

## EP69 Revelation 9 verses 11-12

In our last podcast we addressed the detailed descriptions which the Spirit gave us about the army of locust-like demonic spirits that are released from the Abyss. In this podcast, we are going to address their king, the angel of the Abyss. This is one of the most important passages in terms of helping us understand the Beast, just like **Revelation 17:7-13** are the pivotal passages enabling us to understand the kingdom of the Beast, imaged as having 7-heads and 10-horns.

### The King of the Abyss

#### **Revelation 9:11**

They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek, he has the name Apollyon.

This is the capstone verse of this section, for it reveals to us the secret identity of the Beast, and it helps unravel various mysteries that will be presented in **Revelation 13** and **17**. We previously made the scriptural connection between this angel of the Abyss and the Beast, so we will not repeat that journey. Thus, the key to this verse is found in his name, Abaddon in Hebrew, and Apollyon in Greek.

This is the first time the Spirit has given us a name to be associated with any demonic spirit. He does not even give us the name of Lucifer, but just utilizes various adjectives and pictures to describe him (dragon, serpent of old, the devil, and the Satan). So, this is unique, and it is clearly vital that we understand it.

By the way, this also opens for us many references in the Old Testament of which we would otherwise be guessing at their meaning.

#### *The Destroyer*

Abaddon in Hebrew means “**destruction**” and Apollyon in Greek means “**destroyer**.” We are given both the Hebrew and the Greek so we can identify this character throughout the Old and the New Testament, for he traverses the pages of each.

This is the spirit that possesses and empowers the man we call the Antichrist.<sup>1</sup> And it is because of this spirit’s name that the man we call the Antichrist is referred to as the “*Son of Destruction*,” with the emphasis being on the “parent” in that relationship—the demon who is called “Destruction.”<sup>2</sup> The man we call the Antichrist is just a man, but his power will be as a result of this angel of the Abyss who possesses Him. And the name is more than fitting since this demon will attempt to destroy the people of God.

Not only is the Beast one of the greatest of all the angels ever created by God, being one of those angels that is referred to as the “*first of the ways of God*,” we will find that He gets supercharged by Lucifer

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<sup>1</sup> **Revelation 9:1-11**

<sup>2</sup> **2 Thessalonians 2:3**

as this Dragon gives the Beast his power, and his throne, and great authority.<sup>3</sup> He is also empowered by frog-like “spirits” of demons that possess him. Yes, spirits of demons possessing other spirits. **Very Bizarre!** This is what makes this Beast such a daunting character.

In the book of **Job**, the Beast is imaged as the great Behemoth who eats grass like an Ox (or understood in **Code**, he devours people).<sup>4</sup> The picture we are given is that this Behemoth is unassailable by man and will crush anyone and anything upon which he treads.<sup>5</sup> **Yahweh** says that no one can conquer this Beast except for its creator.<sup>6</sup> There is no animal on earth that fits this description, as man has killed practically everything. So, we can be sure that this description of Behemoth is a spiritual being. This is the very reason why the world will worship the Beast saying, “*Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?*”<sup>7</sup>

### *Created to Destroy*

The Destroyer is an angel, part of the hosts of heaven who are servants of **Yahweh Sabaoth**. As stated in **Job**, the Beast is part of the first of God’s creation (“In the beginning God created the heavens *and the earth*”<sup>8</sup>). Before mankind was created, God created those beings that exist in the heavenly unseen realms, including the Beast imaged as the great Behemoth.

Throughout the **Codex**, we find that this specific angel was used by God as a means of bringing destruction against many nations, and he was a terribly busy demon. He was created to destroy;<sup>9</sup> hence, His name is **Destroyer** or **Destruction**. He was the angel at the Passover responsible for the slaughter of Egypt’s firstborn, and he was even used by God to bring a plague of death into the camp of the Israelites to destroy those who were grumblers and complainers. And there are so many other references to this destroyer, and it is always used with a personal pronoun, “the destroyer.”<sup>10</sup>

This demon also, in times past, manifested himself to humanity and demanded to be worshiped as a god. By the way, all the gods whom the pagan nations worship are just demons in disguise posing as gods, and the things which the gentiles sacrifice are sacrificed to demons.<sup>11</sup>

It seems odd, but certain rank of spirits can manifest themselves to humanity as gods to be worshiped by mankind. For instance, we see this with Baal, Ashtoreth, Milcom, Molech, and Chemosh, all gods that led the Israelites into apostasy.<sup>12</sup> In the **Codex**, **Yahweh** is revealed in His heavenly counsel addressing these spirits, whom He calls “gods”—those who have clearly violated their original calling to be a help to

<sup>3</sup> **Job 40:19; Revelation 13:2**

<sup>4</sup> **Job 40:15-24**

<sup>5</sup> **Job 40:24**

<sup>6</sup> **Job 40:19** — “Let his maker bring near his sword”

<sup>7</sup> **Revelation 13:4-5**. See also **Daniel 7:7-9, 19-27**

<sup>8</sup> **Genesis 1:1**

<sup>9</sup> **Isaiah 54:16**

<sup>10</sup> **Exodus 12:23; Numbers 21:29; Judges 11:23-24; 2 Samuel 24:16; 1 Chronicles 21:15; Job 15:21; Isaiah 16:4, 21:2, 33:1, 54:16; Jeremiah 6:26, 48:7, 48: 18, 48:32, 51:56; 1 Corinthians 10:10** referencing **Numbers 16:49; Hebrews 11:28; Revelation 9:11**

<sup>11</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:20**

<sup>12</sup> See **1 Kings 11:5-8**

mankind and instead demand to be worshipped by mankind.<sup>13</sup>

In that regard, Abaddon/Apollyon was worshiped as the principal god of the Amorites, the Moabites, and also Ebla (ancient Syria).<sup>14</sup> And none other than King Solomon built a temple for him on the Temple Mount, next to the House of **Yahweh**, which made the worship of this demon-god part of the religious life of Israel for nearly 400 years.<sup>15</sup>

Some have conjectured he is the same demonic spirit that is called Molech.<sup>16</sup> This is unlikely since “names” are very important, and the Spirit draws our attention to a specific god, by giving us its name (Abaddon/Apollyon).

In terms of the name “*Molech*,” some argue that the name “Molech” is derived from combining the consonants of the Hebrew word “*melech*,” meaning king (indicating that he was a powerful ruler in the spiritual realms) with the vowels of the word “*boshet*” meaning shame. This god was primarily identified by the worship it demanded, the sacrifice of babies and young children—a shameful and disgraceful practice for any nation.

In that regard, it is also argued that the consonants “*MLK*” in the Phoenician language means “sacrifice.” This notion captures the reason why the arms and hands of the idols of Molech are stretched out. Molech’s worshippers would build a fire underneath the arms, and once they became super-heated, they would place their babies on the arms and hands offering them up as a living sacrifice. Now, whether “Molech” means “king of shame” or “sacrifice”, the meanings are distinct from that of Abaddon/Apollyon.

In addition, the idols of Molech were that of a bull-headed creature with its arms and hands outstretched. Whereas Chemosh was known as the “fish God” due to the hats his priests wore, which looked like fish with their mouths open (terrifyingly identical to the Papal hat of our day).

And finally, we are told in the **Codex** that “*Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain, which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon. Thus, also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.*”<sup>17</sup>

The Spirit makes it clear to us that from His perspective, these are separate spiritual rulers who once manifested themselves as gods to humanity.

As for Abaddon/Apollyon, this ancient God of Moab was principally known as Chemosh (Kamish), which like *Abaddon* and *Apollyon*, literally means the “Destroyer,” “Destruction.” or “Subduer.” However, Chemosh crossed some line in his dealings with Moab, whereby **Yahweh** intervened and exiled him to the Abyss, together with his priests and princes, e.g., his demonic cohorts (the locust-like demons).<sup>18</sup>

So, what could have been so bad that God would have sent the Destroyer Chemosh, along with his priests and princes into exile in the Abyss? There are a couple of possibilities.

It might be in part because of this one event recorded in **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings** when the king of Israel, Jehoram

<sup>13</sup> See **Psalm 82**. See also **Psalm 95:3, 96:4-5, 97:7-9, 135:5, 136:2, 138:1**

<sup>14</sup> **2 Kings 23; Judges 11:24**

<sup>15</sup> **1 Kings 11:7**

<sup>16</sup> Molech is referred to as the God of the Amorites: **1 Kings 11:7, 33**

<sup>17</sup> **1 Kings 11:7-8**

<sup>18</sup> **Jeremiah 48:7**

(whose name means “**Yahweh** raised”), went to war against the king of Moab who had refused to pay the historical tribute to the king of Israel. The Israelites slaughtered the Moabites and their cities, stopped up their water wells and felled all their good trees. But then events took a scary turn.

*“When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him 700 men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not. Then he took his oldest [first born in the Septuagint] son who was to reign in his place and offered him as a burnt offering on the wall. And there came great wrath against Israel, and they departed from him and returned to their own land.”<sup>19</sup>*

It is most likely that the king of Moab offered up his son to Chemosh, who was the god, the ruler, or the judge of the Moabites. And in response, Chemosh turned great wrath toward Israel. We are not sure what that “great wrath” consisted of, but it must have been bad since on the cusp of ultimate victory, the Israelites departed and returned to their own land.

Some think that this was the wrath of **Yahweh**, but the text does not even hint at that. The implication is that this god Chemosh accepted the offering and in response turned some level of overwhelming fear and great indignation toward the Israelites.

There is an interesting passage in the book of **Amos** where **Yahweh** says, *“For three transgressions of Moab and for four I will not revoke its punishment, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime. So, I will send fire upon Moab, and it will consume the citadels of Kerioth; and Moab will die amid tumult, with war cries and the sound of a trumpet. I will also cut off the judge from her midst and slay all her princes with him,” says Yahweh*.<sup>20</sup>

This reference to **Yahweh** cutting off the judge and the princes with him is likely a reference to God’s judgment of exile on Chemosh and his demonic princess and priests, the hoard of angelic locust-like demons. Keep in mind, that according to **Psalms**, these so-called “gods” have been empowered by **Yahweh** to be judges of mankind.<sup>21</sup> His intention of course was that they would judge righteously, but clearly these spirits who manifest themselves as gods abandoned their calling.

We know of 2 of the 4-transgressions of Moab, the incident of the king of Moab offering up His first born to Chemosh, and Chemosh expressing great wrath, and then this odd reference to the burning of the bones of the king of Edom. *But for three transgressions of Moab and for four, Yahweh would not revoke its punishment.* Whatever the causes, the prophet Jeremiah tells us that **Yahweh** exiled Chemosh, the Destroyer, and he does not show up again until he is released from the Abyss.<sup>22</sup>

Thus, from the perspective of the other angels and demons, Chemosh “**was**” (he existed previously and played a key role in the spiritual realms) and then “**was not**” (he was exiled to the Abyss and believed to have incurred a fatal wound—dead—as no one has ever returned from the Abyss), and **is to come**, about to arise out of the Abyss and go {or going} to destruction.<sup>23</sup>

And the angels and demons who will be cast down to this world will be shocked that he ostensibly rises from the dead, overcoming what they thought was a fatal wound and yet was healed. Hence, “*the whole*

<sup>19</sup> **2 Kings 3:26-27**

<sup>20</sup> **Amos 2:1-3**

<sup>21</sup> **Psalms 82:2, 58:1**

<sup>22</sup> **Jeremiah 48:7**

<sup>23</sup> **Revelation 17:8.** Note: certain manuscripts render “go” as a participle—“going”

*earth was amazed and followed after the Beast.”<sup>24</sup>*

### **Messianic Impersonation**

Perhaps this imagery in **Revelation 13** and the phrase in **Revelation 17:8** of one who “*was, was not, and is to come*” gives us insight as to why he was cast into the Abyss. Clearly, he must have presented himself to the angels and to the people who worshiped him as equal to **Yahweh**, since this epitaph of one who is, who was, and who is to come is ripped off from what is said about **Yahweh**.<sup>25</sup> It’s as if **Yahweh** let Chemosh be worshiped as a god, but at some point after he, Abaddon/Apollyon tried to convince the angels and people that he was the Messiah, therefore, **Yahweh** cut him off and assigned him (and his demonic hoard) to the Abyss.

The one act that seems very “**Yahweh**” like is when he poured out great wrath or indignation upon Israel. The pouring out of “great wrath” on the people of God, is an act reserved for **Yahweh**, as we will see. Again, that might have been the reason for his demise.

His time for impersonating the Messiah had not yet come. But once released, this demon, this antichrist, will once again attempt to convince the angels and the people that he is the Messiah for which they have been waiting. He promises that he will take on the Lamb of God and that he alone will have the victory.<sup>26</sup>

Are you ever amazed at the sheer arrogance of the demonic kingdom when it comes to God and the people of God? Somehow, they are convinced that they have a chance at winning. I can just imagine the dialogue between the Dragon and the Beast when the Dragon was laying out the plan. “So, I will give you my power, throne, and great authority and super-charge you. You will get control of my Satanic counsel of rulers.” “What are my chances,” said the Beast. “Not good,” says the Dragon. “Not good? Like 1 out of a 100?” says the Beast. “I’d say more like 1 out of a million,” says the Dragon.” The Beast gazes deeply into the eyes of the Dragon and says, “So, you’re telling me there’s a chance—Yeah!”

Just like Lucifer is convinced that he will replace the Father on the throne, the Dragon convinces the Beast that he will replace Jesus on His throne.<sup>27</sup> And yet, even now, they are all subject, 100% to the decrees of their master **Yahweh Sabaoth**, to the Father and to Jesus—the Lamb of God. Thus, it is wild that they are so delusional to think they have a chance, that they have some trick, some super deception in the bag, so-to-speak, that they are going to use to turn-the-tables on Jesus. They are so wrong!

There is only one Lord God Almighty (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) and the unholy trinity of Lucifer, the Beast, and the False Prophet will never even have a chance, not even 1 in a million. They will all be dispatched with a word—that is all it will take, a simple word from the mouth of the risen Son of Man and they will come to their end.

## **The End of the Destroyer**

**Psalms 2** address this arrogance and the gall of the demonic realms, the “*kings of the earth*” (demonic rulers) who think they can throw off the control and rule which **Yahweh Sabaoth** exercises over their lives.

<sup>24</sup> **Revelation 13:3**

<sup>25</sup> **Revelation 1:4, 8**

<sup>26</sup> See **2 Thessalonians 2:1-11; Daniel 7:21, 25-27; Revelation 11:7, 13:7, 18:24**

<sup>27</sup> **Isaiah 14:13**

It's pathetic, and He who sits in heaven simply laughs at their unfounded pride.

### ***Psalms 2***

Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The **kings of the earth** take their stand **and the rulers** take counsel together against **Yahweh** and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!"

He who sits in the heavens laughs, **Yahweh** scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, "But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain." I will surely tell of the decree of **Yahweh**: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"

Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship **Yahweh** with reverence and rejoice with trembling. **Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled.**

God literally just laughs at them, mocks them. Yet, despite the warning, these spirits who have abandoned their proper abode (these "kings of the earth," these "judges") will not listen, and they will perish. In that regard, **Yahweh** was clear in His prophetic promise about the Destroyer's demise. And with all the terrible news surrounding the **End Times**, at least there is some good news. The Beast and all his minions lose.

### ***Isaiah 33:1***

Woe to you, O destroyer, while you were not destroyed [likely referring to his exile]; and he who is treacherous, while others did not deal treacherously with him. **As soon as you finish destroying, you will be destroyed**; as soon as you cease to deal treacherously, others will deal treacherously with you.

### ***Daniel 7:23-27***

Thus, he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. 'As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. 'He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. 'But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, **annihilated and destroyed forever.**

### ***Daniel 9:27***

And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will

put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations **will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.**"

### ***Revelation 19:19-21***

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. **Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse.** And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies.

## ***Trumpet Number 5 Revisited***

Given that according to the **Code** the number 5 signifies on-one-hand the grace of God and on-the-other-hand the absolute destitution of man, it should not surprise us to see a group of people covered by the grace of God and protected from these demons and another group that has settled into their existence of spiritual destitution leaving themselves completely vulnerable to these demons. These demons will function as religious decepticons who use the tools of religion, like prophecy, power, and torture, to gain control of these people who will never know the grace of God and will always know the spiritual and practical destitution of man.

## **The Second Woe**

### ***Revelation 9:12***

The first woe is past; behold, there now chooses to come two woes after these things.

Five trumpets have sounded. Next, with the sounding of the sixth trumpet, we are given the second of three doomsday type warnings to those who dwell on the earth. With the first **WOE** we saw the Beast, the angel of the Abyss, enter the world and with him an army of locust-like demonic beings that will lie, seduce, and deceive people to follow the Beast. They will torture many to ensure that they remain loyal and will not fall back toward the grace of God. With the second **WOE** we see death.

## **Intermission**

Let's stop here and pick up in our next Podcast with the second woe.

Now, since this Podcast is a bit shorter than usual, I will take this time to say that if there is ever anything you do not understand, or would like some further explanation, or something that you just want to discuss and maybe have been mulling over since the **Prelude** in the book of **Jude**, please feel free to

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