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By Ronald L. Dart

There is great evil afoot in the world. And it is frightening isn't it? It's only natural to wonder if we're approaching some of the terrible events of the end time mentioned in the Book of Revelation. It's possible. Let me introduce you to one of the players in the Book of Revelation.

In Revelation, John has a vision of a book with seven seals. As each one of these seals is opened, events begin to unfold which finally culminate at the end in the return of Christ and the Kingdom of God. The sequence is: seven seals are opened, the seventh and last of these seals introduces seven angels with seven trumpets who sound in sequence. And throughout these seven seals and seven trumpets some truly terrible and frightening events ensue, events which kill people in their millions, events which have not taken place yet although they are starting to look more and more reasonable with every day that passes. I don't know what people thought generations ago because the means for these things to take place would had to have been supernatural. Now we're coming to the place where it's not only possible and within grasp of hateful people, some of them have it already in their hands.

It's the fifth of these trumpets that I want to call to your attention, not because I think we are there, but because it introduces you to the player I'm talking about. The reason I don't think we're necessarily there is because there are some truly horrendous things that happen before we get to this fifth angel and his trumpet. In Revelation 9:1: "And the fifth angel sounded his trumpet and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit."

"Bottomless pit" conjures up all kinds of nasty images. The word is "the abyss." With the key to the bottomless pit, he opens this abyss and smoke comes roiling up like the smoke of a great furnace. ". . . And the sun and air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit; everything starts getting dark and black and brown.

And out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth and to them was given power like scorpions of the earth have power" (vv. 2-3).

Let's stop here for just a minute. I don't think anyone would assume that John is talking about real locusts. These are something entirely different. John is in vision, and everything he is seeing is highly symbolic. What we're wondering about are the events behind it. He is seeing something like locusts coming out of an abyss in the midst of all kinds of smoke and they have power like scorpions. "It was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass, no green thing, neither any tree, but only those men who have not the seal of God in their forehead. It was given that they should not kill these people but that they should be tormented for five months and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when he strikes a man. In those days men shall seek death and shall not find it and shall desire to die and death shall flee from them" (vv. 4-6).

The sort of thing you look at and you wonder what could he possibly have seen. Or what could be the reality behind what he sees? Before this time, men had been killed, perhaps in their millions, now something comes along that torments people for months on end; they want

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Enemy-Occupied Territory

By Blake Silverstein

In C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* he wrote, "Enemy-occupied territory—that is what this world is.

Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us to take part in a great campaign of sabotage. When you go to church you are really listening—in to the secret wireless from our friends: that is why the enemy is so anxious to prevent us from going"

Have you looked around your church lately? Do you have to bar the doors from the throngs of visitors aching to "listen-in"? I didn't think so. If you take a look at the latest numbers from the new 2018 Pew Research Center Report, in the past seven years the percentage of adults who describe themselves as Christians has dropped from 78.4% to 70.6%. This might not seem like a lot, but this 7.8% is over 19,200,000 Americans. Even more alarming is that these numbers are overwhelmingly Millennials (1981-1996). When these "religious nones," as they are referred to, were polled by the Pew Research Center, the number one answer they gave was they no longer *believe it was true*. Specific answers ranged from their view on God had "evolved," to "rational thought makes religion go out the window."

This is not an "ain't it awful?" article. It's a call to action. The enemy is taking ground and we are spouting off the same old tired platitudes. Are you saved? Do you know Jesus? Don't get me wrong; these are good

openers, but we must be able to explain what Christianity proposes and why it's true.

1 Peter 3:15: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear:"

Interesting that Peter says to give an *answer* and *not* give someone a piece of your mind. Sadly, most Christians aren't behaving in such a way that would elicit a question from one of these little ones. Evidently, it's quite the opposite. Thirty-somethings are extricating themselves (and their children) from the Church *en masse*. If something isn't changed, the bitter, ratty end to this tale will be one of "if we only would have..."

Christian Educational Ministries is committed to giving you the very best case for Christianity, which can be a lifeline in this confusing landscape of new ideas. Ronald L. Dart is a sound resource who can put some arrows of reason in your quiver, and help you answer some of the intellectual skepticism that may be cropping up in your community. If there was ever anyone who could powerfully argue to the timelessness of Christ's teachings, it was Ronald L. Dart. If you or anyone you know has a question about something in the Bible, he has probably addressed it somewhere. Please call or write us with what we can do to help you "take part in a great campaign of sabotage."

Born to Win Radio Update

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CEM joined with WFAX Radio at the 2018 Values Voter Summit in Washington, DC, from September 21st through the 23rd, by promoting the *Born to Win* program. We provided free Ron Dart CDs and *Born to Win*



pens for the gift bags. This summit is sponsored primarily by FRC Action, the legislative affiliate arm of Family Research Council. The summit provides a forum to help inform and mobilize citizens across America to preserve the bedrock



values of traditional marriage, religious liberty, sanctity of life, and limited government that made our nation strong. It has drawn over 3,000 attendees from around the nation and foreign countries. Sean Hannity called it "the premier conservative event now in the country." In 2016, then-candidate Mike Pence referred to it as "the greatest gathering of conservative pro-family Americans in the nation."

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to die and death flees from them. The pain is so bad. “The shapes of the locusts were like horses prepared to battle and on their heads were crowns of gold and their faces, well they had faces like men” (v. 7).

What a nightmare! “And they had hair like the hair of women and their teeth were like teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, like plates of iron and the sound of their wings was like the sound of a whole hoard of chariots of many horses running to battle” (v. 9). What a roar they must have made. In verse 11 it says they had a king over them who is “the angel of the abyss” whose name in the Hebrew tongue is *Abaddon* and in the Greek tongue, *Apollyon*. One woe is past, behold there come two more woes after that.

It’s frightening enough to think that there are two more after this but you’ve just been introduced to the angel of the bottomless pit, one called *Abaddon* or *Apollyon*. His name in both Hebrew and Greek means destroyer. That’s what he is; the destroyer of life and everything else, that’s all he is, it’s all he stands for. There’s no meaning behind it other than destruction and death for the sake of destruction and death.

The logical assumption is that this is Satan the devil. But when you read this in Revelation you could get the impression that this is another one. Not only do we have to deal with Satan—the devil—we have another one on our hands who may be, in ways, even worse. But what it does reveal to us is that there is another world out there, a spirit world, another dimension, and what you and I are unaware of, is almost constant war in that world.

Jesus had this to say about Satan to some people standing around him, “You are of your father the devil. The lust of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning. He didn’t stay in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie he speaks of his own for he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44-45). His two chief characteristics: he is a murderer and a liar and, at his right hand, there stands one who is the destroyer. Now that is an enemy to be afraid of.

Lest you think this is all imaginary, let me assure you it’s very real. Once there was man named Daniel. He was in captivity somewhere in the region of what we today would call Iraq or Iran—at that time, the kingdom of Persia. In captivity there he prayed constantly to God. He was seeking the answer to a particular question. He was

fasting and praying for three weeks. At the end of that period of time, a bright angel came and spoke to him; his name was Gabriel. He said, “Daniel, the very first day that you made this prayer your prayer was heard and I was sent to you. My problem was that the prince of Persia withstood me for three solid weeks” (Daniel 10:12-13). Completely out of sight of Daniel, there was a fight between two beings that no one could see; Gabriel and the prince of Persia, whoever he was.

In order for Gabriel to get through to Daniel to give him the message he got help from another angel, Michael. They had a big war going on. Gabriel comes down and he fights and engages the prince of Persia. This enables Michael to get into his territory to approach Daniel with the message. He said to Daniel after giving the message, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come” (v. 20). This is proof of spiritual warfare—going on out of our sight, perhaps even as you read this.

There may well be war going on in the spirit realm at the same time there are bombings in Afghanistan and the spread of Aathrax in this country. There is a fight going on for the lives of human beings.

I’ll give you an idea of what that battle is all about and where it goes at the very end time. It’s not easy to know the exact timing of John’s prophecies in Revelation, but things stand out that we should take careful note of. In Revelation 12:7-12: “There was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and the dragon fought with his angels and prevailed not. And finally their place wasn’t found anymore in heaven and the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, he was cast out on the earth and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, ‘Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accused them before our God day and night. But they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony and they didn’t love their lives to the death. So rejoice you heavens and those that dwell in them but woe to the inhibitors of the world of the earth and of the sea for the devil is come down to you having great wrath because he knows he has but a short time.’”

There’s no way to define this particular moment in

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history or to be sure of what we are seeing because we have seen great eruptions of this same malignancy several times in history. It's been put back in its pit several times, the last and most notable with the death of Hitler and the destruction of the Nazis. The whole Nazi empire fought until they destroyed everything they could possibly destroy, including their own country and their own people, before destroying themselves. Death, blood and destruction were the objective of everything they did. We fought it and we won, but it cost us terribly. No one knows how many people died in World War II. Estimates range from 35 to 40 million—even as many 60 million—died in WWII in the orgy of destruction unleashed by these evil powers. We got it back into the pit that time but one of these times we will not, and it's going to require the return of Christ to save us. Is this the time? I don't know, but I can tell you what Charles Krauthammer told us, "This time is more dangerous than anytime in the history of man because this time they are getting the ultimate weapons of destruction."

How does this all end? How does the story finish? Going further back in John's vision, in Revelation 19:11-15, he begins to tell us how it's all going to play out. "I saw heaven opened," he said, "and look a white horse. And he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True and in righteousness he does judge and make war. His eyes were like a flame of fire and on his head were many crowns and he had a name written that no man knew but he himself. He was clothed in vesture dipped in blood and his name is called the Word of God. The armies in heaven followed him on white horses clothed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword that with he should smite the nations and rule them with a rod of iron and he treads the winepress with the fierceness and the wrath of Almighty God." Strong wording.

But the image is clear. Horses in the Bible are an icon for war. The sword is an icon for war and the smiting of the nations with a rod of iron. The thing that becomes clear to us why it finally becomes necessary for Christ to

intervene. Why he must fight this battle himself, why we are no longer adequate to it. For if he didn't, the end would be the destruction of all flesh. Jesus had told his disciples about these end times and the things that would come to pass and all the destruction that would be wrought. He said, "Unless these days would be cut short, there would no flesh be saved alive." And now you can begin to understand, with some of the crazy things people do, how easily that could be done.

I want to turn back now to how it ends. Revelation 20:1: "I saw an angel come down from heaven having the key of that bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent which is the devil and Satan, he bound him for a thousand years and cast him into the bottomless pit, down into the abyss, and slammed the door shut on it, put the key in and locked it and set a seal on him that he could deceive the nations no more until the thousand years are fulfilled."

After that, for some reason, he must be loosed for just a little season. It's going to end with victory. It's going to end with the devil, the destroyer, back in the pit and locked up. But we're not going to be the ones that put him there; Jesus Christ is going to do that. In the end, we are the winners after all. But there are some terrible battles to be fought between now and then. We need to be sure that we are on the winning side.

Comments from Tennessee

9/02/18. Dear CEM Staff, Thanks for all of you who make the Bible Study for us. We so look forward to our Friday evening with Mr. Ron Dart's Weekend Bible Study. It is very special to us as we live a distance from a local congregation. Keep up the good work!
We appreciate you.

8/28/18. Dear *Born to Win*, Thank you for keeping CEM going. If ever there was a time for God's word to go forward, it is now. I hope to see some of you at the Feast this year. I will be at Land Between the Lakes.

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That the man of God may be proficient and equipped for every good work.

Thankfulness: Theme of November Scripture Writing Plan



So far this year we have written scriptures about God, faith, hope, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and goodness. This month's theme is thankfulness. Our goal is to have read and written down a minimum of 365 scriptures by the end of 2018. Let's do this and see the value it brings to our lives.

Nov 1	1 Chronicles 15:8	Nov 11	Psalms 107:31-32	Nov 21	Ephesians 1:15-16
Nov 2	Psalms 7:17	Nov 12	Psalms 136:1-3	Nov 22	Ephesians 5:18-20
Nov 3	Psalms 28:7	Nov 13	Jeremiah 33:11	Nov 23	Colossians 1:3-6
Nov 4	Psalms 34:1	Nov 14	Jonah 2:9	Nov 24	Colossians 3:15-17
Nov 5	Psalms 35:18	Nov 15	Daniel 2:23	Nov 25	1 Thessalonians 1:2
Nov 6	Psalms 50:14	Nov 16	1 Corinthians 1:4-6	Nov 26	1 Thessalonians 5:18
Nov 7	Psalms 95:1-3	Nov 17	2 Corinthians 1:10-11	Nov 27	1 Timothy 1:12
Nov 8	Psalms 97:12	Nov 18	2 Corinthians 2:14	Nov 28	1 Timothy 4:4-5
Nov 9	Psalms 100:4-5	Nov 19	2 Corinthians 4:15-16	Nov 29	Hebrews 13:15
Nov 10	Psalms 106:1	Nov 20	2 Corinthians 9:10-15	Nov 30	Revelation 11:17

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Christian Educational Ministries (CEM) was founded in November 1995 by Ron and Allie Dart as an independent, non-denominational ministry to serve the public and individual Christians of every kind through the ministry of Ronald L.

Dart. Mr. Dart, an ordained minister and evangelist, has served God through hundreds of sermons, broadcasts, Bible Studies, and books—bringing clarity and simplicity to topics.

CEM promotes Ron Dart's radio ministry, *Born to Win*, which is heard from coast-to-coast. His clear, conversational, and inviting style can be heard the world over. The *Born to Win* website, www.borntowin.net, features more than 1000 of Mr. Dart's timeless sermons and studies at any one time.

Our mission is:

First, to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. (Matthew 28).

Second, to teach the disciples of Jesus Christ so that they may be "proficient and equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:17).

Third, to teach and train this generation and the next with studies and programs focused on youth, through the Dart's special passion, Youth Educational Adventures (YEA). (Deuteronomy 11:19, Proverbs 22:6).

Fourth, to bring God's people closer together, through cooperative efforts wherever they may be. (2 Corinthians 5:18).

To this end, we teach the Bible and its Truth, with a goal of helping people make their own lives work while they are a positive influence and blessing to those around them. Follow Mr. Dart and CEM at www.borntowin.net, Facebook, YouTube, and other media.

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