

The Bottomless Pit

A Description of Locusts

-Definition – a locust, rapid increase from root word *rabah* meaning to increase -O.T.; N.T – a locust as pointed, or as lighting on the top of vegetation

-Plague of the Locusts (Exodus 10:4, 12-14, 19)

-Locust Consume the Seed (Deuteronomy 28:38)

-Locust Running To and Fro (Isaiah 33:4 – traversing, rapid motion)

-Locust Eat and Devour the Land (1 Chronicles 7:13, Joel 1:4, 2:35)

-John the Baptist Diet: Locusts and Wild Honey (Matthew 3:4, Mark 1:6)

Bottomless Pit: A Real Place

-Unlocking of the Bottomless Pit

Revelation 9:1 ¹ And the **fifth angel** sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the **bottomless pit**.

-Effects of Unlocking of the Bottomless Pit: Atmospheric Changes

Revelation 9:2 ² And he opened the **bottomless** [*abyssos* – depthless; abyss] **pit**; [a hole in the ground for holding water or other purposes, cistern, well, an abyss as a prison] and there arose a **smoke out of the pit**, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the **sun** [source of light] and the **air** [to breathe in and out] were **darkened** [*skotizo* – to obscure, cause things to be not clear] by reason of the **smoke of the pit**.

-Release of Locusts Upon the Earth

Revelation 9:3 ³ And there came out of the smoke **locusts upon the earth**: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

-Boundaries/Limitations on Locusts

Revelation 9:4 ⁴ And it was commanded them that they should **not hurt the grass of the earth**, neither any **green thing**, neither any **tree**;

-Objective and Mission of the Locusts Upon the Earth: Torment Individuals That Do Not Have the Seal of God in the Forehead

Revelation 9:4-5 ...but only those **men which have not the seal** [*sphragis* – a signet as **fencing in or protecting from misappropriation, the stamp impressed as a mark of privacy or genuineness; used 16 times in N.T., 14 in Book of Revelation as seven seals, and seal of God/Theos] of God in their foreheads.** [Ezekiel 3:8-9 – Forehead as Adamant Flint, Ezekiel 9:4 – Sighers and Criers Marked in the Forehead, Revelation 14:1 – Father’s Name Written in the Forehead] ⁵ And to them it was given that they should **not kill [to slay, destroy] them**, but that they should be **tormented [tortured for a certain timeframe]** five months: and their **torment** was as the **torment of a scorpion**, [to pierce through, to sting] when he striketh a man.

-Mankind Seeks for Death in These Days

Revelation 9:6 ⁶ And in those days shall **men seek [zeteo] death, [thanatos]** and shall not find it; and shall **desire [epithymeo – to set the heart upon, to long for rightfully or otherwise] to die, [apothnesko – to die off]** and **death [thanatos] shall flee [pheugo – to run away, shun to vanish]** from them.

-A Detailed Description of the Locusts

Revelation 9:7-10 ⁷ And the **shapes** [a form, resemblance, taken on a different look and form] of the **locusts** were like unto **horses prepared unto battle**; [prepared for warfare/*polemos*] and on their **heads** were as it were **crowns like gold**, and their **faces** were as the **faces of men**. ⁸ And they had **hair** as the **hair of women**, and their **teeth** were as the **teeth of lions**. ⁹ And they had **breastplates**, as it were **breastplates of iron**; and the sound of their **wings** was as the **sound of chariots of many horses running to battle**. [running into warfare] ¹⁰ And they had **tails** like unto scorpions, and there were **stings in their tails**: and their **power [exousia]** was to **hurt [adikeo from adikos – to be unjust, wicked, do wrong]** men five months.

-The King of the Locusts: Abaddon the Angel of the Bottomless Pit

Revelation 9:11-12 ¹¹ And they had a **king over them**, which is the **angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is **Abaddon, [a destroying angel]** but in the Greek

tongue hath his name **Apollyon**.¹² One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

The Beast Ascends Out of the Bottomless Pit

Revelation 11:3-13 ³ And I will give power unto my two **witnesses**, and they shall **prophecy** a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. ⁴ These are the two **olive trees**, and the two **candlesticks** standing before the God of the earth. ⁵ And if any man will hurt them, **fire** proceedeth out of their mouth, and **devoureth their enemies**: and if any man will **hurt** them, he must in this manner be **killed**. ⁶ These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have **power [exousia]** over waters to turn them to blood, and to **smite** the earth with **all plagues**, as often as they will. ⁷ And when they shall have finished their **testimony, [martyria] the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war [polemos - warfare]** against them, and shall **overcome** them, and **kill** them. ⁸ And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. ⁹ And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. ¹⁰ And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two **prophets** tormented them that dwelt on the earth. ¹¹ And after three days and an half the **Spirit of life** from God entered into them, and they **stood [histemi]** upon their feet; and **great fear** fell upon them which saw them. ¹² And they heard a **great voice** from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. ¹³ And the same hour was there a **great earthquake**, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the **remnant** were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Satan Bound in the Bottomless Pit

Revelation 20:1-3 ¹ And I saw **an angel come down from heaven**, having the key of the **bottomless pit** and a **great chain** in his hand. ² And he **laid hold [krateo]** on the **dragon**, that **old serpent**, which is the **Devil**, and **Satan**, and bound him a thousand years, ³ And **cast [ballo – to throw]** him into the **bottomless pit**, and **shut him up**, and **set a seal** upon him, that he should **deceive [planao] the nations no more**, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Revelation 20:7-10 ⁷ And when the **thousand years are expired**, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, ⁸ And shall go out to **deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the **camp of the saints** about, and the beloved city: and **fire** came down from God out of heaven, and **devoured** them. ¹⁰ And the devil that **deceived** them was cast into the **lake of fire and brimstone**, where the **beast** and the **false prophet** are, and shall be **tormented** day and night for ever and ever.

Marked by God or the Enemy

-Marked by God

Revelation 7:1-4 ¹ And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. ² And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the **seal of the living God**: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, ³ Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have **sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads**. ⁴ And I heard the number of them which were **sealed**: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Revelation 14:1-5 ¹ And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his **Father's name written in their foreheads**. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: ³ And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 20:4 ⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had **not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands**; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 22:1-5 ¹ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: ⁴ And they shall see his face; and **his name shall be in their foreheads**. ⁵ And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

-Marked by the Enemy

Revelation 13:16-17 ¹⁶ And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a **mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads**: ¹⁷ And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the **mark, [charagma – a scratch or etching, stamp as a badge of servitude]** or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Revelation 14:9-12 ⁹ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship** the beast and his image, and receive his **mark in his forehead, or in his hand**, ¹⁰ The

same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the **mark** of his name. ¹² Here is the patience of the **saints**: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 17:5-6 ⁵ And upon her **forehead** was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

⁶ And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the **saints**, and with the blood of the **martyrs** of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.