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Here, as in the former case, the dupes of Satan are  
first dealt with, then Satan himself. As the incorri-  
gible Deceiver, who loves and makes a lie, his career is  
finished in woe: fire falls on them, and kills them.  
But he is cast “into the lake of fire and brimstone.”  
That awful abode of the lost was kindled as soon as  
the millennium began. It now receives him, for whom  
and for whose angels it is destined. Matt. xxv. 41.  
For Satan is not consumed by the fire from above, as  
men are. He is not in flesh, as are the hosts whom  
he leads. He is to dwell visibly in eternal fire, as  
before he was shut up in the bottomless pit, mee  
from sight.  
In that awful pool of woe the Wild Beast and the  
False Prophet have lain all the thousand years. These  
are the two whom Satan for awhile delivered from the  
bottomless pit, by means of the key granted him.  
After their increased wickedness displayed during the  
time they were at liberty, they were consigned to a  
more fearful place still.  
Satan has now sinned after judgment tasted and  
mercy experienced, even as those two had. He is  
therefore smitten as they have been, and are. All  
three are evidently persons. For a thousand years the  
two sons of men were punished more severely than he,  
because more mercy had beenshowntothem. For before  
both of them had the good news of a Saviour been  
brought, and rejected. Paul stood before Nero to make  
his defence (2 Tim. iv. 17), and was at last slain by him,  
together with unnumbered other Christians.  
As the thousand years are a period of peculiar glory  
to the saints who wrought on behalf of God’s kingdom,  
80 is ita time of especial woe to these its most inveterate  
enemies.  
Thus we trace God’s general appointment. At death  
the souls of the lost go into the pit. Out of it they come