

WHO IS ABADDON/APOLLYON?
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In Revelation 9:11, we read:

“And they (the locusts) have a king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew [is] Abaddon, and in Greek he has the name Apollyon.” (AT)

Explanation of verse 11

From the above verse, we realize that the *“locusts”* are under the authority of a king whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon.

Is Apollyon Jesus or Satan?

Some have said that Apollyon is Jesus and others have said that Apollyon is Satan. Can we determine who Apollyon is in order to avoid confusion? Yes, we can! Let us consider the following:

In 2 Peter 2:4, we read:

“For if God did not spare sinning angels, but delivered them to chains of darkness, thrust down into Tartarus, having been kept to judgment;”

And in Jude 1:6 it says:

“And those angels not having kept their first place, but having deserted their dwelling-place, He has kept in ever-

lasting chains under darkness for the judgment of a great Day;”

From the above verses, we realize that the angels who are in the abyss (Tartarus), are those angels who had sinned. Therefore, the **“locusts”** who came out of the abyss (Tartarus), **are not Christ’s subjects**. If they were, they would be with Him in heaven --- they wouldn’t be chained in the abyss waiting for the Day of Judgment! Consequently, Jesus **is not** their king, **neither is He Apollyon!** And from the fact that the **“locusts”** came out of the abyss **before** Satan is cast there (Revelation 20:1-3), we realize **that Satan is not Apollyon either!**

Who, then, is Apollyon?

From the words of Paul in Ephesians 6:12, **“but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world’s rulers, of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenlies”**, we gather that there are many rulers in the dark spiritual realm. And, apparently, one of them is **“Apollyon”** who happens to be **“the king”** in the abyss. Therefore, **Apollyon is his own entity**, a **“strong man”** in that terrible prison, which, even the demons avoid (Luke 8: 31)!