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THEME: LAST DAYS' EVENTS

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TOPIC: EVENTS FROM REVELATION

TEXT: Rev. 9:1-12, 13-21, 13:1-18

The Bottomless Pit: Isaiah 14:12, Rev 9:7-10,

Unlike the previous four trumpet judgments, this trumpet target men rather than natural plants like trees, grass and all green things. In Revelation 9:11 we learn about another high-ranking fallen star "angel". He is called Abaddon meaning (destruction or destroyer). He is the angel of the bottomless pit (The bottomless pit is a place of imprisonment for demons) and is king of the demonic locusts. He was given the key of the bottomless pit from where came the locust. The locust by the description represents a terrifying ruling army. Notice that the locusts were wearing gold crowns showing that they have authority over the earth and given specific instruction not to harm the earth, those who had no "seal" which is the mark of God's ownership and protection were not to be killed but severely punished, while God's people are miraculously preserved because they have the seal.

The punishment is for 5 months of intense suffering and deprivation not leading to death. Even in the face of "hell on earth," the earth dwellers continued in their ways and refuse to repent.

2. Demons in River Euphrates: Rev 9:13-21, Luke 8:31, Rom. 1:28, Titus 1:16, 2 Tim 3:8

The sixth angel sounded and the four angels bounded were loosed and with 2 million men on horses adorning breastplate of fire, smoke and brimstone coming out of their mouth and they killed the third part of men. Despite this killing, the surviving men were adamant and continued in their sinful ways.

3. The Antichrist: Rev 13:1-18, John 10:10, 14:6, 2 Tess. 2:3-4, Dan 7:25, Gen. 10:10, Romans 13, 2 Cor. 4:4

The first beast, Antichrist (v.1-10), and second beast, false prophet (v.11-18), who deceives people to worship the image of the first beast, both came out of the sea and earth (people) the dragon is Satan. Satan is the one behind the rise of this world ruler. He is called the "god of this world." The word Antichrist appears in the Bible five times in four verses (1 John 2:18, 2:22, 4:3, and 2 John 7).

The beast (v.2) represents world government as seen also by Daniel in his vision - **lion, bear, leopard and beast with 10 horns**. Revelation brings all under one government, one world order and just like in Babel celebrating human independence and power.

They encourage their people to go against God's instructions and commandments. This chapter shows that the dragon, Satan has given his authority to these two beasts, therefore they are able to perform great signs and wonders (v.14), conquer many (v.15), control commerce (v.16-17), rule over many persons on earth, and compel all of mankind to worship the image of the beast.

The beast is the opposite (anti) of the Lamb, who gives people their identity. The beast conquers by falsehood (13:7) the Lamb conquers by self-sacrifice that sets free (5:5-6). He gives the mark of the beast 666 (13:16-18) which is the opposite of the seal of God (7:1-3). The beast is full of deception while the Lamb is full of truth. The beast came to destroy life but the Lamb came to give life abundantly. While we obey people in authority (government), our greatest obedience and loyalty should be to God

CONCLUSION: Some believers spend a lot of time trying to speculate on the identity of the beast. The chapter says he will come up out of the sea (People). You will not be able to identify him ahead of time and he will be hidden among humans. He will be revealed at the appropriate time. Spend your time wisely in living holy!