America’s birth certificate* because it was the first document on which the name “America” appears. It is also the first map to depict a separate and full Western Hemisphere and the first map to represent the Pacific Ocean as a separate body of water.

Cartographic contributions by Johannes Schöner in 1515 and by Peter Apian in 1520 adopted the name “America” for the Western Hemisphere, and the name then became part of accepted usage. A reported 1,000 copies of the 1507 map were printed, which was a sizeable print run in those days. This single surviving copy of the map exists because it was kept in a portfolio by Schöner (1477-1547), a German globe maker, who probably had acquired a copy of the map for his own cartographic work.

Revelation 6:8 (KJV) And I looked, and behold A PALE HORSE: and his name that sat on him was DEATH, AND HELL followed with him. And power was given unto them over THE FOURTH PART OF THE EARTH . . .

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