

Understanding Genesis 6:1-4

Sons of God ~ Nephilim ~ Mighty Men

(Part 2)

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“sons of God” // “daughters of man” // “Nephilim”?

- 1. Sethite-Cainite line view: Intermarrying between lines of Seth and Cain**
- 2. Polygamous kings**
- 3. Angel view: fallen angels impregnating human women**

Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Why the Angel View?

1. Moses' precise use of words
2. "sons of God" in Job
3. Septuagint
4. blameless/perfect Noah
5. Rampant pre-flood evil
6. Necessity of the flood
7. NT references (1 Pet. 3:18-20; 2 Pet. 2:4-5; Jude 1:6-7)
8. Tradition

Genesis 6:8-9 (ESV)

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (9) These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God."

Exodus 12:5 (ESV)

"Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats"

Genesis 6:12 (ESV)

"And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth."

Genesis 6:5-7 (ESV)

"The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6) And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. (7) So the LORD said, 'I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.'"

Genesis 6:11-13 (ESV)

"Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. (12)And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. (13)And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.'"

Romans 2:14-15 (ESV)

"For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. (15) They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them"

Genesis 7:19–23 (ESV)

"And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. (20)The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. (21)And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. (22)Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. (23)He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark."

1 Peter 3:18–20 (ESV)

"...[Jesus] being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, (19)in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, (20)because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water."

2 Peter 2:4–5 (ESV)

"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; (5)if He did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly"

Jude 1:6-7 (ESV)

"And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— (7) just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire."

Genesis 1:27-28 (ESV)

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (28) And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...'"