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or disgraced ones. There is only one that befits this description.

At the beginning of this vision, John sees “a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss” (Revelation 9:1). Jesus himself provides the answer as to who the star is at Luke 10:18: “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” Satan is the “star”. There are two other instances in Revelation of spirit beings or angels being symbolized as stars. At Revelation 1:20, Jesus – the “son of man”, explains that the seven stars in his hand are seven angels. As well, Satan “swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth” (Revelation 12:4). These “stars” of course, are not literal stars, but spirit beings.

Satan is the fallen star that is given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. He is given the authority and ability to unlock the Abyss, or prison, and release his army of locusts, the disgraced ones. Satan himself is their king, “the angel of the Abyss”, the Destroyer.

The Abyss is a place of condemnation, a prison. The beast comes out of this place and being already condemned, goes to its destruction in “the fiery lake of burning sulfur” (Revelation 17:8; 19:20). The beast, Satan the devil, and the locusts are seen in the visions of Revelation as either going into or coming out of the Abyss. There is another mention in the Bible of the possibility of spirit beings entering this prison, called the Abyss.

At Luke 8:26-39, there is an example of a demon-possessed man who has an encounter with Jesus. “Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man” and then “asked him, ‘What is your name?’ ‘Legion,’ he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.” Instead, the demons are allowed to enter into a large herd of pigs nearby. They had not wanted to enter into the Abyss, for it is a place of imprisonment. There is another case mentioned in the Bible of wicked spirit beings that are sent into a place of confinement.

Jude writes about the wicked angels that were sent into confinement, at Jude 6: “And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home – these he has kept in darkness, bound with

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