

Genesis 6

Vs. 1 – 4

¹ Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, ² that the **sons of God** saw that the **daughters of men** were beautiful; **and they took wives for themselves**, whomever they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, “**My Spirit shall not strive with man forever**, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” ⁴ The **Nephilim** were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. *Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.*¹

Theories on the Sons of God

1. The godly line of Seth

This view believes that the sons of God were the godly line of Seth and that the daughters of men were the Cainites. This however, does not do justice to the terminology or the context.

2. Angels (Job 1:6)

This, conflicts with Matthew 22:30

3. Fallen Angels

This view believes that powerful rulers were controlled (indwelt) by fallen angels. It is believed that fallen angels left their habitation and inhabited bodies of human despots and warriors, the mighty ones of the earth. It is known from Ezekiel 28:11-19 and Daniel 10:13 that great kings of the earth have “princes “ruling behind them-their power is demonic.”² There are also references given to this sin in the New Testament (1 Peter 3:18-20 and 2 Peter 2:4-5).

Then the LORD said, My Spirit shall not “strive” (heb. dūn; **shield**) with man forever.

The Nephilim

The only reference given to these characters is found in Gen.6:4 and Num. 13:33 & 14:9.

Vs. 5 – 8

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the **wickedness of man was great** on the earth, and that **every intent** of the **thoughts** of his **heart was only evil continually**. ⁶ The LORD was **sorry** that He had made man on the earth, and He was **grieved** in **His heart**. ⁷ The LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

¹ All Scriptural references are taken from the New American Standard Bible.

² Ross, Allen P. (1985). *The bible knowledge commentary*. John F. Walvoord & Roy B. Zuck eds. Colorado Springs, CO: Chariot Victor Publishing.

The wickedness of men was great and only evil was on their hearts continually. Jesus referred to this time in Matthew 24:36-39 and compared it to the coming judgment.

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The Flood 6:9 – 8

- The result of Adam’s sin
- Total depravity of man
- Judgment of the earth
- The Grace and Mercy of God

⁹ These are *the records of* the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

¹³ Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every *kind* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. ²¹ As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them.” ²² Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.