

## Genesis Chapter 6

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Two days before He was crucified Jesus gave the Olivet discourse recorded in Matt. 24

**Matthew 24:3** “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

Time of deception – wars – rumors of war – pestilences – earthquakes – persecution – false prophets

**Matthew 24:37-39** <sup>37</sup>But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>38</sup>For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

- Jesus not only verified and corroborated the Genesis account of the flood, but He gave us warning – that the generation that see’s these things, would be the last.
- As we study through this portion of scripture we do so with the back drop of our current geopolitical situation:
  1. Israel once again a nation in fulfillment of Biblical prophecy
  2. Surrounded by enemies bent on her destruction.
  3. A world seemingly engulfed and immersed in evil continually.
  4. The thoughts and intents of mankind seemingly being evil all of the time.
  5. Life going on, eating, drinking, giving in marriage – with no particular thought or consideration for God.
  6. Ripe for a surprise – the return of our King!

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V: 1 Population explosion, doing essentially what God had commanded.

**Genesis 1:28** “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over everything that moves on the earth.”

- The average age of the men listed in the previous chapter is 700+ years. Knowing that they were healthier, and capable of bearing children much longer than we are, even if they stopped having children in the 1<sup>st</sup> 1/3 of their lives – that’s a lot of children.
- Some models suggest numbers as high as 100 billion people at the time of the flood.
- Other’s suggest a more conservative number at around 6 billion, the number we just passed in the year 2000.

V: 2 *“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.”*

- We saw in the last 2 chapters the rapid decline of man, the rapid deterioration of morals, the increase in violence, materialism, and ungodliness.
- A situation that seemingly accelerated to the point that God deemed it necessary to intervene in the affairs of mankind in a radical way.
- What led to this increase in evil, the explosion of perversity and violence?
- Demonic intervention into the affairs of man, Satan’s attempt to thwart the plan of God, to corrupt the seed of the woman.
- Our understanding of this chapter hinges on this verse:  
As we look at and understand the supernatural aspects of what is taking place here, we are setting a precedent.
- We enter into this portion of scripture with the understanding that the Bible is a supernatural book about a supernatural God. If in this book of beginnings we are unable to deal with the supernatural reality of the spirit world, then we will not be able to properly recognize other supernatural situations as they occur, we will continually seek to rationalize and explain everything. Moses will have led the children around the “reed sea” – Jesus will have swooned, then recovered instead of dying on the cross and being resurrected, and we’ll look for natural explanations for supernatural things wherever we see them.

*“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.”*

“sons of God” = fallen angels

- The result of these ungodly unions were “giants” (V:4) – “Nephiylim”.
  - Mighty men of renown, monsters not only in size, but in wickedness.
1. Why not “sons of God” & daughters of God, as opposed to daughters of men? There is an intentional distinction made between the sons of God and the daughters of men.
    - Adam is referred to as a “son of God” in the New Testament (Luke 3:38) because he was created, not born – just as the angels were created, not born and there fore referred to as “bene-Elohim” – sons of God. (Psalm 148:2, 5).
    - In the New Testament all believers are referred to as “bene-Elohim” sons of God, because of our personal faith in Christ. (John 1:12; Romans 8:14)

### Bene-Elohim Vs: Bath-Adam (daughter – mankind, human, man)

- Every single use of the phrase “sons of God” in the Old Testament refers to angels, except for one in Daniel Ch. 3 which refers to the “Son of God” walking in the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. (Daniel 3:25)

**Job 1:6** “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.” (Job 2:1, 38:7)

- Modern Christians have tried to make the story more palatable, excusing the supernatural aspect of this account, by making the “sons of God” to mean the descendants of Seth, and the daughters of men the descendants of Cain – thereby breaking down the barrier between believers and non-believers.
  - As monstrous a violation of **2 Cor. 6:14** and **1 Cor. 7:39** – but this in no way explains the resulting offspring would be “giants” any more than any other union.
  - The seeming intent of the author was to make the distinction between fallen angels and mankind, and what resulted – apparently acting in opposition to God’s plan of redemption.
  - The intent seems to be to take away from the supernatural reality of spiritual warfare.
- McAllister & Sumrall, Life Magazine, Philippines, 1958 cover story – woman in prison, bite marks on back, solitary confinement, still bitten. Her testimony
- Early translators of the Septuagint / Greek Old Testament as well as Josephus, ancient Jewish interpreters, and the earliest Christian writers all understood this passage to mean the “sons of God” were fallen angels intermingling with earthly women, and their off spring being the “Nephylim”.

**Jude 6-7** “And the angels who did not keep their proper (own) domain / first estate, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day <sup>7</sup>as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

**1 Peter 3:19-20** “by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah,...”

**2 Peter 2:4** “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; <sup>5</sup>and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah..... <sup>6</sup>and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes...”

Question: Why did God confine some of the fallen angels, but not all of them?

Possibly because some of them had crossed a line – entered into relationships with earthly women.

- Satan sought to corrupt the seed of the woman, seeking to nullify God's promise that our redeemer would come through the seed of the woman.
- Serbia / Bosnia – ethnic cleansing: systematic rape of all the women, young and old.

*“... they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.”*

- Speaks of indiscriminant sexual relationships, like our culture today from the 60's forward, the sexual revolution.
- Either way they were giving into the lust of the flesh: **1 John 2:16**  
**1 John 2:16** “For all that is in the world-the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-is not of the Father but is of the world.”
- There are other proposed explanations for this text, but they all seem to have to twist the scripture and the original language to make it fly – whereas the plain reading of this text lead us to the correct interpretation.

*“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.”*

V: 3 *“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.”*

*“And the Lord said,...”* to who? Not certain... Adam? Noah?

*“My Spirit shall not strive forever...”*

**John 16:8** “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”

- Man can and does resist the power of the Holy Spirit and He seeks to convict us of sin, we can harden our hearts to God.

- There is a point of no return, where a man's heart is hardened 1<sup>st</sup> by the man himself, then confirmed by God.
- This is a specific response, God's gracious and loving intervention.
- The enemy is trying to thwart God stated plan of redemption.

**Genesis 3:15** "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

- This was the enemies attempt at polluting or corrupting the "seed of the woman", attempting to prevent the Messiah from coming to man kind as God had promised.
- Men are redeemable, angels are not. A "giant" that is half man and half angel / demon would be un-redeemable and the future seed that would come from them would be disqualified as a host to that Seed.
- There are limits, which work for God's purposes – here he says, another 120 years and the game is over.

V: 4 *"For 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" – "nephilym", "fallen-ones"
- Sons of men, like Seth are not noted for being "giants". There is a stated **cause and effect**, "there were giants in those days **when** the sons of God came in to the daughters of men."
- Normal unions have been known to produce little monsters...
- These "giants" are probably the subject of Greek and pagan mythology. Most mythological stories from various cultures are based on some thread of truth.

V: 5 *"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."*

**Jeremiah 17:9** "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?"

- Describing man being given over to iniquity:

Turn to: **Romans 1:18-32**

Turn to: **2 Timothy 3:1-5** “<sup>1</sup>But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup>for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup>traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

Up to this point we've seen:

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| 1. Pre-occupation with physical appetites.                        | Luke 17:27            |
| 2. Rapid advances in technology.                                  | Genesis 4:22          |
| 3. Materialism.   | Luke 17:28            |
| 4. Uniformitarianism — (things will always going on as before...) | Hebrews 11:7          |
| 5. Inordinate devotion to pleasure and comfort.                   | Genesis 4:21          |
| 6. No concern for God in either belief or conduct.                | 2 Peter 2:5; Jude 15. |
| 7. Disregard for the sacredness of the marriage relationship.     | Matthew 24:38         |
| 8. Rejection of the inspired Word of God.                         | 1 Peter 3:19          |
| 9. Population explosion.  | Genesis 6:1, 11.      |
| 10. Widespread violence.  | Genesis 6:11, 13.     |
| 11. Corruption throughout society.                                | Genesis 6:12          |
| 12. Preoccupation with illicit sexual activity.                   | Genesis 4:19, 6:2.    |
| 13. Widespread word and thoughts of blasphemy.                    | Jude 15               |
| 14. Organized Satanic activity.                                   | Genesis 6:1-4         |
| 15. Promotion of systems and movements of abnormal depravity.     | Genesis 6:5, 12.      |

- This was a time of tremendous satanic activity.
- Satanic worship is prevalent in our day as well. Human sacrifice, child sacrifice is a reality in our day.
- The glorifying of death, skulls and other images of death are everywhere.
- Men having implants into their foreheads to appear to have horns, emulating their god.

**Galatians 6:7-8** “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup>for he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

- What are we sowing into the minds of man today? Videos, internet, magazines, movies, video games, cartoons, horror upon horror

*Verse 2 is the most important verse in this chapter, verses 6 & 7 are the most challenging.*

V: 6-7      We are told in the NT that we can “grieve” the Holy Spirit

**Ephesians 4:30** “And do not grieve the Holy spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

**1 Samuel 15:29** “And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.”

- There is in this an aspect of the omniscience – God’s all knowing power, and His sovereignty – that we cannot fathom or understand.
- There is a point where human words and expression fail to adequately communicate the truth of God – there is a point where our limited intellect runs into the unfathomable wisdom and sovereignty of God – and it is simply too much to understand or communicate. And here we are!

**Isaiah 55:8-9** “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

- God hates sin, but He loves sinners.
- Amalakites, Hittites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amonites, Jebusites, Caananites – God said to wipe them all out – because they had gotten to a place where they were a lost cause – they weren’t going to recover, they were only going to be dangerous to everyone else.
- Rabid puppy on a school ground.

V: 8 Contrast: “but Noah”

- Noah was different that the rest of the world.

**2 Peter 2:4-5** “<sup>4</sup>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; <sup>5</sup>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;

- 1<sup>st</sup> mention of grace in the Bible.
- God’s unmerited favor, receiving something good that we don’t deserve.
- Justice – mercy - grace

Noah was a sinner saved by grace:

**Ephesians 2:8-9** “<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

**Hebrews 11:6-7** “<sup>6</sup>But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. <sup>7</sup>By faith **Noah**, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Genesis 7:1 God declared that Noah was righteous.

- The next place that we see “grace” is just prior to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

**Genesis 19:19** “Indeed now, your servant has found grace in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life;...”

V: 9 Speaking of the genealogy of Noah.

1. Noah was a just man – justified, righteous in God’s eyes – by faith in Jesus.
2. Noah was perfect in his generation<sup>s</sup> – his blood line was un-corrupted, his lineage did not contain the corrupted seed of the “Bene-Elohim / sons of God”
3. Noah walked with God. (Adam, Enoch, Noah, Elijah)

**Amos 3:3** “How can two walk together unless they be agreed?”

V: 10 Noah was 500 years old when he had Shem, Ham, and Japeth. (Gen. 5:32)

V: 11-12 The world is corrupt: [Violence is singled out as one of the main causes:](#)

**Proverbs 6:16-19** “<sup>16</sup>These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup>A proud look, hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup>a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, <sup>19</sup>a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

**Psalms 14:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>The fool has said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. <sup>2</sup>The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. <sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one.”



**Isaiah 53:6** “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way;...”

- Given the dire condition of the world, the fact that Noah found grace in God’s sight, that Noah walked with God, that he was a just man in the sight of God – Noah is the kind of man that is described in **2 Chronicles 16:9**.

**2 Chronicles 16:9** “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him...”

V: 13 God had commanded man to fill the earth – but he filled it with violence.

- God gives Noah warning, and direction.

**1 Peter 4:7** “But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.”

**Big picture:** Tribulation / God’s judgment is coming.

1. Ch. 5 - Enoch represents the church, not appointed to wrath, taken out of the way before the tribulation.
2. Ch. 6 - Noah and his family represent those who are saved through the tribulation.
  - When God decides that He going to clean house – somebody’s in trouble!

V: 14-15 Plans for the ark:

- Covered with pitch inside and out – to be preserved as a witness.
- 450’ long, 75’ wide, 45’ tall.
- 1,400,000 cubic feet / 522 standard livestock rail cars.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The word for the ark of Noah is different than the word for the Ark of God, but it is interesting to note that the ark for man is covered in pitch; and the Ark of the covenant for the presence of God is covered with Gold.</li><li>• Neither has much value to God, but it is interesting none the less.</li></ul> |
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V: 16 One window, one door.

- One source of light – Jesus is the light of the world. **John 8:12**
- One way in: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the father except by Him. **John 14:6**

V: 17 God is the One who brings judgment. God is the ultimate leader and role model, He doesn't shirk away from what He does – not above His “pay grade”.

Everyone, everything shall die.

V: 18 *“But”* – contrast – the rest of the world will perish, but you shall live.

- God establishes a covenant. 1<sup>st</sup> mention of a covenant, which is one sided – based on what God would do, not on man's performance.
- Pointing towards a new beginning: Noah, Noah's wife, 3 sons, and their respective wives – 8 in all – new beginning.
- The obedience of the husband and father, led to the salvation of his family. (Husbands & fathers take note!)

V: 19-21 God made Adam the steward, keeper – and here God gives Noah the same responsibility & stewardship.

- Noah didn't have to go out and trap the animals, they came to him upon God's command.
- Notice that it is one man & one woman – not variations.
- Animals one male and one female.

Food – picnic on the boat!

V: 22 *“Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.”*

- The most important thing we need to know about Noah is contained in this verse.

**Noah loved God.**

**John 14:21** “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”