

Genesis Chapter 6

- 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 “³⁷But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸For 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, ³⁹and 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 is once again a nation in fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.
 2. Israel is surrounded by enemies bent on her destruction.
 3. Like the days of Noah the thoughts and intents of mankind is seemingly evil all of the time.
 4. Like the days of Noah we live in a world immersed in violence: 40,000 + Iranians killed by their own government, millions killed by various communist nations in China, Russia, Pol-pot in Cambodia, this list goes on.
 - Christians being slaughtered all over Africa, Asia, North Korea, Pakistan.
 - We can’t forget the slaughter of October 7, 2023.
 - The earth is filled with violence just like the days of Noah.
 5. Add to that the rising of the Beast system, the one world government system that is being put into place all around us.
 6. Add to all of that the condition of the church, pretty much asleep at the wheel, compromised, apostate; turning away from the Word of God and Biblical values, even promoting evil.
 7. Again like the days of Noah, life is just rolling along, eating, drinking, giving in marriage (living together) – with no particular thought or consideration for God.

- On top of all of that now we have our own government advocating UFO's and aliens. We're ripe for a surprise & the return of our King!

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 912 years, excluding Enoch who was taken out early. Knowing that they were healthier, and capable of bearing children much longer than we are, even if they stopped having children in the 1st 1/3 of their lives – that's a lot of children.
- Some models and estimates suggest that the population then was pretty much what it is today at around 8 billion people.
- Different environment: richer more oxygenated atmosphere, protected from UV rays by the water canopy above. Initially no abortion, no wars, no disease - though that did change radically. Births far out paced deaths.

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? Man all by himself is sinful & corrupt, but there was an un-natural acceleration in the wickedness of man.
- There was a demonic intervention into the affairs of man, Satan's attempt to thwart the plan of God, to corrupt the seed of the woman.
- The Gaza invasion demonstrated a similar demonic influence.
- 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.

“2That the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.”

“... the sons of God” = “bene Elohim” = fallen angels.

- The result of these ungodly unions were “giants” (V:4) – “Nephilim”.
- 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 therefore referred to as “bene-Elohim” – sons of God. (Psalm 148:2, 5).
- In the New Testament all believers are referred to as “bene-Elohim” or sons of God, because of our personal faith in Christ. (John 1:12; Romans 8:14)

John 1:12 *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children / sons of God, to those who believe in His name.”* (teknon theos)

Romans 8:14 *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”*

- 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.

2 Corinthians 6:14 “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers...”

1 Corinthians 7:39 “A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.”

- These NT scriptures reflect the OT prohibition against marrying outside the faith as described in: **Exodus 34:16** & **Deuteronomy 7:2-3**, amongst others.
- These same restrictions may or may not have been in place during this pre-flood time period – but this in no way explains why 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.
- Equating the “**Son of God**” - the “**Bene Elohim**” to be Seth and his descendants is an attempt 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 “Nephilim”.

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 ⁷as 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 2:4-6 “⁴For 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; ⁵and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah..... ⁶and 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. Gaza, Iran...

“*2b... they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.*”

- Speaks of indiscriminate 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 (Bene-Elohim) *saw the daughters of men* (Bath-Adam), *that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.*”

V: 3 “*And the Lord said,...*” To who? Not certain... Adam? Noah?

“*My Spirit shall not strive with man 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 as 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 1st 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. Vv:9 Noah perfect in his generations.
- Men are redeemable, angels are not. “Giants” the “Nephilim” - those that are 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, and here God sets the limit. He says, another 120 years and the jig is up.

Ephesians 4:30 “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...”

1 Thessalonians 5:19 “Do not quench the Spirit.”

- God sets limits - God’s covenant with Abraham / fiery lamp he tells him that his descendants will end up in Egypt for 400 years as slaves, but in the 4th generation they will be returned to their land in Israel.

Genesis 15:16 “But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full / complete.”

- God won’t strive with man forever. He sets a limit of 120 years, then the judgment of God will take place.

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” – “nephilim”, “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... not giant ones.
- These “giants” are likely the subject of Greek and pagan mythology. Most mythological stories from various cultures are based on some thread of truth.

Nephilim - LA Marzulli - buried mounds - MAPS

V: 5 Describing the depravity of man, the total depravity of man.

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

Ecclesiastes 9:3 “This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.”

- Sin came into the world through Adam’s willful rejection of God’s Word; but there seems to have been an explosion, or a massive increase in sinful behavior after mention of the corruption of the genetics of man kind after the “sons of God” took wives of the daughters of men.
- Describing man being given over to iniquity:

(Turn to:)

Romans 1:18-32

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

- What would bring God to this conclusion? Henry Morris, my favorite commentator on Genesis Came up with 15 observations up to this point.

1. **Pre-occupation with physical appetites.**

Luke 17:27 “They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given into marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.”

2. **Rapid advances in technology.**

Genesis 4:22 “And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron...”

3. **Materialism.**

4. **Uniformitarianism** – (things will always going on as before...)

- They’d never seen rain and didn’t expect to, that things would remain the same.

2 Peter 3:3-6 “³Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴and saying, “where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵For this they are willfully ignorant; that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.”

5. Inordinate devotion to pleasure and comfort.

Ezekiel 16:49 “Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: she and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.”

6. No concern for God in either belief or conduct.

2 Peter 2:5 “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.”

Jude 15 “to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

7. Disregard for the sacredness of the marriage relationship.

Matthew 19:5-6, 9 “⁵and said, for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? ⁶So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” - “⁹And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”

- Very few people are actually getting married in our current culture, most are simply living together apart from the marriage commitment.

8. Rejection of God’s Word. Genesis 3:6, 4:5, 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 deviant sexual activity. Genesis 4:19, 6:2.

13. Widespread expression of blasphemy.

Jude 14-15 (Enoch’s prophesy) “¹⁴... Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

- 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.
- We see all these things paralleled in our society today.
- Satanic worship is prevalent in our day as well, secret societies like the Masons that are Luciferian in practice. Human sacrifice, child sacrifice is a reality in our day.
- Today we see 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. ⁸For 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.”

Numbers 23:19 “God is not a man, that He should lie, nor the son of man that he should repent...”

- He says the same thing in 1st Samuel -

1 Samuel 15:29 “And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor relent / repent. For He is not a man, that He should relent / repent.”

1 Samuel 15:11 “It repenteth me / I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me...”

Hebrews 6:17-18 “¹⁷Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, ¹⁸that by two

immutable things, in which is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.”

(1. God doesn't change. 2. God doesn't lie.)

James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

- There is in this an aspect of the omniscience of God – God's all knowing power, and His sovereignty – that we cannot really 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 unsearchable wisdom and sovereignty of God – and it is simply too much to understand or communicate. And here we are!

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

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

- God hates sin, but He loves sinners. God's judgment is about to fall and here He begins to lay the groundwork.
- Amalakitess, Hittites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amonites, Jebusites, Caananites – God said to wipe them all out – because they had gotten to a place where they were basically a lost cause – they had passed the point of no return and 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 than the rest of the world.

2 Peter 2:4-5 “⁴For 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; ⁵and 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;

- 1st 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 “⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Hebrews 11:6-7 “⁶But 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. ⁷By 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. Righteousness is only accomplished through faith in God who then accounts us as 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^s – 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 Japheth. (Gen. 5:32)

V: 11-12 The world is corrupt: Violence is singled out as one of the main causes:

“... *the earth was filled with violence.*”

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

Psalm 14:1-3 “¹The fool has said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. ²The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. ³They 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. “*The end of all flesh has come before Me...*”. A short term prophecy - He’s seen it.
- God again reiterates the reason:

“*For the earth is filled with violence...*” (It’s fair to conclude that God hates violence!)

Psalm 11:5 “The LORD tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.”

Speaking of the wicked:

Psalm 73:6 “Therefore pride serves as their necklace; violence covers them like a garment.”

“*I will destroy them* (the violent) *with the earth.*”

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 flood / 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!

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

V: 14-15 Plans for the ark:

- Ark (H-8392) “Tebah” - basket, used for the ark of Noah, and the basket in which baby Moses was hidden.
- 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.

- The word for the ark of Noah (tebah) is different than the word for the Ark of God (H-727 aron), 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.
- Neither has much value to God, but it is interesting none the less.

- The dimensions given make this “boat” or “ship” particularly sea worthy, the ratio of dimensions are now used in modern ship building.

Ephesians 1:8 “Wherein He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence.”

V: 16 One window, one door.

- One source of light – Jesus is the light of the world.

John 8:12 “... I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

- One door: One way in.

John 10:9 “I am the door. If any man enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”

- 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 “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me.”

V: 17 God is the One who brings judgment. God is the creator of all things and He is the ultimate ruler and judge of all things.

Isaiah 43:11 “I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior.”

Isaiah 43:13 “Indeed before the day was, I am He; and there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?”

- Everyone, everything shall die. Everything with breath.

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

- The world then and the world now is divided up into two groups of people, those that live and those that perish.

John 3:36 “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

- God establishes His covenant. 1st 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.
- 1 God, 2 unity, 3 Tri-unity, 4 Holy Spirit, 5 grace, 6 man, 7 completeness / perfection, 7 days the creation was complete, like 7 days in the week, the 8th day of the week is a new beginning.
- As we’ll see 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.
- Animals after their kind, male and female - No variations.
- Food – picnic on the boat!

Oh give thanks to the Lord:

Psalms 136:25 “Who gives food to all flesh, for His mercy endures forever.”

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

- The most important things 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.”