

**Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth**  
**Spirit World #3 Bottomless Pit, Angels in Darkness, Spirits in Prison**  
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In this lesson on the Spirit World we are going to discuss some other places and things mentioned within the realm of what we have been covering in the previous lesson. Here we will look at the Bottomless Pit, Angels who are in chains of Darkness, and Spirits that are in prison.

**The Bottomless Pit :**

The first thing we see about the bottomless pit is that it has a key that is needed to lock and unlock it (**Revelation 9:1**). This passage is discussing events during the tribulation period and at some point in the tribulation an angel is said to descend from heaven with the key and open the bottomless pit. The next thing we see in this passage is that there are demonic creatures that come out of this pit and have power to torment those on the earth that do not have the seal of God in their forehead (**Revelation 9:3-6**). Last of all we see in this passage that is said to be a king over the creatures that came out of the bottomless pit whose name is Abaddon, and Apollyon (**Revelation 9:11**). This king over them is also connected with the anti-christ (**Revelation 11:7**).

In the Old Testament we have a reference where people are said to have fallen into the pit alive. In **Numbers 16:30-34** those who have tried to overtake the priesthood from Aaron are punished. Their punishment is that the ground opened up and the people and their houses went down into the pit.

At the end of the tribulation Satan will be chained in the bottomless pit for 1000 years during the millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ (**Revelation 20:1-3**). Here we see that an angel again has the key to the bottomless pit and also a great chain. The angel binds Satan in the bottomless pit for 1000 years. He is loosed at the end of the 1000 years and then is thrown into the lake of fire (**Revelation 20:10**).

There is a reference in **Isaiah 14:14-15** that connects this pit with Hell. In this passage we see Satan being told that he will be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. Obviously we see that in some way the bottomless pit (a pit with no bottom still has sides) is connected with hell. I am not sure exactly how they are created but there is a connection according to the word of God.

**Angels Reserved in Chains of Darkness :**

In **2 Peter 2:4-5** and **Jude 6** we see some verse discussing angels who are reserved in chains of darkness until they will be judged. Let us see exactly what these verses say.

- Theses angels have sinned (**2 Peter 2:4**)
- They have been cast down to hell (**2 Peter 2:4**)
- They are in chains of darkness (**2 Peter 2:4**)
- They are awaiting judgment (**2 Peter 2:4**)
- Theses angels kept not there first estate (**Jude 6**)

- They left their own habitation (**Jude 6**)
- They are reserved in everlasting chains under darkness until the judgment of the great day (**Jude 6**)

These are the angels that fell before the flood and took wives of the daughters of men (**Genesis 6:1-6**). Remember that in the Old Testament angels are called the sons of God (**Job 1:6** ; **Job 2:1** **Job 38:7**). When these angels fell they became flesh like man and therefore they can die like man (**Psalms 82:6-7**). In this last passage these angels are referred to as gods, note that is what Satan tells Eve that she and Adam will be like if they eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (**Genesis 3:5**). These angels died in the flood and God has them reserved in chains of darkness until the Great White Throne Judgment takes place. At that Judgment we will be judging with him therefore we find a scripture in **1 Corinthians 6:3** that says we will judge angels.

### **Spirits in Prison :**

In **1 Peter 3:19** we see that Jesus after his death went and preached unto spirits that were in prison. Now we show you this because it is part of this study concerning the spirit world. At this time I am unsure exactly who these Spirits in prison were or where they are.

In **1 Peter 4:6** we see that there was also a group that is said to be dead but yet the gospel is preached unto them. I will admit that this verse is also a hard verse to explain I am sure it has a perfectly simple explanation that can be found by comparing scripture with scripture but I have not found it yet.

There are many theories and guesses as to who these two groups are or even if they are the same group but for now we just wanted to show you that the word of God mentions them and they would be connected with this study on the spirit world.

