

THE PERIL OF THE PIT

Text: Ezekiel 32:17-33:11

I. WHAT IS THE PIT? (32:17-21)

- Vs. 21—“_____” (Sheol) = the location where the souls of dead people reside
 - The equivalent of the Greek word Hades, the underworld where lost souls suffer _____ torment after death (Luke 16:22-24, Deut. 32:22)
- Vs. 18—“the nether parts of the earth” = a place somewhere beneath our feet, far below the _____ surfaces of the earth (Num. 16:32-33)
 - A “_____ pit” (Rev. 9:1-2) = the “abyss,” a place with no measurable bottom (possibly in the center of the earth)

II. WHO IS IN THE PIT? (32:22-32)

- Multitudes of unbelieving Gentiles and Jews alike. All those people who have _____ God and died in their _____.

III. WHAT DOESN'T _____ IN THE PIT?

- Beauty (vs. 19)
- Might, power, _____ (vs. 21)
- Skill in _____
- Fame, earthly influence
- Numbers of _____ (vs. 21)
- _____ (vs. 27)
- _____ or family pedigree (Isa. 5:13-14)

IV. WHAT IS IT _____ IN THE PIT?

- A place of _____ (vs. 24), brokenness (vs. 28), and _____ for sins (vs. 27)
- A place of fire and smoke like a great _____ (Rev. 9:1-2)
- A place of fiery _____ (Luke 16:22-24)
- A place of _____ and imprisonment (Rev. 20:1-3)
- Only the Lord Jesus holds the _____ of death and hell, and the only time He will open hell will be on the day of judgment (Rev. 20:11-15).
- Key Thought: The present pit of hell is just a _____ room for the lake of fire. The only escape from hell leads to _____ hell.

V. HOW CAN PEOPLE _____ THE PIT? (33:1-11)

- Vs. 11—_____ from your evil ways and _____.
- Application to the unsaved: Repent of your sins and receive everlasting life by _____ in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Application to believers: Are you being a faithful _____, to warn the unsaved and invite them to repentance and faith in Christ?
- Application to our nation: There's a day of national humbling coming for America as for all other nations that forsake God.
 - If we say we love America, let's love lost _____ in America, and be faithful watchmen to our own country.
- Lesson: “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that _____ God” (Ps. 9:17).
- Good news: If you will turn from _____ and to _____, you won't ever be turned into hell.