

## MESSIAH IN THE OT

JROC/Week 15 – Gen. 6:1-8 – Cause of the Global Flood

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Knowing our Creator's LOVE for us and with GREAT HOPE that is proclaimed from Gen. 3:15 on, we come to the flood, the flood of judgment, in Genesis 6. The flood was a unique global catastrophic flood, an act of divine judgment against a sinful world.

Consider God's LOVE for His creation...

Job 38:1-7 – After Job defends his righteousness in Job 31, God asked Job, *Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?*

*<sup>6</sup> To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,*

*<sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

We NEED to read the worldwide flood account in Genesis 6 against the backdrop of sin, a fallen world spiraling further downward, the promise of the “Seed of the woman” Who would be born and destroy the adversary, spiritual warfare, and the two groups of people in the world– the wicked and the righteous.

Gen. 6:5-7 - *Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

*<sup>6</sup> And the LORD was sorry (nacham – to be sorry) that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved (atsah – pained; hurt) in His heart. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, ‘I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry (grieved) that I have made them.’*

REMEMBER – GOD HAD ALREADY OFFERED THE PROMISE OF  
REDEMPTION!

BUT, why was there GREAT wickedness? Why is there “Then” in Gen. 6:5? What happened prior to Gen. 6:5?

Gen. 6:1-4 - *Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” <sup>4</sup> There were giants 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.*

Do you think the enemy was pleased with God's promise of his doom in Gen. 3:15?

Re: Gen. 6:1-4, there has been debate for years and the debate continues.

The debate revolves around identifying exactly what kind of intermarriage is being described and its results in Gen. 6:1-4.

Some believe and teach that it was intermarriage between the two lines of Adam represented by godly Sethites (*sons of God*) and ungodly Cainites (*daughters of men*).

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Some believe that human kings wanted to build harems.

Others believe that the intermarriage described is between fallen angels and human women.

OBSERVATIONS:

A further look at Gen. 6:1-4

*Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth*

“Men” – the Hebrew word is a generic word meaning humanity including both male and female. There is no distinction made in this passage between Sethites and Cainites.

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The “sons of God” in Gen. 6:2 – *bnei ha-Elohim* – is a reference to angels those who fell and those who did not fall w/ Lucifer (Job 1:6 and Job 2:1 – we see a heavenly court before God and Satan also came among them. We already read Job 38:7 and noted that the *sons of God* speaks to the angelic realm. “Sons” – refers to being directly created by God (both fallen and the elect)

I’m suggesting that within Gen. 6:1-4 we have the contrast between humanity and angels NOT between Sethites and Cainites (believers and non-believers). Intermarriages between believers and non-believers would cause a global catastrophic flood due to divine judgment?

I am suggesting that the cohabitation between angels and humans is most unusual and unnatural. And so, we read in Gen. 6:5 - *Then <sup>1</sup>the LORD saw that the wickedness of*

*man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

What were the results of this unnatural intermarriage?

Gen. 6:4 - *There were giants 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.*

“Giants” - Heb. *Nephilim*; *fallen ones*

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Timeframe: during the intermarriage. Not after the flood!

How? Demon possession...angels taking on the form of men and engaging in sexual relations which produced *Nephilim*. Fallen angels, in order to procreate physically possessed human male bodies. Look at the demonic activity in Jesus' day! Demons possessing human hosts!

The Septuagint translated *Nephilim* as “gigantes” which, in Latin, means “Titan” – part man/part god.

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*Those* (the children from the union of fallen angels and mankind) *were the mighty* (giborim) *men who were of old, men of renown* (conspicuous position – high profile)

What of the NT passages that speak to the flood?

II Pet. 2:4-5 – speaks of fallen angels in Noah's day – *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment: and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly.*

These angels are connected to the flood.

These angels are now in chains.

There are fallen angels who are not in chains – demons. We have seen demonic activity on this earth to this day. Look at all the demonic activity that transpired in Jesus' day!

Jude vv. 6-7 – *And the angels who did not keep their proper domain* (angels are spirit beings) *but left their own abode* (taking on human flesh; going after human flesh), *He has*

*reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah (Jude is comparing Sodom and Gomorrah with the angel activity in Gen. 6) and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality (these fallen angels gave themselves over to sexual immorality) and gone after strange flesh (the angels went after human women) are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

If Gen. 6:1-4 is not speaking about intermarriage between fallen angels and humans, how are we to understand II Pet. 2:4-5 and Jude vv. 6-7?

WHY is this important for us to understand? Satan attempted to POLLUTE the human bloodline. We are reading about Satan's effort to pollute the world to prevent the coming of the "Seed of the woman." The attempt on Satan's part was to cancel out the prophecy of Gen. 3:15.

If Satan was successful in tainting humanity – changing the DNA of humans, what of the birth of Jesus?

How can we understand the flood in light of God's plan?

Consider the preponderance of evidence that we have in this world regarding the TRUTH of a massive catastrophic global flood. What does that PROCLAIM about God – Who He is – His promise of redemption and restoration – His desire to have a relationship with man....

Rom. 5:20b - *where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,*

The following view is held by John McArthur and Arnold Fruchtenbaum. Fruchtenbaum is a Jewish believer who is solid doctrinally.

We need to know that one third of the angels fell with Lucifer (Rev. 12:4), “Sons of God” are noted in other passages as angels (Job 1:6; Job 2:1; Job 38:7).

These particular “sons of God” in Gen. 6:2 saw and took women of the human race. OBVIOUSLY, this was an unnatural union which violated God’s design for marriage (Gen. 2:24 - *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh*)

Fallen angels, in order to procreate physically (angels do not marry [Matt. 22:30] but that doesn’t mean they can’t engage in procreation...) possessed human male bodies. Look at the demonic activity in Jesus’ day! Demons possessing human hosts! (Demons are those who haven’t been chained. The fallen angels in Gen. 6 are chained and reserved for judgment.)

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The results of the unnatural procreation: Nephilim (in some translations: giants) – lit. fallen ones.

Other views:

- The sons of God were the sons of Seth who cohabitated with the daughters of Cain.

Fruchtenbaum: The context of Gen. 6 clearly speaks of a cohabitation that is unusual and unnatural and causes the worldwide flood. Cohabitation between Sethites and Cainites would not be unusual or unnatural while cohabitation between angels and humans would be.

- These were human kings who wanted to build harems.

Bottom line: in Gen. 6:1-4 we're reading Satan's attempt at polluting the world to prevent the coming of the "Seed of the woman." The attempt on Satan's part was to cancel out the prophecy of Gen. 3:15.

