

BOTTOMLESS PIT AND THE THE BINDING OF SATAN

BOTTOMLESS PIT — A:

1. Before proceeding further, read Revelation 20:1-3 (1822) and Genesis 1:1,2 (1).
2. The root word translated "bottomless pit" in Revelation 20:1-3 (1822) is "abyss". It is the very same word that was translated "deep" in the creation report of Genesis 1:1,2 (1) in the King James version. The Smith-Goodspeed translation correctly uses the original word "abyss" in both Genesis 1:1,2 (1) and Revelation 20:1-3 (1822).
3. What is this saying to us? It is saying that "deep", "abyss" and "bottomless pit" all mean the same thing. They refer to the earth: **1.** "without form" (torn up); **b.** "void" (no people); and **c.** in total darkness.
4. This is why Jeremiah, when he saw the earth after the second coming, Jeremiah 4:23-26,28 (1112), said, "Lo", or "sure enough":
 - a. It was "without form" or torn up.
 - b. There was "no man".
 - c. There was "no light". The heavens were "black". He said this because that is what "bottomless pit" or "abyss" means. It refers to the earth torn up, without people and in total darkness.

BINDING OF SATAN — B:

- 1 The binding of the devil is to stop him from deceiving and tempting people. Literally chaining him in a pit would not prevent that. He does not need to move off the spot to tempt us. Besides, he has many evil angels to do his bidding.
2. What would stop the devil from tempting and deceiving? Two things: if there were no people or if there was no devil. Do either of these two things take place as the 1000 years begin? Yes, all the people are suddenly gone. The wicked are dead and the righteous are in Heaven, so Satan has no one to tempt.
3. The chain that binds him is a chain of circumstances. The Lord forces Satan to remain here on earth for 1000 years without access to people. We commonly use the expression, "I'm tied up", when we mean circumstances will not permit us to be free. The same is true of Satan's chain.