

For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. - Matthew 24:37-39

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. - Hebrews 11:7

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; 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... - 2 Peter 2:4-5

Assignment:

1. Which interpretation regarding the sons of God and the Nephilim do you agree with? The Sethite interpretation? Or, the fallen angel interpretation?

2. Which interpretation regarding the post-flood appearance of the Nephilim do you agree with? The multiple incursion view? The view that Ham's wife had Nephilim genetics?

3. What does Genesis 6:1-8 teach you about the depravity of mankind?

4. Do you believe we are living in a demonized culture? Why or why not?

5. What does the man, Noah, teach you about the grace of God?

“...it grieved him to his heart.”
Genesis 6:1-8

Genesis 6:1-4 is one of the most debated texts in all of the Bible. It is certainly the most debated text within the book of Genesis. It poses questions like: who are the sons of God? Can they reproduce with human women? Who were the Nephilim? How do the Nephilim show up again after the flood? Then, Genesis 6:5-8 evokes some questions that revolve around God’s character and power. Can God have regrets? Is man really that wicked? Would God seriously destroy the earth and all flesh, save some?

I. The CORRUPTION of the human race. Genesis 6:1-4

A. A corruption by SPIRITUAL beings.

1. Sons of God

a) SETHITES

b) FALLEN ANGELS

c) Fallen angels who found a HOST

2. Nephilim (fallen ones - giants)

B. A corruption that man is entirely RESPONSIBLE for.

1. Every...only...continually (6:5).

2. All flesh had corrupted THEIR way (6:12).

II. The Lord SEES. Genesis 6:5-8

A. The Lord is GRIEVED over sin.

B. The Lord must PUNISH sin.

C. The Lord is GRACIOUS to save from judgment.