

WHY DID GOD DESTROY THE EARTH WITH A FLOOD?

Reference: Genesis 6:1-7:23

Just about every child in Sunday School hears the story of Noah's Ark. But more than likely, no children, and probably few adults, have been taught in church the real reason for God's wrath upon the earth. Certainly, it was because of man's wickedness—but what kind of wickedness? The Bible says that God saw that "the earth was corrupt and filled with violence". We have accepted this to mean that man had simply stopped following God and turned to a wicked and violent lifestyle.

We cannot imagine the truly monstrous evil that was present during the days of Noah. To study this, we must turn to <u>Genesis 6:1-</u> <u>4.</u> These are the verses which describe the "intermarriage" between fallen angels and human women.

Fallen Angels

The term "sons of God" in the **Old Testament** refers to a <u>direct</u> creation by God, such as Adam and Eve, and the angelic beings. Any other man or woman is not a direct creation; we are descendants of the first humans. In the **New Testament**, believers are called "sons of God" because we are made new creations through the blood of Jesus Christ.

The early church understood "sons of God", as used in the Old Testament, to mean <u>angels</u>. This remained the case up to a certain point in time when one or more of the church fathers became uncomfortable with the idea of angels mating with human women, and propagated the new theory that the "sons of God" referred to the "godly" line of Seth, and the daughters of men were the "ungodly" descendants of Cain. This theory has prevailed and is taught in seminaries to this day. Many ministers find the angel "theory" too offensive and utterly bizarre to preach from the pulpit.

Yet this is what the Bible teaches. Genesis 6:4 states: "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them; the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

In other words, certain fallen angels, on seeing the beauty of human women, had sexual intercourse with them. The women bore children -- hybrid angel/humans who were a super-race of giants. The myths of Greece and Rome which tell of gods, goddesses and demi-gods (Titans, Zeus, Hercules, etc.), are based on the exploits of these real, hybrid beings. The punishment God inflicted on these rebellious angels is mentioned later in this article, but Dr. I.D.E. Thomas in <u>The Omega Conspiracy</u> states it well: "Such a <u>drastic</u> punishment, both for men (drowning in the flood) and angels, presupposes a <u>drastic</u> sin, something infinitely more evil and more sinister than mixed marriages."

It's unknown as to when this invasion actually began, but many researchers speculate that it was during the time of Jared, the fifth generation from Adam and long before Noah's time.

The Nephilim

The offspring of fallen angels are called "Nephilim" in the pre-flood era. Linguistically, the word has been used interchangeably with "giants", though its actual Hebrew meaning is "fallen ones", i.e. offspring of the fallen ones. In Greek, the word means "earth-born". Other words associated with the root meaning are "distinguished ones", such as the phrase "men of renown" in the Bible; and "miscarriage", which makes one wonder if women were able to carry these unnatural creatures to term (yet the creatures survived). However, even though the word doesn't technically mean "giant", some of them, perhaps not all, were giants. There was definitely something different about them!

The Nephilim became so numerous that they were virtually destroying the earth. Some researchers have estimated that, considering the advanced ages to which people lived in those days, there could have been millions of people on earth by this time. Non-Biblical sources <u>*</u> which address the issue of violence on the earth during that period mention murder, cannibalism, and bestiality; the hybrids were also teaching sorcery, witchcraft, astrology, and other occult/paranormal doctrines. Humans were apparently not only victims of the giants/hybrids, but went along with them in their violent ways and false religions.

The Bible contains another difficult teaching: that God was sorry He had made man (<u>Genesis 6:6</u>). Since God is omniscient, we know that *He* knew from the beginning what was going to happen—so the explanation for this seems to be that He knew He would be sorry! Yet he created man in spite of this, with the additional foreknowledge that He would be sending His Son to redeem mankind when the fullness of time had arrived. See John 3:16.

> **SIDE NOTE 1**: Most scholars agree that the Nephilim, being hybrids, cannot be redeemed. **SIDE NOTE 2**: The phrase "men of renown" indicates their fame and the fact that humans worshiped them as gods.

Noah

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." (Genesis 6:8).

The Bible says that "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations". This doesn't mean that Noah was morally perfect something that was true only of Jesus Christ. It refers to his gene pool, which had not been corrupted by the angelic incursion.

God chose to destroy the world and save a remnant. This is a foreshadowing of the end times when God will destroy the world and save a remnant (believers in Jesus Christ).

God told Noah to build a huge boat and gave him specific instructions on how to build it. Noah was commanded to bring in to the boat (called an "ark" due to its properties of protection), two of every unclean animal and seven of every clean animal. The distinction between clean and unclean was apparently revealed to Noah by God, or was already known to Noah by its having been passed down by Adam, in oral or written form.

SIDE NOTE 3: Scholars believe that writing <u>did</u> exist at this time and that technology was much more highly advanced that was originally thought.

It's been determined by Bible researchers that the ark was large enough to hold the obligatory number of animal species, especially if the animals were very young. It's also been postulated that God *could* have caused the animals to enter into a state of hibernation in order to minimize the time and effort required to care for them, although this is not stated in the Bible.

When all was completed, God "shut" the door of the ark, and seven days later it began to—not only rain—but "the fountains of the great deep broke up", and the earth was inundated with water from *above and below*. This went on for forty days — "and all flesh died that moved upon the earth".

Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives, were the sole survivors of the worldwide flood. The Bible is silent as to what this experience must have been like, but one can imagine it was terrifying for the occupants of the ark as it was whirled about in the midst of such a tremendous upheaval of the earth. Some Bible scholars believe that this is when the continents broke up and drifted apart from each other; others believe this came at a later time, but still as a result of the flood.

Fallen angels vs. demons

The fallen angels who mated with human women were punished by God and sent to the bottomless pit (see <u>Jude 1:6</u> and <u>II Peter</u> <u>2:4-5</u>). The Nephilim, their giant offspring, were killed in the flood and, because of their unredeemable nature, their disembodied spirits roam the earth (or universe) as "demons". They are constantly seeking a body, human or animal, to possess. Thus, fallen angels and demons are not the same entities, but both are still among us (ruled by Satan), except for those angels who were sent to the bottomless pit.

"The word 'demon' comes from the root meaning 'knowledge' or 'intelligence'. The Scriptures testify to the fact that demons have access to knowledge and information denied to ordinary mortals. "We read in the Gospels how they recognized and acknowledged the deity of Christ when humans seemed totally blind to the fact." (<u>ldolphin.org</u>. Writer unknown.) This supernatural knowledge is something that both the fallen angels and demons possess.

Flood Evidence

It would be impossible in this article to address all the scientific evidence for a world-wide flood, and I encourage you to do research on this topic. There are at least 500 ancient stories from virtually every civilization describing a great flood that destroyed the earth, which are obviously based on the actual historical event though with changes in names and details.

I'll make just a brief mention of a couple of other facts: 1) fossils and remains of sea creatures have been found on tops of mountains; 2) the remains of a huge boat known as Noah's ark have been mentioned in historical documents from at least the 5th century BC. Such remains have also been reported in modern times, though they are in a location in Turkey that is guarded and very difficult to access.

The Messianic Bloodline

What hasn't been mentioned yet is the primary reason for the flood: *the preservation of a pure bloodline from which would be born Jesus Christ, mankind's Savior.*

From <u>Genesis 3:15</u> onward, Satan tried any means at his disposal to stop Jesus from being born. Because he is not omniscient, Satan didn't know who the Savior would be, or exactly when he would be born, so he did everything from attempting to corrupt blood lines, to the killing of anyone who could be a potential ancestor of the Messiah. Obviously, he understood this to be someone of Abraham's line, after no doubt witnessing the covenant God made with Abraham.

Satan's influence is evident in the Egyptian Pharaoh's attempt to kill all male Israelite babies (from which Moses was rescued), Haman's attempt to destroy the Jews during the reign of Esther's Persian husband/king, and Herod's order to kill all male Jewish children under the age of two, during the time of Christ.

To this day Satan hates the line of Abraham and seeks to cause the world to hate them. In modern times, we could specify Adolph Hitler...among others.

Questions

Many questions arise regarding the fallen angels' intrusion into the human race:

How was it possible for the angels to procreate with human women, especially since Jesus stated (<u>Matthew 22:30</u>) that the angels in Heaven did not marry? <u>Answer</u>: Jesus said they didn't marry but apparently they do have sexuality, since they are always referred to as males; there is no mention in the Bible of female angels. There would be no need <u>in Heaven</u> for angelic reproduction because angels are direct creations by God. But even if they do not have reproductive capability, angels of superior intelligence and technical abilities could find a way!

As already noted, angels (whether good or evil) are presumably in possession of much more "secret" knowledge of a technical nature than humans—perhaps a characteristic of the Tree of Knowledge? Thus, they could have experimented and learned genetic engineering and breeding techniques. This knowledge was apparently lost when the fallen angels were incarcerated, but appears to be getting "resurrected" in today's world.

Additionally, the Bible teaches that angels can take on human form (<u>see Genesis 19:1</u>) and could possibly combine their own spiritual traits with their human manifestation.

If the giants were killed in the flood, how did they come to show up later (i.e., Goliath and those who inhabited the land of Canaan)? <u>Answer</u>: There are only a few Bible researchers who believe there was a second incursion of fallen angels mating with human women. This is not stated in the Bible and seems unlikely, since any rebellious angel could see how God dealt with the first incursion. And obviously the bottomless pit is not a nice place to be! However, it remains a possibility.

Another possibility is that the fallen angels who were <u>not</u> incarcerated, and have been present since the fall of Lucifer, learned how to create hybrids by genetic engineering, as it may have been with those noted above. This isn't quite the same as angels mating with women, a sin that God obviously found particularly abhorrent. They then "pre-planted" these hybrids in the land promised to Abraham and his descendants, in an effort to thwart God's plan.

Yet another theory is that one of Noah's daughters-in-law, although not being a hybrid herself, carried the hybrid gene. The most likely candidate would be Ham's wife, since Ham turned out to be a reprobate son and whose own son, Canaan, was cursed by Noah.

This would still leave Shem and Japheth's bloodlines uncorrupted. I would be reluctant to make such a speculation concerning any member of Noah's family without cause; however, it seems to also be a possibility.

What became of these latter giants/hybrids? <u>Answer</u>: God told Moses and Joshua to utterly destroy certain tribes—men, women, and children (see <u>Joshua 6</u> for the destruction of Jericho; <u>Deuteronomy 7:1,2</u> and <u>Deuteronomy</u> <u>20:17</u>). After Moses' death, Joshua followed up with this command, but after Joshua died his successors failed to kill a remnant of these (<u>Judges 1:28</u>), who may have fled to distant places, even North and South America where giant bones have been discovered. Later, Saul was told to destroy the Amalekites, another tribe of the Nephilim (<u>I Samuel 15:3</u>).

Some have speculated that God's demand for the destruction of these certain tribes was due to their worship of false gods (which may have involved human sacrifice), but the fact that even children were condemned seems to indicate they may have been Nephilim hybrids.

Are there giants/hybrids alive today? It is believed they eventually died out, but the answer is: <u>Unknown</u>. However, since Jesus did say <u>**</u> that the end times would be "as it was in the days of Noah", we can probably assume there is some sort of hybrid activity going on, resulting not

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necessarily in giants but in some other half angel, half human form.

{Please note: There is a hormonal imbalance that can cause unusual growth in humans and they should not be compared to the giants of old, some of whom were more than a dozen feet tall. Goliath, a postflood giant, was estimated to be from nine to eleven feet.)

SUMMARY

There were vital and urgent reasons for the flood, the primary one being that **there could be no Savior if a bloodline for him could not be kept pure.** (This is why genealogies are emphasized throughout the Bible). <u>The entire Bible is about Jesus, from</u> <u>Genesis to Revelation.</u>

It's impossible for us to comprehend the darkness and evil that pervades the spiritual realm which we cannot see. Warfare between God's angels and Satan's fallen angels is constant. Thankfully, we know what the outcome will be!

(see <u>Rev. 12:7-11</u>)

Notations:

* One such source is the Book of Enoch. It contains errors, its true authorship is unknown, and it was not considered Godinspired, so it was not included in the books of the Bible. However, it is considered useful as a historical document and parts of it appear to have been quoted by some of the New Testament writers (opinions are divided on this).

** See <u>Matthew 24:37</u>. Did Jesus mean that life was just going on as usual, or something deeper? Why did he specify "the days of Noah"? These last days are certainly not as simple as eating, drinking, and marrying; the earth is now experiencing very corrupt and violent behavior—perhaps as the result of demonic activity as in Noah's time.

RESOURCES:

The most comprehensive source I've read recently is the book, "Judgment of the Nephilim", by Ryan Pitterson. <u>https://judgmentofthenephilim.com/</u>

He uses many references, mostly the Bible, and names several books which can be obtained free online as Google books. This is a link to one of them: <u>The Church Before</u> <u>the Flood</u>

Author, Bible researcher, and teacher Dr. Chuck Missler has done a massive amount of research on this subject. See <u>The Return</u> <u>of the Nephilim</u>.

In the Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood Free online-book, an excellent and detailed study.

<u>The Secret on Ararat: Babylon Rising Book 2</u> by Tim LaHaye – Suspense novel about the modern-day discovery of Noah's Ark, available in retail and/or online bookstores.

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- Pre-occupation with physical appetites
- Rapid advances in technology
- Materialistic attitudes and interests
- Uniformitarian philosophies
- Inordinate devotion to pleasure and comfort
- No concern for God in either belief or conduct
- Disregard for the primacy of the marriage relationship
- Rejection of the inspired Word of God
- Population explosion
- Widespread violence
- Corruption throughout society
- Pre-occupation with illicit sexual activity
- Widespread words and thoughts of blasphemy
- Organized occultic and Satanic activity
- Systems and movements of abnormal depravity
- Preponderance of extraterrestrial or trans-dimensional demonic intervention

http://www.ldolphin.org/unruh/giants.html (supported by Biblical references)

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