

In The Beginning

The Reasons For The Deluge

What the world was like just prior to the Deluge ... Gen.6:1-4

Why is it important to understand the “days of Noah”? Mt. 24:37

1. It's Scripture. 2. It's relevant to our day. The return of Jesus will be in days like these.

According to 6:1-2, what happens when the population of the earth ‘is multiplied’?

The sons of God takes wives of the daughters of men, because they were beautiful.

What are the (2) basic interpretations of the identity of the ‘sons of God’?

1. They are a portion of the fallen angels 2. They are the male descendants of Seth

After stating that the sons of God take wives of the daughters of men, then what? vs.3

The Spirit of God will not strive with man forever. 120 more years and that's it.

And what is it that seems to have triggered this position? vs.4

The birth of the Nephilim, giants, born from the sons of God-daughters of men.

And who are the Nephilim? vs.4; Num.13:33

Nephilim means tyrant, bully, giant. Obviously in Numbers, the emphasis is on giant.

And how does the Lord view the whole population? vs.5

He was grieved at the overwhelming wickedness. Only evil, continuously.

Who are the sons of God?

Until quite recently, what has been the interpretation of the sons of God? Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7

From the beginning it was understood to reference angels, both Holy and demonic.

If this is correct, then what does 6:1-4 teach?

Fallen angels take human wives, offspring are giants, tyrants, and wickedness explodes.

What is the more recent interpretation of this passage?

Sons of God are believers, daughters of men, unbelievers, children are giants, wickedness...

What is the major passage/teaching used to support this position? Mt.22:30

Jesus' words; angels in heaven don't marry. Note however, angels IN HEAVEN, not fallen

So do Jesus' words prohibit sons of God being angels in Genesis 6? Comment.

No. Quite the contrary, it may emphasize the great struggle in the angelic world.

What further argues against the believer/unbeliever interpretation?

Believers marrying unbelievers does not product giants, or explosive wickedness!

If these were angels, what are they doing marrying humans, and what would God do? Jude 1:6-7

These wicked angels left their 1st estate, sent to hell. Like Sodom, going after strange flesh.

And Jude says both these wicked angels and Sodom and Gomorrah are held up as what? 1:7

They are held up as examples of the judgment pending for such sin (fornication).

But, aside from the unbelievable wickedness, how would this, unchecked, affect Gen.3:15?

If Satan corrupts ALL human seed, the seed of the woman would also be the seed of Satan.

This would have corrupted the blood line to Christ and prevented 3:15. But Noah...