

“The Sons of God”
(Genesis 6:2, 4)
What Really Happened Before the Flood?

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Genesis 6:1-4

“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.”

Few passages of Scripture have been hotly debated like Genesis 6:1-4. How can we determine what the interpretation of these passages mean? In this case, we must start with the New Testament and then go back to the Old Testament to have a proper understanding and grasp on what was happening in Genesis 6. Both Peter and Jude shed light on something that occurred prior to the Genesis Flood which included fallen angels. When putting together the New and Old Testament verses, one can conclude that there was an unusual and unprecedented demonic attack on human society in the years leading up to the Flood. It was Satan’s best attempt to stop the Messiah (Christ) from entering the world.

Prior to the Flood, fallen angels sought to corrupt the messianic line by spiritually polluting the human population on earth. This occurred when untold millions of angels (the sons of God) began to use a race of giants to demonize society. The angels indwelt these giants with the result of eventually producing a population on earth that was totally overtaken by demonism. The ultimate goal of these “sons of God” (angels) was to prevent a pure messianic line from bringing forth Christ who was prophesied to one day crush Satan (Gen. 3:15).

Let's begin with the New Testament verses and then move back to the Old Testament verses.

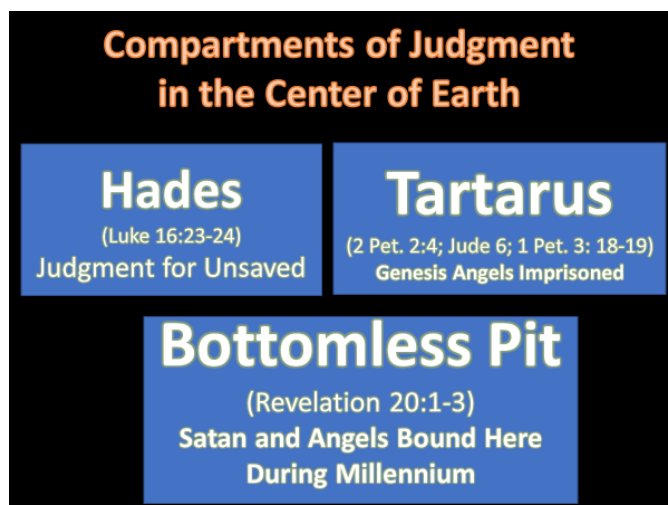
The Angels that Sinned

The demons that did this dastardly work among the race of humanity before the flood are evidently mentioned in Peter.

2 Peter 2:4-5 says:

“For if God spared not the angels that sinned (fallen angels), but cast them down to hell (*Tartarus*), and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved (*to guard, to prevent escape*) unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.”

Peter is apparently looking back to Genesis chapter six at this point. He reminds us of a dastardly deed fallen angels or demons attempted to commit among the human race, a wicked deed that was backed by Satan (the leader of all fallen angels). You will notice that the angels that sinned are directly connected with the days of Noah prior to the flood. This relates back to what we are going to talk about in Genesis chapter six. The angels sinned in that they initially influenced and indwelt these giant people and tried to begin a chain effect of evil in the world to destroy the spiritual line of Christ. It is these particular angels that have been banned from roaming the earth because of their wicked act of worldwide pollution committed against this ancient society of the human race.



Peter says they are incarcerated in the place called hell or literally “Tartarus” in the Greek language. There are three compartments of judgment within the center of the earth that are translate as the word “hell” in our English Bibles.

Here the English word "hell" is translated in the Greek as "tartarus." One of the Greek words translated "hell" is "tartarus." Peter uses the word in referring to the place of judgment for evil angels.

The Greeks taught that Tartarus was a place lower than Hades reserved for the most wicked of human beings, gods, and demons. The Jews eventually came to use this term to describe the place where fallen angels were sent. It defined for them the lowest hell, the deepest pit, and the most terrible place of torture and eternal suffering.

Some suggest Tartarus is the same place as the bottomless pit. Since the Bible mentions this as a separate place of judgment. This verse evidently refers to a specific class of angels who sought to corrupt the messianic line and prevent the birth of Christ who would be destined to be the Savior of the world. God judged these specific angels for committing this dastardly demonized strategy prior to the Genesis Flood. Today they are a permanently bound class of demons who are incarcerated prisoners awaiting final sentencing.

It's here that these wicked spirits await their future judgment. Peter also reveals that in-between Christ's death and resurrection, He went to the center of the earth (Matt. 12:40), where he preached to these wicked spirits (2 Peter 3:21) that were confined in chains and darkness. Jesus went to this prison in Hades to announce His victory over their attempt to keep Him from coming into the earth back in the days of Genesis. This was evident since He was about to rise from the dead! He also preached their doom. What a sermon it must have been!

The Angels that Changed

Jude also seems to mention these wicked spirits and their attempt to overthrow the human race with wickedness and stop Christ from coming through the pure line of Seth.

Jude 6-7 casts more light on these same sinning angels: "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the

great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

Jude is no doubt referencing the Genesis invasion of humanity as suggested also by Peter (1 Pet. 3:19-20). A specific group of demons was selected by Satan for this dastardly task, but they are now in chains awaiting their final judgment.

First, these angels are said to have left their “first estate” which means “domain.” This word suggests that these specific angels did not remain in the sphere of influence that God intended for angels. They traded a good influence for an evil and sinful influence and left God’s intended purpose for the angelic realm which was to glorify God and serve Him.

Second, they left their “habitation” which apparently means their dwelling place in the first Heaven, where all angels existed and could roam and move about (Job 38:7; Isa. 14:12). But instead of remaining in Heaven they rebelled with Satan and took up residency on planet earth to accomplish some horrific and horrible practice among unsaved humanity during the day prior to the Genesis Flood.

Third, the Bible says that these specific angels gave “themselves over to fornication” which here has a general reference to sexual relations forbidden by God. It can be illustrated by the perverted acts of homosexuality in Sodom and Gomorrah (“Even as Sodom and Gomorrah”).

The Bible then further defines the angelic fornication as “strange (heteros – altered) flesh” which in this case specifically means a sexual relationship that is foreign to the angelic order. In the case of Sodom and Gomorrah it was homosexuality which was outside the bounds of normal sexuality. Peter uses homosexuality as an illustration of strange flesh.

In other words, when men want men for physical relations they are going after strange or foreign flesh which is not a common or normal sex drive for the male gender (Rom. 1:26-27). In Sodom and Gomorrah, it was the strange flesh of homosexual relations, but in the case of these wicked

angels, it was no doubt having sexual relations with the “daughters of men” (women) as outlined in Genesis 6:2 and 4. Having physical relations with women through human proxies (human men) was not normal for the angelic realm since they are spirit beings and were not created with sex drives to procreate as humans.

The Bible teaches that a large number of fallen angels prior to the Flood produced an unnatural union with women, while inhabiting the bodies of men. They violated the God-ordained order of human marriage and procreation (Gen. 2:24) by possessing male bodies and in some way promoting and possibly interacting with the sexual acts and exploits these men had with women. Again, this union was strange and unnatural for the angelic realm. And yet they attempted to engage in this practice through controlling human bodies and somehow assisting others in these lustful practices and relationships. To what extent and how they used and influenced the human giants to engage in sexual relations cannot be determined. But Peter said it was so bad that they these angels wound up in hell!

The Angels in Hell

The Bible reveals that Jesus went to preach to these same demonic spirits who brought about this Satanically inspired Genesis experiment. He went into the center of the earth and preached a message to them prior to His victorious resurrection.

1 Peter 3:19-20

“By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient (*referring to Genesis 6 during the period of time prior to the Genesis Flood*), when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.”

These spirits which Peter talks about are evidently the same spirits that he mentions in 2 Peter 2:4. Apparently Jesus went to this place called Tartarus and preached to these wicked spirits which tried to thwart His coming into the world back in the days prior to the Genesis Flood. The message that

Jesus preached to these spirits was evidently a message of victory. He had come and died and was about to rise again.

Christ evidently reminded these wicked spirits about their utter defeat when they attempted to pollute the human race and stop Him from coming into the world. This all occurred in the days of Noah (“when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing”). Christ was now crucified. The Redeemer had been sacrificed. These wicked spirits under Satan’s command had lost the fight! Christ was the Victor, and He went into the lower regions of Hades to declare His victory and their doom.

Jesus preached a sermon to these confined wicked spirits that committed this wicked deed prior to the Flood. I wish I could have heard this sermon. It probably went something like this. “You guys tried to keep Me from coming into the world. News flash, I’m here and I have died on the cross to rescue men from Satan’s plan to keep men bound to condemnation and under His power. And I’m about to rise from the dead and sit on my throne in Heaven. You guys lost, and you lost big. You are losers!” What a sermon it must have been!

So, we have discovered how both Peter and Jude were looking back to something that occurred in the past, an angelic invasion of humanity during the days of Noah, prior to the great deluge of the Genesis Flood. What occurred was so wicked that a vast number of fallen angels are currently confined and awaiting their future judgment because of what they attempted to do within the human population.

The Angels that Invaded Humanity

At this point, let’s go back to Genesis 6 and look at their dastardly deed so we can understand why both Peter and Jude talk about their future judgment. We want to give a Genesis snapshot of what occurred before the Flood and better understand what Peter and Jude were referring to when they talk about these angelic beings committing some dastardly deed prior to the Flood.



A reporter came to a fire one day where a house was steadily burning down to the ground. He noticed that there was a little lad standing by with his mom and dad. The reporter said, "Son, it looks like you don't have a home anymore." The little boy answered courageously, "We have a home--we just don't have a house to put it in."

It's wonderful to be able to say that we have a real home life that is not devastated and disrupted by Satan. But Satan has always been out to get the family one way or another. History proves this to be true. When Satan was trying to corrupt the line through which Christ was to be born, he attacked the family through an angelic invasion of unprecedented proportions. Yes, he attacked the whole human race (mankind), but in attacking the human race he attacked the family. Satan targets human beings by attacking the family institution that God ordained.

Genesis 6:1-2 says:

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

To be sure, Satan was up to something back in the days prior to the Flood. Satan is always up to something! It appears that he was attempting to destroy the line of Christ through some dastardly act prior to the great deluge. This was a strike of Satan against society and the family to destroy the line of Christ. The serpent's plan was to destroy God's witness in the world through the family unit and to ultimately pollute the line of Christ. This is one of the most controversial passages in the entire Bible

Walter Kaiser says:

"Few texts in the history of interpretation have aroused more curiosity and divergence of opinion than Genesis 6:1-4 has. It is at once tantalizing and deeply puzzling."

Let's try and unravel what Genesis 6 is teaching. There have been four main interpretations regarding whom the "sons of God" were in this chapter. The question to the identity of "the sons of God" in Genesis 6:2 has been the

subject of controversy from the earliest of times to the present. The debate will no doubt continue. There have been four generally accepted interpretations of this passage.

A. Godly and Ungodly Lines of People

Some suggest that the “sons of God” have reference to only the godly line of Seth through whom Christ would come. The “daughters of men” have reference to the ungodly line of Cain or the Cainite people. In other words, the intermarriage between sons and daughters has to do with the righteous descendants of Seth and the unrighteous descendants of Cain. Is there any weakness to this view?

First, we cannot be sure that all those people in the line of Seth were necessarily righteous and holy in their everyday living when the whole earth was being overspread and man was becoming increasingly wicked. It is hard to imagine that every person in Seth’s line remained godly.

Second, this view runs into a problem in that the title “sons of God” does not, without explanation, imply Seth’s line. Indeed, the vast majority of Sethites quickly degenerated to become virtually indistinguishable from Cainites.

Third, to dogmatically assert that the “daughters of men” are confined only to the descendants of Cain lacks evidence and contextual support. The noun “men” (daughters of men) is a generic term referring not to a specific man (Cain) but to *female* descendants within the entire human population of mankind which in this day would include women in both the Sethite and Canaanite lines. In other words, it is less probable that the title “daughters of men/Adam” would refer, without explanation, exclusively to female Cainites.

Fourth, even though the Old Testament does in certain passages refer to the godly as “my son” “thy son” or “sons of the living God” (Exod. 4:22; Ps. 73:15; 80:17; Hos. 1:10), these expressions are an exception to the common use of “sons of God” as a normal reference to “angels” in the Old

Testament (Job 38:7; Job 1:6; 2:1). The specific reference of “sons of God” is always designated to mean angels.

Fifth, although Moses had already established the concept of a godly line and an ungodly line in Genesis (4:16–5:32), this does not necessarily mean that Sethites and Canaanites are specifically in view in Genesis chapter six. At this point (Genesis 6), Moses interjects the normal terminology of “sons of God” (angels) to teach how Satan tried to corrupt all of humanity. The warning seems to be against more abnormal forms of intermarriage than just marriage between believers and unbelievers.

Sixth, and perhaps most important, this view does not explain 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6-7 which connects angels with Genesis chapter six.

For all these reasons, the godly and ungodly line view does not seem to be a viable option. It’s clear that “the sons of God” and the “daughters of men” were not intended to convey a difference between a holy and unholy lineage of human beings.

B. Powerful Human Rulers

A second view holds to a dynastic-ruler interpretation of this account. It is said that ancient Near Eastern literature often called kings “sons of gods.” However, it should be reaffirmed that literature outside the Bible is not our authority (Rom. 4:3). Those espousing this view suggest that the term “sons of God” refers to tribal kings or powerful chiefs (rulers) primarily descended from Cain. The term “God” is taken in its plural sense to indicate judges as it does in other places in the Bible (Exodus 21:6; 22:8-9). Understood in this fashion, “sons of God” may refer to the “sons of judges” which are linked to a line of successive kings and the authority that they wielded over people throughout the entire earth.

Further support for this theory is that in the Old Testament Solomon is called God’s son because he would succeed David as king (2 Samuel 7:14). It’s asserted that these kings continued the wicked civilization described in Genesis 4:17-24 and were guilty of polygamy. The “daughters of men” are then interpreted as the harems of these kings, which became a sign of their wealth and prestige.

Some who espouse this view also suggest that pagans promoted the idea that kings were the offspring of gods mating with human women and are therefore they are viewed in this pagan sense, as gods who are divine. It's suggested that rulers are referred to as gods (Elohim) in Exodus 22:8-9, 28, and Psalm 82:6 which reflects this pagan idea.

In my opinion, this theory is the weakest interpretation of Genesis 6:2. This is because God could have called these people kings or rulers in the text! This dynastic ruler thrust seems to miss the obvious intent of the passage. Likewise, the harem invention is a stretch of the imagination when considering all the people in the world prior to the Genesis Flood. They must have been really big harems! It's a fanciful dream to believe that the entire population of women in the world moved to harems, which were under the control of particular earthly kings! Again, this view does not explain 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6-7.

C. Angels Giving Birth to Hybrid Creatures

A third view suggest that the reference to the "sons of God" is that of fallen demonic angels who actually lusted after women and took on the forms of human male bodies, so that they could intermarry with the human population of women who were called the "daughters of men." The angels then reproduced themselves through procreation. This cohabitation between demons and human women would produce an offspring of giants who were actual demons or angels possessing human bodies (half human and half spiritual beings). It's assumed that if God could impregnate Mary, spirit beings may be able to do the same thing to human women.

The Unger Bible Dictionary takes this position:

"The Nephilim are considered by many as giant demigods, the unnatural offspring of 'the daughters of men' (mortal women) in cohabitation with 'the sons of God' (angels). This utterly unnatural union, violating God's created orders of being, was such a shocking abnormality as to necessitate the worldwide judgment of the Flood."

Some apocryphal books, such as the book of Enoch and book of Jubilees, indicate that the Nephilim were fallen angels. The writings of Enoch are NOT Scripture and therefore should not be used in any sense to override the absolute standard of God's Word. These books make some outrageous claims, saying that the giants were 450 feet tall!

Here is a case in point: "And the women conceiving brought forth giants, Whose stature was each three hundred cubits. These devoured all which the labor of men produced; until it became impossible to feed them; When they turned themselves against men, in order to devour them; And began to injure birds, beasts, reptiles, and fishes, to eat their flesh one after another, and to drink their blood." (*Enoch 7:11-14*)

As interesting and intriguing as the theory is, it creates more problems than it solves, not the least of which is the union of sexless spirit beings with flesh and blood humans. This whole theory of a race of giant mutants (half demon and human) seems implausible. In fact, it will be proven that the giants were not the offspring of angels. The "giants were not a mixture of demonic "DNA" with human genetics. We will look at this more closely in a moment.

This second view concludes that eventually the whole earth was overspread with a new demonic race of humanoids (angels in human bodies) or mutants (a race of human/demon people created through mutations) except for the family of Noah who was not blemished with the angelic strain. Satan's plan was to create an entire race of non-humans (angels possessing bodies) so the promise of the Redeemer could not be fulfilled. As one author stated, "there would be no beings completely human in nature left to redeem."

There are several problems with the whole idea of evil angels taking on the form of human bodies, having sex with women, and creating a race of demonic human beings.

First, God does not say that He is going to destroy angels "from the face of the earth" (Genesis 6:7) in the Genesis Flood, which indicates these unions did not produce angels or some type of hybrid creatures, but only men.

Second and more importantly, spirit beings, including Satan, cannot do everything that God can do. This certainly means they do not have the power and authority to create human life (Ps. 139:14). In other words, angels cannot procreate. They cannot produce offspring. There is a serious flow with fallen angels giving birth to other fallen angels since God is in control of the womb and not Satan (Psalm 139:14-16). David describes how God forms the body in the womb and is sovereign over of life and birth (Exodus 4:11). Death and life are in God's realm of authority.



Psalm 139:14-15

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth."

The Psalmist David clearly reveals that ONLY God creates life. This was illustrated in the Garden of Eden and supported from all other texts of Scripture that mention God as the Creator of life – not demons, evolution, etc. To say that demons can create bodies with DNA and fertile sperm is to say that demons have creative power independent of

God. This cannot be true since God alone has the divine prerogative to produce life.

Satan is not in charge of creating babies in the womb. This is God's work and business! If demons took control of procreation, materializing into human bodies and having physical relations with women, and creating a half- demonized race of people, then Satan would surely be behind it. But the Bible states that God is in charge of life within the womb.

Colossians 1:16-17

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

Acts 17:25

“Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, “seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.”

Again, God makes His own boundaries which cannot be disturbed or overturned by demonic intervention or the philosophies of man. It is inconceivable that God would create a race of demonic people who were genetically tied to demons. God would not produce a race of people who were impregnated by satanic means if we are said to be “fearfully and wonderfully made” by God. It also stands to reason that if man is created in the image of God that he could not be created in the image of the angels let alone demonic angels.

The Lord Jesus taught that angels couldn't produce offspring through sexual relations. In Matthew 22:30, Jesus said in response to the Sadducees: “For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.” This means angels do not have physical sex drives and they are not created by God to give birth to young. In other words, they cannot reproduce themselves for God has not placed this procreative ability within angels. Even when the good angels do take on human form, the Lord Jesus taught that angels could not and would not produce offspring through sexual relations.

Some have argued that only the angels in Heaven are said to not remarry and give birth to people. They claim that this statement by Jesus would not refer to the angels who were no longer in Heaven and who left Heaven to follow Satan in his rebellion. They also conclude that Jesus only taught that angels could not “marry” but He did not teach they could not have sexual relations. Of course, this is missing the obvious point that Jesus was trying to make about angelic beings. God did not create them to procreate. Even though angels are referred to in the masculine gender they are “sexless” beings in the sense they don't procreate. They are incapable of reproduction.

Also, if angels were capable of reproducing as mankind does, their offspring would be spirit (immaterial beings), in relationship to the principle of "after its kind" as portrayed in Genesis chapter one. Genesis one makes it very

clear that all God’s living creations are designed to reproduce “after their kind” (Gen. 1:21, 24, 25).

Admittedly, while angels are spiritual beings (Hebrews 1:14), they can appear in human, physical form (Mark 16:5). The men of Sodom and Gomorrah wanted to have sex with the two angels who were with Lot (Genesis 19:1-5). It is plausible that angels are capable of taking on human form, but it is NOT plausible for them to replicate human sexuality and reproduce. In addition, according to Biblical records, God has only allowed *good angels* to take on human form and appear before men (Gen. 18:1-18; 19:1; Joshua 5:13-15).

While the Bible does allow for fallen angels to possess unsaved human beings (Mrk 5:8-9), it does NOT support the notion that a demon-possessed person can produce offspring that are part-demon (a spirit being) and part-human (a human body). This has been called the mutant theory (a different organism produced as a result of mutations). So, we can be sure that the angels were not duplicating themselves by creating some kind of hybrid human race (half demon and half human). I am not inclined to believe that mommy angels were carrying around baby angels in their wombs! This indeed is science fiction, not Scriptural facts. Again, only God can create human life – not Satan (Zech. 12:1).

To think that the entire world prior to the Flood consisted of angelic beings existing in human bodies except the family of Noah is science fiction. On the other hand, demons influencing and indwelling mankind upon this earth can ultimately lead to a demonically influenced race of people by the evil



work of “the sons of God.” But it is far-fetched to believe that a genetically altered race of humans (a mixture of demonic “DNA” with human genetics) took place through the marrying of angels and humans. That angels can breed with other angels is indeed science fiction, not Scriptural facts. Man is created in God’s image and bears God’s image to some degree in spite of sin (James 3:9). However, a genetic breed or race of demonically conceived

people would not be created in God's image. They would be created in Satan's image which defies the truth of Scripture (James 3:9).

According to what Peter and Jude wrote (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6-7), we can conclude that the "the sons of God" were angels who saw "the daughters of men (*women in general throughout the earth*) that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose" (*this is an indication of multiple marriages*). But the angels themselves could not procreate and therefore something else had to occur in Genesis 6, which brings us to our next and the best option of what actually happened in Genesis 6.

Apparently the "sons of God" (fallen angels) in Genesis 6:2 used the already existing bodies of a giant race of people (unsaved men) who were directly linked to the work of the "sons of God" (Gen. 6:4). Although *directly* referencing angels, the title "sons of God" is also *indirectly* linked to a giant race of human beings (Gen. 6:4) because of the angel's close tie to this race of giants living on earth. The original process of corruption would begin through demon-indwelt giants and the cycle would result in human offspring that were demonically controlled. This final option is a mediating position between angels and men – angels indwelling men.

D. The Demon Possession of Giants

The fourth and I believe best option and understanding of "the sons of God" is that they are angelic beings (fallen angels) since this is the description and specific designation given to angels in the Old



Testament (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7). Genesis assumes the existence of the good angels of the Lord and of Satan and his angels (Gen. 3:24). It assumes that the evil angels are already fallen and under God's judgment. In Genesis 3:1 the serpent (Satan) was already at work as the father of lies (John 8:44).

In Genesis 6, these fallen angels would indwell men (specifically a race of giant people) through demon possession, creating unbridled lust in their hearts. This resulted in these giants seducing and controlling women and

reproducing after their kind (wicked offspring). In this case, the “sons of God” were angels using humans by proxy to commit this horrific deed of corruption throughout the entire pre-flood earth. As we will see, this is why both the angels (Gen. 6:2) and the giants they inhabited (Gen. 6:4) were designated as “the sons of God” for they were uniquely demon-possessed men with a specific purpose to spiritually pollute society and stop Messiah from being born.

Angels indwelling giants within the human race seem to answer the question of who the “sons of God” were in Genesis 6. This was an unusual occurrence where demon possessed men worked in concert with the sons of God (angels). The “sons of God” were fallen angels working in conjunction with fallen men to pollute the messianic line and keep the Savior from one day entering the world. At this point, Satan was attempting to thwart the fulfillment of the seed (messianic) prophecy and promise of Genesis 3:15. The Savior could not be born of a demon-possessed mother. This means that if Satan could succeed in infecting the entire race, the Deliverer (Messiah/Christ) could not come.

Genesis 6:4 picks up the historical narrative:

“There were giants (*Nephilim – meaning “fallen ones” or “tyrants”*) **in the earth in those days** (*before these marriage unions occurred there were already powerful giants over the earth*); **and also after that** (*after the marriages occurred there were more giants over the earth as they reproduced themselves*), **when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men** (*apparently Moses is teaching that these giants were used by the sons of God or angels to procreate*), **and they** (*these giants*) **bare children to them** (*the women*), **the same became mighty men** (*not angels but warrior-like giants like their fathers*) **which were of old, men** (*not angels*) **of renown**” (*powerful, fierce, influential, possessing authority*).



Many interpreters suggest that there must have been some kind of special demonic race of giants that resulted from angels having physical relations with women. The problem with this view is that the giants were already existing

on the earth before this union occurred (“There were giants in the earth in those days”). The Bible does not say “they became giants.” Hence, the whole theory of demons producing giants is not according to the Biblical text. What the next biblical text actually states is most important – not what other books or writings might conjecture about the passage of Scripture.

Let me further explain this. The Bible says, “There were giants (Nephilim) in the earth in those days,” but it does not say they were the offspring of angels and



women without the human agency of men. Giants (human people) were involved in the offspring. This is why the text goes on to say: “the same became mighty men (not mighty hybrids of demons and men) which were of old, men of renown.” These children were not some type of hybrid demonic and human monster; they were actual men. The record makes it very clear that the giants were already on the earth before the marriage took place and afterward, and it simply means that the offspring (children) of these giants possessed great authority and power throughout the earth.

It’s interesting that the term “sons of God” is used after a reference made to “men” multiplying on the face of the earth (Gen. 6:1). Moses seems to be stressing something here, a dual reference to the “sons of God.” He states, “There were giants...” The genetic pool had produced them already – not the cohabitation between angels and humans. Moses does not mention these Genesis giants, out of the blue, without an important reason. The key to understanding this is “There were giants” that Satan uniquely chose to use (by proxy) to being a moral atrocity on planet earth commit the most unusual and heinous act known in the history of mankind to demonize the human race and stop Messiah from coming into the world through a godly line.

This would suggest that there was a race of men among humanity, a special giant race of giant human beings (Gen. 6:4), which were targeted by demons to become dreadfully evil and produce offspring that would follow their own evil ways through demonic influence. Moses specifically

mentions these giants before explaining the intermarriage of the sons of God (angels) with the daughters of men (women). The implication is that this race of giant tyrants and rebels on earth were used by the “sons of God” (fallen angels) to commit this dastardly deed. In fact, the “giants” and “sons of God” are so interrelated in this narrative that they are seen as one and the same working harmoniously together to produce a race of rebels against God who were overtaken by demons.

As mentioned already, the title of “sons of God” *directly* references angels but it also is *indirectly* linked to a giant race of human beings (Gen. 6:4) because of the angel’s close tie to these Genesis giants. Essentially, the “sons of God” in this unique, historical, demonic, invasion has a dual reference and application to both the giants and demons (men influenced and indwelt by demons).

Once again, Jesus taught that it was NOT possible for angels to reproduce (Mark 12:25). In fact, there is nothing said in Scripture or any line of Biblical evidence that angelic beings can corrupt the *genetic* offspring of humanity and procreate other angelic beings. The Bible teaches that demons can only produce *spiritual* corruption and havoc through blinding people and keeping them bound to sin (Ephesians 6). To conclude that there was some kind of genetic malfunction that occurred in the human race, through demonic intervention, creating a race of “demonized humans” (angels in human bodies) is simply an assumption built upon other assumptions to which the text of Scripture is silent.

But to prove the mutant theory that an entire race of half angelic/human people existed, some insist we should understand a different Hebrew rendering of Genesis 6:4. Instead of “There were giants” (“hayah” – “to exist”), some seem to force the Hebrew understanding to mean, “There arose giants” as in Genesis 7:6, 10 and 15:17. The verb can mean to exist, to be, to become, to come to pass but the context will determine the meaning. Therefore, some interpreters insist “hayah” means to become or to come to pass to try and make the giants the result of the offspring of these angelic and unholy alliances. Most interpreters, however, are inclined toward “were” (the common meaning to exist) and this certainly fits the context.

The giants were already living among the people prior to the unholy alliance and would continue to exist afterward, but at one point they were overtaken by demons (fallen angels). In fact, they continued to thrive and exist in even greater numbers after the marriages occurred through reproducing themselves. As a result, Satan began to corrupt mankind with this specific and unprecedented demonic invasion of angels uniquely interacting with men to produce a godless society upon earth.

We have all heard about the fairytale of Jack and the Beanstalk. The giant in this fairytale was illusionary but the Bible does teach that there were giants (Nephilim – the Genesis giants) that existed on the earth prior to the Genesis Flood. The details are given to us. Numbers 13:33 says: “And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”

The Hebrew word used to describe the Nephilim occurs in only two verses of the Old Testament, one in our passage from Genesis 6 and the other in the book of Numbers. From the book of Numbers, we find that the descendants of Anak are part of the Nephilim. Since Anak was a Canaanite, it would be logical to assume that the Nephilim were human, rather than angelic. We see then that the genetic pool of giants continued to exist after the Genesis Flood and these giants were certainly not hybrid creatures (half demon and half man) for God had already judged the world and incarcerated the fallen angels who committed this evil act.

Remember about the narrative of David and the giant Goliath? Goliath was 9 feet tall! It is no fairytale. It's not science fiction! There were giants on earth, many of them. In fact, there is plenty of fossil evidence that supports the fact that giants did roam on this earth. Giant skulls and other skeleton bones have been uncovered all over the world which would support a 7 to 8-foot giant person.





There is a lot of archaeological evidence that supports a race of giant people. This is no hoax. The Bible clearly reveals that Satan specifically worked through this giant race of people to force many marriages (“wives of all which they chose” – Gen. 6:2). They probably had many wives!

These demon-indwelt men (a race of giants), who were possessed and controlled by these fallen angels, could as humans enter into physical relations with the “daughters of men” causing the human race to become spiritually corrupt by fallen angels. These giants would corrupt their family members and reproduce themselves repeatedly - one bad apple after another. In other words, their offspring would continue to be adversely affected, possessed, influenced, and indwelt by demons continuing the cycle of moral wickedness and evil to ultimately corrupt all human society.

In the mediating option of Genesis 6, the angelic emphasis of the title “sons of God” can be maintained with the understanding that the wicked angels influenced human beings instead of appearing in their own specialized human bodies. The reference to the “sons of God” can then reflect the angelic intervention with all of mankind with a particular emphasis on a group of giant human people. So once again, in Genesis 6:4 the term “sons of God” *directly* refers to angels but *indirectly* to their human proxies (giants) which would begin the corruption that would eventually spread throughout the earth.

Now let’s reiterate what we have studied here since there is so much confusion on this subject. It’s best to understand the reference “sons of God” as a *dual reference* to both man and demons working together. In this instance, the wicked angels influenced humans (giants), to bring about moral corruption. The angels themselves did not take on their own specialized human bodies; however, they indwelt the bodies of “men” as Genesis 6:4 calls them so they could experience sexual relations with women. The “sons of God” were actually *demon indwelt* or *demon*

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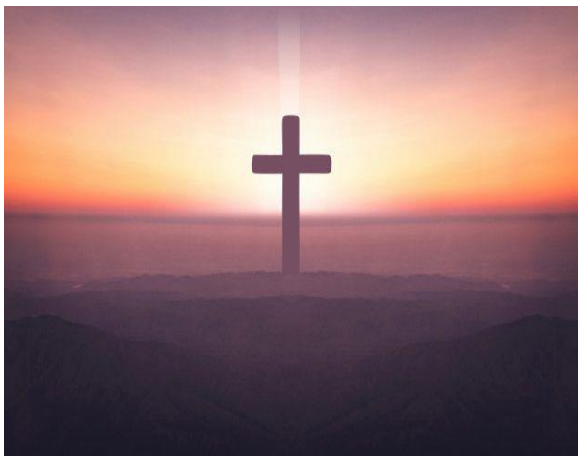
In short, “sons of God” were NOT a race of human beings that were demons in human disguise or procreating in human bodies. Angels cannot reproduce angels as Jesus taught during the days of His earthly ministry (Matt. 22:30). It’s best to conclude that the “sons of God” were initially a giant group of human people among humanity who were influenced by demon activity and this influence eventually was spread throughout the entire earth and to all peoples, except Noah and his family. These earthly people were giant warrior-like people who lived upon the earth. They were truly human and at the same time they were heavily influenced by demonic activity so that Satan could fulfill his purposes through them. In this way man could be called the “sons of God” without demons actually conceiving people and creating a race of angels with human bodies.

There is NO evidence that these giant peoples were the *direct result* of demonic procreation. They already existed on the earth prior to the dastardly deed. The word for “giants” (nephilim) means to be a bully or tyrant. The text in Genesis 6:4 describes giants existing both before and after the flood. This cannot be denied. Therefore, it is likely that the demons eventually came to indwell these people who had already existed prior to the Genesis six meltdown. This conclusion is based upon the finding of “sons of God” as referencing both men and angels (a mediating position and understanding about the sons of God). The title “sons of God” is best explained as referring to a group of demon *indwelt/influenced* people – not demon-*created* people.

The Nephilim were corrupt strongmen of that time and were notorious for their violent exploits (Genesis 6:4). These men were probably also descendants of Cain that were terrorizing the peoples and represented at least part of the group whose thoughts were "only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). The Nephilim that were described after the Flood were also evil strongmen, but not necessarily related to those pre-flood people, since they were all destroyed in the flood. How did the genetic code change that resulted in producing a large group of people that were giants? We don't know but God allowed it to happen much like He allowed the races to come about after Babylon (Gen. 11). God in His sovereignty allows history (His story) to come to pass in the way He has planned.

The Bible in Genesis 6:4 simply informs us that there were giant people already existing in the earth in those days prior to the flood similar to the Anak giants after the flood (Numb. 13:33). The genes were kept intact to produce giant people even after the flood. In any event this giant group of bullies must have expanded or grown throughout the earth when this big breed of men began to marry many women in the world from both the Cainite and Sethite lines, likely practicing polygamy.

The Angels Master Plan



Many wonder why this great evil atrocity occurred on earth. The Bible gives us an important clue. Because of a previously revealed prophecy in Genesis 3 concerning Satan's demise, his main goal in all this earthly corruption of humanity was to spiritually pollute and destroy the godly line of Seth through which the Messiah would be born.

Genesis 3:15 speaks of the messianic prophecy revealing the two headships of humanity: **“And I will put enmity (*hostility and hatred*) between thee (*Satan*) and the woman (*Eve*), and between thy seed (*Satan and his offspring or descendants*) = *unsaved Satan has led in rebellion against God***

*as in John 8:44) and her seed; (not the man's seed, but the seed of the woman, referring to **Christ** and His offspring or descendants = the people of God) it (the specific seed of the woman who is Christ – Gal. 3:16, 19) shall bruise (crush) thy head (a mortal wound, the total defeat and utter demise of Satan through the cross – John 16:11; Col. 2:15; 1 John 3:8; Rom. 16:20; Rev. 20:1-3; 10), and thou shalt bruise his heel” (the heel, being part of the Serpent's reach, prefigures a terrible and temporary wound or injury to Christ on the cross but not defeat, since Christ's death and subsequent resurrection provides victory over death, sin, hell, and Satan).*

The “protoevangelium” (the First Gospel – the first announcement of a Redeemer) is seen here which prophesied that Christ would deliver a death blow to Satan but in so doing would suffer death himself. Satan's was defeated when Christ died on the cross in the sense that His power over humanity was broken through the cross of Christ (Heb. 2:14-15). Christ opened the way for sinners to be made right before God. Satan is living on borrowed time for His ultimate defeat on the cross will be realized when he is cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:10). The lightning has already happened (Calvary's cross) but the thunder is coming next (the Lake of Fire).

Satan wanted to stop the birth of Christ and the Savior from entering the world. His work of evil began in the Garden, but after the prophecy of the seed was given, it moved to epic proportions in Genesis 6. Satan was trying to cancel out the cross and assure the condemnation of lost humanity back in the days prior to the Flood, while at the same time save his own head! In Genesis 6, Satan attempted to thwart God's plan of the ages. He knew about the original prophecy of Genesis 3:15 and the seed of the woman (the coming Messiah). To avoid Satan being crushed by the Messiah at the cross (“it shall bruise thy head”), he tried to undo what God had said about the coming Redeemer. God had declared war on Satan in Genesis 3:15 and the deceiver intended to fight back.

In an attempt to overthrow society, Satan used fallen angels (“the sons of God”) to uniquely inhabit and control a race of giant people to have sexual relations with women (“the daughters of men”) and corrupt the line through which the seed (Messiah) would come. Satan tried to eliminate the seed promise in Genesis 6 through demonizing people on the earth. He

tried it again in the days of Esther by attempting to destroy the entire nation of Israel (Esther 3:12-14). But once again, God providentially intervened by saving Israel, even as he did prior to the Flood when saving Noah and his family.

Athaliah also tried to destroy the royal seed (2 Kings 11:1-3) but failed. Satan, through Herod, also targeted Jesus Christ attempting to destroy all the children in Bethlehem, from two years old and under (Matt. 2:16). Satan at strategic times throughout history has tried to wipe out the promise of the seed. It began historically in Genesis 6 and continued until Christ died on the cross and Satan suffered his defeat (John 16:11; Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14).

Here is a good question. What prevents the unbound demons from attempting to do the same thing today? Why didn't other fallen angels continue to practice this specific dastardly deed after the Genesis Flood?

It seems that God put an end to demons mating with women (via human proxy) by placing all the demons who committed such an act in isolation. After the global flood Satan would no longer attempt this kind of universal evil since he lost the original battle and lost many of his demonic followers who are now incarcerated in Tartarus (2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 6-7). Those that were imprisoned served as an example of God's sore displeasure, so that other fallen angels would not repeat the same sin and be judged before their own time (Matt. 8:29). This would prevent any more demons from attempting such sin. Furthermore, the Messiah already entered the world, died, and rose again, winning the battle over Satan's attempt to stop His arrival into the world (1 Pet. 3:20-21).

There is no longer a need to try and stop Christ's *first coming*. Satan is now focusing on stopping Christ's *Second Coming* (Psalm 2). Satan still does want to corrupt the earth, but his main objective is to stop the Messiah from returning since His return spells his ultimate defeat in the world (Rev. 20:1-3). Today Satan is also working through other means to destroy the family unit (nuclear family) and bring spiritual demise and chaos to families on earth.

According to doctors at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona, rattlesnakes thought to be dead can still strike, bite, and kill you. Doctors in Phoenix said they have a large number of patients admitted each year suffering from bites from rattlers thought to be dead. Sometimes the snakes were shot and their heads cut off; but the snake head retains a reflex action, and one study showed that snake heads could still make striking-type motions for up to sixty minutes after decapitation.

Satan, that old serpent, along with his fallen angels, were defeated at Calvary. His head was cut off (Gen. 3:15). Hebrews 2:14 says that our High Priest, by his death, destroyed him who holds the power of death. But for a season he can still strike and wound us. He can still hurt us and poison our relationships and spread his deadly venom into our homes and lives. As Christians, we need to stay spiritually alert to Satan's tactics and temptations (1 Pet. 5:8).

The Angels Reviewed



Without wanting to be redundant, and only for emphasis because of the enormity and unfamiliarity of the subject, I want to recap and reconfirm what we have studied in Genesis 1:1-4 concerning these fallen angels. I will add some extra thoughts, quotes, and closing application. So here comes round two on the sons of God. Fasten your seatbelt!

Moses mentions the giants before the sons of God for a reason. This is because the two (both the angels and giants) would be interrelated and work together in committing these unusual sexual unions throughout the earth.

Genesis 6:4:

“There were giants (they existed before the angelic attack – not because of it) **in the earth in those days; and also after that** (they existed after the angelic attack since they were uniquely used by these fallen angels to enter into these sexual unions), **when** (the timing) **the sons of God** (a direct

reference to angels but at the same time an indirect reference to the giants they indwelt because of their unique interrelationship) came in unto the daughters of men (women throughout the earth), and they bare children to them (to the giants in whom the angels indwelt), the same became mighty men (not angels – the offspring were not angels or hybrid creatures) which were of old, men (not angels) of renown.”

First, Genesis 6:4 teaches that these giants were NOT created by sexual relations between fallen angels and humans. They already existed (“There were giants”) and Satan chose to use these existing giants to wreck the family unit and stop Messiah from entering the earth through a godly line or people. Satan wanted demons to reign – not the Savior to enter the world, save sinners, and someday reign over the earth. We have seen how there was a race of giant people living on earth at this time.

Second, the offspring of these sons of God (giants indwelt or inhabited by fallen angels - demons) who married the “daughters of men” (women) were said to be “men” (real human people – not some kind of hybrid monsters or creatures). So, we must realize that there was NOT a hybrid race of half men and half demonic creatures created through this alliance. Demonic zombies were not roaming about the earth as a result of sexual union between angels (demons) and men.

Apparently the sons of God indwelt these “men” and caused corruption within the entire human race through a constant cycle of demon oppression, obsession, and possession.

Third, the race of giant men was also called “the sons of God” (Gen. 6:4) which means they also bore the same title “sons of God” like the angels themselves in Genesis 6:2. The reason for this is because the angels were closely associated and interrelated with this existing race of giant men, demonizing them, controlling them, totally possessing them, and spiritually polluting them. So, the “sons of God” are angels but because of their indwelling and possession of this race of giant men, these giant men were also indirectly identified as “the sons of God” (Genesis 6:4). There was so much interrelationship between these angels and men that the men themselves were indirectly portrayed as the “sons of God.”

Angels = Sons of God in Genesis 6

Job 38:7 - When the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of God (angels)** shouted for joy?

Job 1:6 - Now there was a day when the **sons of God (angels)** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 2:1 - Again there was a day when the **sons of God (angels)** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

The “sons of God” are presented as angels in the Bible. One cannot deny this. If you’re consistent with the language of the Old Testament, angels are specifically designated as “sons of God.”

It would seem then that the best and most obvious understanding

of what happened in Genesis 6 is that the “sons of God” (created, fallen, wicked angels) chose to inhabit wicked men which were a race of larger people that already existed on the earth prior to the Flood.

By way of review, the association of the “giants” with the “sons of God” in Genesis 6:4 suggests that these wicked angels uniquely influenced and interacted with this race of giant people to accomplish their dastardly deed of corrupting the earth. This giant race of men was overtaken by demon activity (the sons of God) and likely indwelt by demons. This had to be a unique and unusual indwelling of demons (fallen angels), working in concert with this giant race to create unbridled lust in their hearts toward the “daughters of men” (women) with the end plan to overthrow the earth with a demonized race of people and stop the Messiah from entering the world.

John MacArthur concurs with this view:

“Now, we also know from the Bible that demons can enter human bodies. And I think that’s what you have here. What you have is society has reached such a corrupt point, civilization has gotten so corrupt that literally demons have taken up their residences to some degree. And we don’t want to get caught up in terms here, but the demons (defined as the sons of God) have moved into men with the purpose of cohabitating with women.”

There is much Biblical support that suggests demons can *indwell* people (Matt. 4:24; 8:16, 28, 33; 12:45; Acts 8:7; 16:6) and influence or inspire people to do evil things (Rev. 16:13-14), but there is no Biblical support that they can genetically *create* or *reproduce* human people (Gen. 1:21, 24, 25). We can conclude, therefore, that the “sons of God” expression would suggest a godless line of demonically controlled people (indirectly associated with the angels – “sons of God”) that could corrupt the human race in order to prevent the Messiah from being born. The Genesis giants were actually men who were the *proxies* of these wicked spirits which means the men of the earth were being used by the sons of God (the angels) and *indirectly* related to and identified with the “sons of God.”

These “sons of God” or angels were functioning through men and acting out their dastardly deed through wicked men. Their involvement in these sexual acts were by proxy (the use of human giants). The “strange flesh” that Jude mentions regarding these wicked angels would be for angels to have physical relations with women through inhabiting male, human bodies. In short, these demons or wicked angels would seek to promote and enhance sexual relations with women through inhabiting male human bodies.

This was “strange flesh” to them since angels are created as sexless beings without bodies (Heb. 1:7), sex drives, and without the capability of reproduction (Mark 12:25). Therefore, it was indeed a strange act for angels to inhabit human beings for the purpose of procreation among humanity. To what extent and how they interacted with the human race is beyond our capability of knowing. But what they did was so evil that God banned them from earth and imprisoned them in Tartarus where they are awaiting their future judgment in the Lake of Fire (2 Pet. 2:4).

Demons always seek to inhabit bodies (Luke 8:26-31; 11:24). Therefore, they began to inhabit and influence a race of giant men by stimulating them to lust after women and marry them. Again, it’s clear that they had multiple wives (Gen. 6:2). This pattern would continue for many years, and it eventually polluted the human race. This demonized cycle of wickedness would be passed down from one generation to the next with the Satanic mindset to spiritually pollute human society and keep the Redeemer from

being born. This demonic invasion of society was Satan's best attempt to keep Messiah from coming.

Although I do not espouse the Sethite and Cainite view on Genesis chapter six, we must remember something about the line of Seth. We must realize that the line of Seth did have a special place of relationship to God because the Redeemer was to come through this line (Gen. 4:25). The line of Seth was God's chosen way to bring forth the promised Redeemer. But Satan did something to try and stop the coming of the Redeemer. He attacked the family institution.

The serpent made a strike against society through the family in general. He began to stir up a people upon the earth by ordering demons to influence and overtake the lives of this giant race of people living within society. Demons, who are also called the "sons of God" in Scripture, evidently began a viscous attack upon this world by influencing a particular giant-like group of people to marry the "daughters of men" which would include women throughout the earth (Genesis 6:2). The goal was to stop Messiah from being born.

The Angels Corruption

This demonic action of cohabitation with humans caused an unholy and pagan mixture to occur that would eventually pollute the human race. It would seem then that the title "daughters of men" (Gen. 6:2, 4) would indicate that this demonically influenced group of giants within society intermarried with women throughout the entire earth. This ultimately would produce a race of people that would try to overthrow the world with wickedness and erase the godly line through which Christ was to be born. This was Satan's master plan. He wanted to paganize the line of Christ.

God has a master plan of salvation, but Satan has a master plan of spiritual ruin (John 10:10). It's almost frightening to reflect on what really happened in these days! Simply stated, the term "sons of God" is taken to mean angelic beings which bodily inhabited and influenced the entire human race prior to the Genesis Flood leading the world into a total moral collapse.

We are once again reminded that the best option of Genesis 6:2 and 4 is to understand the “sons of God” as a *dual reference* to both man and demons working simultaneously together. In this instance, the wicked angels influenced humans, to bring about moral corruption. The angels themselves did not take on their own specialized human bodies; however, they indwelt the bodies of men as Genesis 6:4 called them in order to experience sexual relationships with women. The “sons of God” were actually *demon indwelt* or *demon influenced* men, to such a degree, that they shared the common Hebrew expression given to angels – “sons of God” (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7).

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My own son used to have a hat that said on the front, “Just like daddy.” The implication of this saying on the hat is that the son will act like the father and turn out to be like the father. This is what happened in the race prior to the great deluge. The sons turned out to be like their daddy’s, who were demonically influenced, which resulted in all kinds of sins being produced in the human race through these wicked spirits. Sinful dads produce sinful sons. Sinful sons produce more sinful sons. The implication in Genesis 6:4 is that people were born to these giants called the “sons of God” (men influenced and indwelt by demons) and wickedness increased on the earth. This is because their own offspring would eventually be demonically influenced, and the chain effect would eventually topple the world from a spiritual perspective.



The alarming fact is that they produced after their kind. In other words, this type of sinful reproduction breeds a polluted population of humanity. This is what is happening today within our own society; howbeit, not on the same level as it was in the days prior to the Genesis Flood. Nevertheless, because of the increase of wickedness worldwide, through demonic deception and sinful degradation, this earth is once again headed toward a judgment of another kind. It is the judgment of the Tribulation Period (Rev. 3:10).

So, we have discovered that the “sons of God” in Genesis 6:2 were actually angels (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7) indwelling men, to such a degree, that they shared the common Hebrew expression given to angels – “sons of God” (Gen. 6:4). There was such an intermingling between the two (fallen angels and men) that these corrupted giants bore the same title “sons of God.”

The title “sons of God” in Genesis 6:2 is a *direct* reference to angels, and this is what Peter and Jude were alluding to in their epistles (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6). However, there was a race of giant humans living which were taken over by the “sons of God” and *indirectly* shared this angelic title (Gen. 6:4). This means that human men (indwelt by demons) could have physical relations with women (Gen. 6:4) and eventually reproduce themselves, resulting in a godless race of humans.

As previously taught, it would seem that there is a mediating view and understanding about the sons of God. They were wicked angels influencing and inhabiting the bodies of men (the Genesis giants) to reproduce themselves and corrupt the entire earth through a demonized, godless, offspring of people. Of course, this does not mean that every person was born a giant. Genetics does not always work this way. However, there was a worldwide pollution of evil people which resulted from this specific and unique demonic invasion of mankind.

Henry Morris makes this valuable observation about the marriages of the sons of God with women: “A solution seems to consist in recognizing that the children were true human children of truly human fathers and mothers, but that all were possessed and controlled by evil spirits. That is, these fallen angelic sons of God accomplished their purposes by something

equivalent to demon possession indwelling the bodies of human men, and then also taking (or possessing) the bodies of the women as well.”

Later Morris concludes by saying:

“Thus, the sons of God controlled not only the men whose bodies they had acquired for their own exploitation, but also the women they took to themselves in this way, and then all the children they bore.”

In other words, Morris reminds us that the giants indwelt by demons would reproduce and everyone in the family line would be overcome by this vicious attack of demonism on the human family. The wicked angels (“sons of God”) could influence, associate, and even indwell human bodies, so that the human race would keep reproducing offspring that would grow up and follow the same pattern and footsteps of their wicked fathers. Of course, this would cause spiritual corruption to set in and destroy the possibility of Christ or the Redeemer from being born in the pure line of Seth. The distinctions of the godly line would be lost forever, and the prophecy of the coming Redeemer would be shattered (Gen. 3:15).

It’s very evident that this multiplication of wives began to produce a new population of people that would live in rebellion, along with their own children. The “sons of God” (demon influenced or indwelt men) are initially identified as a group of giant people that would cause the human race to begin to degenerate spiritually through their offspring. These “sons of God” would produce more “sons of God” (demon influenced or indwelt people) which would multiply and expand the human population upon the earth. This plan would corrupt the family, which is God’s institution, and ultimately corrupt the pure line of Seth through which Christ was to come and do away with the genealogical and godly distinctions among the people.

In addition, these men who were demonically influenced were “mighty men” (Genesis 6:4) who were well known throughout the ancient world because of the supernatural things that they could do through demonic control and influence upon their lives. It would be these demonically inspired men that originally created polygamy and would continue to create harems by choosing many wives to lust after (Gen. 6:2 – “daughters

of men”). The marrying of many women would also include the intermingling with the Sethite line. This would eventually rule out the promise of Christ’s coming through this chosen line and seed. The Sethite line was to remain pure and be able to keep accurate genealogical ties or roots to the future Messiah.

Think about this. There were perhaps untold millions of angels who sought to accomplish this wicked deed in the days prior to the Flood. Through the human agency of men (specifically giants), these fallen angels sought after the flesh of women, which was foreign to the angelic creation, and sought to pollute the human race and keep the Redeemer from coming. Satan’s plan was to eventually produce a demonized, God-rejecting society which could not reproduce the promised Messiah.

And the devil’s plan almost worked!

Genesis 6:5-6 gives the eerie narrative of what happened as a result of this unholy alliance between angels and men: “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.”

Satan made a direct strike against society and targeted the families of the earth. He knows that if he can harm the family, then he can get his agenda accomplished on earth. It’s staggering to think about what Satan was up to prior to the Flood. His workers (fallen angels) were busy corrupting society through their demonic influence. Satan’s desire was to spiritually pollute the entire society on earth so that the line of Seth (the Redeemer’s line) would eventually fade out of existence.

The Angels Defeated

Satan’s master plan to corrupt all the families on earth and stop the Redeemer from coming almost worked! But there remained a godly man named Noah who was still a preacher of righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5). God said that he would spare him and his family from the approaching storm of the worldwide Flood. When Noah went into that ark the Lord did

something to assure that Satan could not get inside the ark and destroy Noah's family, through which the promised seed of Christ would eventually come.

Genesis 7:16 says:

"And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in."

God shut the door and Satan could not enter the ark and cause harm and pollution to this family. God shut the door and indicated that Noah would be safe, and his ship would not sink. Do you realize that if the ark had sunk to the bottom of the cold water the promise of God would have drowned with it? There would be no coming Redeemer and salvation. The plan and program of God to save souls would be thwarted. But God shut the door of the ark. And when God shuts the door Satan cannot enter! God had protected His plan and purpose for mankind. God also kept the boat afloat. This is why there is a Savior today.

Satan's masterplan to destroy the spiritual family and messianic godly line would have worked, if it were not for the godliness of a man called Noah and his family.

Genesis 6:9 speaks of Noah's character:

"These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just (*righteous*) man and perfect (*without blemish, undefiled*) in his generations, and Noah walked with God."

Rise Up O Men of God! There is the secret to victory within the family line. Men, God wants you to walk with Him today instead of allowing the Devil to get the victory in your family. Walking with God, like Noah (Gen. 6:9) is the way to keep your family on track. Pass your spiritual heritage and lifestyle on to your children and the next generation.

"Just like daddy." Men, only when you walk with God and set a godly example, can you keep your own family safe from the onslaughts of the enemy. "And Noah walked with God" during a demonically inspired, indwelt, and sinful generation who wanted nothing to do with God and

righteousness. The way a family can be victorious over Satan's tactics is when the man of the house walks with God.

1 Corinthians 16:13

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you (be brave) like men, be strong."

Men, if you fail to live for God and love Him, then your family will wind up in Satan's trap. What an incentive to live for God in these last days. Rise up and become a Noah! Rise up men! Rise up, O men of God!

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength,
To serve the King of kings."

Society is moving in the same direction it did prior to the Genesis Flood (Matt. 24:37-39). In a similar way, as times become increasingly wicked, Christ will return and save His redeemed Church from the Tribulation Period (a seven-year judgment) by rapturing them out of this world (Revelation 3:10). Following the Rapture, God's judgment will be poured out upon this world once again. Noah and his family were saved from God's visiting judgment and the Church will also be saved from God's coming wrath over planet earth. 2 Peter 2:9 says, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."

Today, Satan is still attacking the family. In one sense, Satan wants to get back at God for not allowing him to defeat the coming seed. He knows that he cannot destroy the seed any longer because Christ has already come. But the serpent can still create havoc in the family and try to destroy God's witness in the world as he attempted to do in the past. Imagine this: the crawling serpent had succeeded in destroying the godly witness of the world by attacking all the families within society. He had won the victory in every family but one! This family was Noah's. He preached and lived righteousness.

By God's grace may we be that one family which Satan will not disrupt and corrupt because we have been standing on truth and living godly lives. Men, Satan is out to get your family. You must realize this as a Christian father or dad and become a Noah in your own day and time. Husbands and fathers must stand firm as Noah did and rise above the Satanic attacks on family life. God is looking for a Noah today. He is looking for a father who is willing to go against the tide of a wicked culture and society and believe what God says about sin and righteousness.

Will that man or father be you? Will you make this commitment as a Christian? Your own spiritual life and family's spiritual health depends upon your decision. You may need to break the chain of corruption in your family line and follow God. Make your decision today and make a difference!

"I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back."