

# I know who the nephilim really are<sup>1</sup>

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GENESIS 6:1 Angels, Giants, and Demons

## The 'Sons Of God' are Angels

**GENESIS 6:1** Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 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. 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." 4 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. (NKJV)

The Antiquities of the Jews, by the respected Jewish historian Flavius Josephus: The "fallen ones" sought to merge with the bloodline of Adam, because of the promise to send a redeemer through Adam's kinsman. The Hebrew says that the Sons of God saw that the women were a fit "extension", for they sought to extend themselves into this realm from the spirit realm, as well as to extend themselves into the "children of the promise" the lineage of Adam. Satan tried to prevent the eventual birth, in the distant future, of the Messiah.

The mating of human beings with angels resulted in hybrid creatures, evil spirits with human bodies. The human\angel hybrids began to corrupt and destroy the human race, resulting in the Deluge, The B'nai Elohim saw the daughters of Adam, that they were fit extensions. And they took wives for themselves from all those that they chose...The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and even afterwards when the B'nai Elohim CAME IN TO the daughters of Adam, and they bore to them- they were Powerful Ones which existed from ancient times, the men of name. (from the Interlinear Hebrew Bible Genesis 6)

Now this posterity of Seth continued to esteem God as the Lord of the universe, and to have an entire regard to virtue, for seven generations; but in process of time they were perverted, and forsook the practices of their forefathers, and did neither pay those honors to God which were appointed to them, nor had they any concern to do justice towards men. But for what degree of zeal they had formerly shown for virtue, they now showed by their actions a double degree of wickedness; whereby they made God to be their enemy, for many angels\* of God accompanied with women and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians called giants. But Noah was very uneasy at what they did; and, being displeased at their conduct, persuaded them to change their dispositions and their acts for the better; but, seeing that they did not yield to him, but were slaves to their wicked pleasures, he was afraid they would kill him, together with his wife and children, and those they had married; so he departed out of that land. (bk. 1, ch. 3, 72-74)

\* This notion, that the fallen angels were, in some sense the fathers of the old giants, was the constant opinion of antiquity. As you can see, Josephus believed and recorded that "the sons of God" mentioned in Genesis 6 were fallen angels, or demons.

Another well-known first century Jewish writer, Philo of Alexandria, shared Josephus' views on this topic. In his work "On the Giants," Philo wrote: "And when the angels of God saw the daughters of men that they were beautiful, they took unto themselves wives of all them whom they chose." Those beings, whom other philosophers call demons, Moses usually calls angels . . . (The Works of Philo, "De Gigantibus," translated by C.D. Yonge, p. 152)

Below is a selection from 1 Enoch which records the sin of angels: **1 ENOCH 6:1** And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto 2 them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men 3 and beget us children.' And Semjaza, who was their leader, said unto them: 'I fear ye will not 4 indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.' And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations 5 not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.' Then sware they all together and bound themselves 6 by mutual imprecations upon it. And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon . . . (From The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament, translated by R.H. Charles)

A similar passage is also found in the pseudepigraphic Book of Jubilees: **JUBILEES 5:1** And it came to pass when the children of men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, that the angels of God saw them on a certain year of this jubilee, that they were beautiful to look upon; and they took themselves wives of all whom they 2.chose, and they bare unto them sons and they were giants. And lawlessness increased on the earth and all flesh corrupted its way, alike men and cattle and beasts and birds and everything that walks on the earth - all of them corrupted their ways and their orders, and they began to devour each other, and lawlessness increased on the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of all men 3 (was) thus evil continually . . . (From The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament, translated by R.H. Charles)

The Book of Enoch, the Book of Jubilees, and the Genesis Apocryphon all clearly show that the common understanding at the time of Christ was that the fallen host had committed fornication with women in the period before the flood. The idea that the nephilim or giants were the offspring of the fallen host and human females was not unique to Judaism. This understanding was likely behind the Greek, Roman, and Egyptian mythologies, as well as those of India and the near east. All

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these beliefs resulted not as mere inventions of fertile human imagination, but as a corruption of antediluvian truths which were distorted as their origin was forgotten over time. Take, for example, the legend of the Titans. In Greek mythology, the Titans were a family of giant gods who were the offspring of Uranus (heaven) and Gaea (earth). The most famous of the Titans was Cronus, who killed his father. Cronus later led the Titans in their losing war against Zeus and the Olympian gods. After their defeat, the Titans were imprisoned in a section of the underworld called Tartarus.

In his second epistle, the apostle Peter uses part of this Greek myth to explain the fate of some of the fallen angels. He states that for their sins, these angels had been tartarosas, which The NKJV Greek English Interlinear New Testament translates literally as "confining them to Tartarus" (also known in the Bible as "the Abyss").

**II PETER 2:4** For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell [tartarosas] and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; (NKJV)

This is the same Tartarus where Greek mythology says the Titans were imprisoned. It's highly unlikely that Peter would have used such an analogy if this pagan legend wasn't based on at least some grain of truth which his readers would have knowledge of. The idea that evil angels mated with human women and had offspring (the nephilim) appears far-fetched to us in this modern era, but it seems to have been widely accepted as fact in the ancient world.

As we've seen above, the word translated "giants" in Genesis 6:4 is nephilim. Let's look at what The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia has to say about the possible origins of this Hebrew word: **GENESIS 6:1** When men began to increase on earth and daughters were born to them, 2 the divine beings [bene elohim] saw how beautiful the daughters of men were and took wives from among those that pleased them. 3 The Lord said, "My breath shall not abide in man forever, since he too is flesh; let the days allowed him be one hundred and twenty years." 4 It was then, and later too, that the Nephilim appeared on earth when the divine beings [bene elohim] cohabited with the daughters of men, who bore them offspring. They were the heroes of old, the men of renown. (Tanakh, the new Jewish Publication Society translation according to the traditional Hebrew text)

**DEUTERONOMY 32:8** When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of men, he fixed the bounds of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God [bene elim]. (RSV)

**JOB 1:6** Now there was a day when the sons of God [bene elohim] came to present themselves before the Lord and Satan also came among them. (NKJV)

**JOB 2:1** Again there was a day when the sons of God [bene elohim] came to present themselves before the Lord and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord. (NKJV)

**JOB 38:4** "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God [bene elohim] shouted for joy? (NKJV)

**PSALM 29:1** O give the Lord you sons of God [bene elim], give the Lord glory and power; 2 give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (The Psalms: A New Translation)

**PSALM 89:5** The heavens proclaim your wonders, O Lord; the assembly of your holy ones proclaims your truth. 6 For who in the skies ["heaven" - KJV] can compare with the Lord or who is like the Lord among the sons of God [bene elim]? (The Psalms: A New Translation)

As you can see, each reference above is to angels. There are no instances in the Old Testament where "the sons of God" refer to men. Let's see what E.W. Bullinger has to say about these "sons of God" in Appendix 23 of The Companion Bible: JUDE 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. (KJV)

Because of the punctuation of verse 7, this Scripture appears to say that Sodom and Gomorrhah, as well as the cities around them, gave themselves over to sexual immorality. However, the underlying Greek text does not support this interpretation. Kenneth Wuest writes of verse 7: This verse begins with hōs, an adverb of comparison having meanings of "in the same manner as, after the fashion of, as, just as." Here it introduces a comparison showing a likeness between the angels of verse 6 and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah of this verse.

But the likeness between them lies deeper than the fact that both were guilty of committing sin. It extends to the fact that both were guilty of the same identical sin. The punctuation of the A.V. [KJV] is misleading, as an examination of Greek text discloses.

The A.V. punctuation gives the reader the impression that Sodom and Gomorrhah committed fornication and that the cities about them committed fornication in like manner to the two cities named. . . . The words "in like manner" are related to the verbal forms, "giving themselves over to fornication" and "going after strange flesh." In addition to all this, the Greek text has toutois, "to these." Thus, the translation should read, "just as Sodom and Gomorrhah and the cities about them, in like manner to these, having given themselves over to fornication and having gone after strange flesh." The sense of the entire passage (vv.6, 7) is that the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah and the cities about them, in like manner to these (the angels), have given themselves over to fornication and have gone after strange flesh. That means that the sin of the fallen angels was fornication (Word Studies in the Greek New Testament, vol. II, pp. 241-242).

Some translations do more clearly show what Jude was saying in this Scripture. Below is the literal translation of this passage given in The NKJV Greek English Interlinear New Testament:

**JUDE 6** And angels who did not keep their own domain, but rather having left their own habitation, He has kept with eternal chains under the netherworld for the judgment of the great day. 7 As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, in a similar manner to these angels having indulged in sexual immorality and having gone after other flesh, are exhibited as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

The underlying Greek text indicates that the fallen angels left their own domain and indulged in sexual immorality, going after "strange," or "other" flesh. The KJV obscures this fact, probably because the view that the fallen angels were "the sons of God" spoken of in Genesis 6:2, 4 was not accepted when it was translated in 1611. Another translation that plainly shows the full magnitude of what Jude was saying is the New English Bible:

**JUDE 6** Remember too the angels, how some of them were not content to keep the dominion given to them but abandoned their proper home; and God has reserved them for judgement on the great Day, bound beneath the darkness in everlasting chains. 7 Remember Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbouring towns; like the angels, they committed fornication and followed unnatural lusts; and they paid the penalty in eternal fire, an example for all to see.

It's clear that Jude wrote of the fornication of the angels as a fact. In verse 7 of his epistle, he compares the sexual wickedness in Sodom, Gomorrah, and the surrounding cities to the sin of the angels. The nature of the angels' fall is also clearly stated in Jude 6, where it is said that they left their own "abode" (Gr. oiketerion). This word occurs in the New Testament only here and in II Corinthians 5:2, where it is used of the spiritual body of a resurrected saint.

**II CORINTHIANS 5:1** For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation [oiketerion] which is from heaven, (NKJV)

Although the angels committed sexual sins and corrupted the human lineage to some extent, they did something else that threatened to foil God's plan for humanity. Let's go back to 1 Enoch to see what these fallen angels did that affected the human race so enormously: **1 ENOCH 8:1** And Azazel taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals of the earth and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all 2 colouring tinctures. And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they 3 were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways. Semjaza taught enchantments, and root-cuttings, Armaros the resolving of enchantments, Baraqijal (taught) astrology, Kokabel the constellations, Ezeqeel the knowledge of the clouds, Araqiel the signs of the earth, Shamsiel the signs of the sun, and Sariel the course of the moon. And as men perished, they cried, and their cry went up to heaven . . . (From The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament, translated by R.H. Charles)

As the text above shows, the angels brought with them knowledge which humanity did not have beforehand. This information led to a rapid advance in the knowledge base of the antediluvian society, including the invention of advanced methods of waging warfare. In the NKJV translation of Genesis 6:4, the nephilim are called "mighty men who were of old, men of renown;" however, the NRSV translates that same phrase as "heroes that were of old, warriors of renown."

Genesis 6:11 shows that the earth was filled with violence; this is very likely the direct result of the nephilim, who apparently were mighty warriors. If the ancient legends are indeed based in fact, as they appear to be, these angelic offspring were superhuman in size and great in strength. Therefore the objective of the flood was the destruction of the polluted human bloodline and the eradication of the forbidden knowledge that humanity had learned from the fallen host.

There is one other New Testament passage which hints at the sin of the angels before the flood. It is an enigmatic scripture found in Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church.

**I CORINTHIANS 11:7** For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. 8 For man is not from woman, but woman from man. 9 Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. 10 For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. (NKJV)

In I Corinthians 11, Paul states the position of women in relation to men and says that the symbol of authority on a woman's head is needed "because of the angels." Without an understanding of what took place anciently between the fallen host and women, this verse is cryptic at best. Paul instructs that a woman should cover her head as a sign of subjection to her husband, and also "because of the angels." This observation has intrigued commentators through the years. Why this sudden reference to angels? Could it be a reference to what happened in Genesis 6 where angels succumbed to the inducements and physical charm of the women of Earth? Obviously, Paul believed that an uncovered woman was a temptation even to angels. William Barclay mentions an old rabbinic tradition which alleges that it was the beauty of the women's long hair that attracted and tempted the angels in Genesis. (6)

There is opposition to the view that the fallen angels are the "sons of God" referred to in Genesis 6. Some cite Matthew 22:29-30 and Mark 12:24-25 as objections, saying that these Scriptures clearly teach that angels do not marry. There is a great deal revealed in the Bible about angels. Angels could and did assume human form and even eat men's food (Gen. 18-19). Although the Bible doesn't tell us how, Jude 6 shows that some angels left their proper abode (their spiritual bodies) and took on fleshly bodies so as to marry and produce offspring by the daughters of men.

**MATTHEW 22:29** Jesus answered and said to them [the Sadducees], "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven." (NKJV)

**MARK 12:24** Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? 25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." (NKJV)

First, these verses do not state whether angels can marry or procreate. Here Christ was referring only to the way things will be after the first resurrection of the dead. Additionally, the angels in heaven who did not sin are the example cited, not the angels confined to Tartarus because they sinned by marrying humans and producing offspring. To get a better perspective of what Christ was saying, let's look at the parallel account of this conversation in Luke's Gospel.

**LUKE 20:34** And Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; 36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection." (NKJV)

Christ's primary purpose in his answer was to affirm the reality of the resurrection to these questioning Sadducees, who did not believe that there would be a resurrection. As you can clearly see from Luke's account of this confrontation, Christ is making two points about the age to come: (1) Resurrected humans will not marry, and (2) resurrected humans will be given eternal life, which the holy angels now have. Interpreting these Scriptures to mean that angels have never been able to marry or procreate reads more into them than was intended by Jesus. As to the specific sin of these angels, we are given the facts in Jude as in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah it was the sin of "fornication" and it means "going after strange flesh." "Strange" flesh means flesh of a different kind (Greek "heteros"). To commit this particularly repugnant sin, the angels had to abandon their own domain and invade a realm that was divinely forbidden to them.

Says **Wuest**: "These angels transgressed the limits of their own natures to invade a realm of created beings of a different nature." Not only did these angels leave Heaven, they left it once- and-for-all. The Greek verb "apoleipo" is in the aorist tense, thus indicating a once-and-for-all act. By taking the action they did, these angels made a final and irretrievable decision. They crossed the Rubicon. Their action, says Kenneth Wuest, "was apostasy with a vengeance."

**Alford** confirms: "It was a departure from the appointed course of nature and seeking after that which is unnatural, than that appointed by God for the fulfillment of natural desire."

The mingling of these two orders of being, was contrary to what God had intended, and summarily led to God's greatest act of judgment ever enacted upon the human race.

#### **Giants are the Sons of Angels**

**GENESIS 6:1** Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 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. 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." 4 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. (NKJV)

The Antiquities of the Jews, by the respected Jewish historian Flavius Josephus: The off-spring of this union between the "sons of God" and the "daughters of men" were so extraordinary that it indicates an unusual parentage. In no way could the progenitors of such beings be ordinary humans. Their mothers possibly could be human, or their fathers, but certainly not both. Either the father or the mother had to be superhuman. Only in such a way can one account for the extraordinary character and prowess of the off-spring. God's law of reproduction, according to the biblical account of creation, is "everything after his kind." God's law makes it impossible for giants to be produced by normal parentage. To produce such monstrosities as the Nephilim presupposes super- natural parentage.

#### **No resurrection for Giants**

The Book of Isaiah says that the Nephilim and their descendants will not participate in a resurrection as is the portion of ordinary mortals. Isaiah 26:14 reads: "They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise." The original Hebrew word translated "deceased" here is the word "Rephaim." It would have saved a lot of misinterpretation if the translators had left the word as it was in the original. The verse actually reads: "Dead, they shall not live; Rephaim, they shall not rise." The Rephaim are generally understood to be one of the branches of the Nephilim, and God's Word makes it clear that they are to partake in no resurrection. But with humans it is different: all humans will be resurrected either to life or to damnation (John 5:28-29).

We have already seen that the Greek Version of the Old Testament (The Septuagint) translated "Nephilim" as "gegenes;" we shall now inquire how it translates "sons of God." In some of the manuscripts it is left as "sons of God," but in the others--including the Alexandrian text--it is rendered by the word "angelos." This text was in existence in the time of Christ, but there is no indication that He ever corrected or queried it. Can we not assume from His silence that He agreed with the translation!

**Philo of Alexandria**, a deeply religious man, wrote a brief but beautiful treatise on this subject, called "Concerning The Giants." Basing his exposition on the Greek version of the Bible, he renders it as "Angels of God." Says Bamberger, "Had he found the phrase 'sons of God' in his text, he most certainly would have been inspired to comment on it."

Philo certainly took the Genesis passage as historical, explaining that just as the word "soul" applies both to good and evil beings, so does the word "angel." The bad angels, who followed Lucifer, at a later point in time failed to resist the lure of physical desire, and succumbed to it. He goes on to say that the story of the giants is not a myth, but it is there to teach us that some men are earth-born, while others are heaven- born, and the highest are God-born. (10)

**The Early Church Fathers** believed the same way. Men like Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Athenagoras, Tertullian, Lactantius, Eusebius, Ambrose...all adopted this interpretation. In the words of the Ante-Nicene Fathers, the angels fell "into impure love of virgins, and were subjugated by the flesh...Of those lovers of virgins therefore, were begotten those who are called giants." (11) And again, "...the angels transgressed, and were captivated by love of women and begat children." (12)

Nowhere before the 5th century A.D. do we find any interpretation for "sons of God" other than that of angels. We cannot deny the Ancients knowledge of their own terminology! They invariably translated "sons of God" as "angels." The testimony

of Josephus, that colorful cosmopolitan and historian, is also of paramount importance. In his monumental volume, "Antiquities of the Jews," he reveals his acquaintance with the tradition of the fallen angels consorting with women of Earth. He not only knew of the tradition but tells us how the children of such union possessed super human strength, and were known for their extreme wickedness. "For the tradition is that these men did what resembled the acts of those men the Grecians called giants." Josephus goes on to add that Noah remonstrated with these offspring of the angels for their villainy.

#### **Noah's Offspring produced all Mankind**

The mating of human beings with angels resulted in hybrid creatures - Giants, their spirits were evil because their fathers were fallen, their bodies were human because their mothers were human. The human/angel hybrids began to corrupt and destroy the human race, resulting in the Deluge, "the end of all flesh" except Noah and his family.

Why Noah and his immediate family were the only ones immune from this great judgment is significant. Genesis 6:9 says, "Noah was a just man." He stood out as an example of righteousness and godliness in a perverse age. Like Enoch before him, Noah also "walked with God." But there was another reason why Noah was spared, one that seems to have escaped most commentators. Genesis 6:9 says that Noah was "perfect in his generation." Does this mean moral and spiritual perfection? Hardly. Genesis 9:20-23 disproves any such perfection. What, then, does the Bible mean by calling him "perfect"? The Hebrew word is "tamim" and comes from the root word "taman." This means "without blemish" as in Exodus 12:5, 29:1, Leviticus 1:3. Just as the sacrificial lamb had to be without any physical blemish, so was Noah's perfection. In its primary meaning, it refers not to any moral or spiritual quality, but to physical purity. Noah was uncontaminated by the fallen angelic invaders. He alone had preserved the pedigree of the human race and kept it pure, in spite of prevailing corruption brought about by the fallen angels.

Noah's bloodline had remained free of genetic contamination. Now let's look at Genesis 6:9, which discusses Noah's genealogy. This Scripture is further proof that fallen angels had interbred with humans.

**GENESIS 6:9** This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect [tamim] in his generations. Noah walked with God. (NKJV)

In Genesis 6:9, the Hebrew word tamim, here translated "perfect," means "physically without blemish." As the first sentence makes clear, it's referring to the genealogy of Noah; it does not refer to moral perfection. Below is what Appendix 26 of The Companion Bible has to say about this word as used in Genesis 6:9:

The Heb. word tamim means without blemish, and is the technical word for bodily and physical perfection, and, not moral. Hence it is used of animals of sacrificial purity. It is rendered without blemish in Ex. 12.5; 29.1; Lev. 1.3, 10; 3.1, 6; 4.3, 23, 28, 32; 5.12, 18; 6.6; 9.2, 3; 14.10; 22.19; 23.12, 18; Num. 6.14; 28.19, 31; 29.2, 8, 13, 20, 23, 29, 32, 36; Ezek. 43.22, 23, 25; 45.18, 23; 46.4, 6, 13.

Without spot: Num. 19.2; 28.3, 9, 11; 29.17, 26.

Undefined: Ps. 119.1.

This shows that Gen. 6.9 does not speak of Noah's moral perfection . . . but his genetic perfection, his lineage had not been tainted by the blood of fallen angelic beings. So God saved Noah and his family so that he could start all over with pure human genetic material untainted by the blood of fallen angels.

This implies, of course, that all the other families on Earth had been contaminated by the Nephilim. It also proves that the assault of Satan on the human race had been far more extensive than realized. It is no wonder that God pronounced such a universal fiat of judgment. Some of the Nephilim perished, at least their bodies perished, beneath the waters of the flood. The leaders of this rebellious act were chained until judgment day at various locations in the earth. Jude and John also relate this account. Job 26:5 KJV says, "Dead things are formed from under the waters".

This seems to imply that men were killed under the waters of the deluge but the original Hebrew text relates something much more mysterious. The literal translation is, "The Rafa were made to writhe from beneath the waters". The word Rafa is only found in scripture identifying the "fallen angels", and is never used to denote the "human dead" anywhere in the Old Testament. The historical basis for the interpretation of Gen. 6 as an account of fallen angels is consistent. Philo, Josephus, Epiphanius, Hilarius, are some of many examples.

As for the fallen angels who participated in the abomination, God put them in custody "in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6). This is sometimes interpreted as Tartarus or the "nether realms" (2 Peter 2:4). This would also explain why some fallen angels are in custody and why others are free to roam the heavens and torment mankind.

Such a drastic punishment, both for men and angels, presupposed a drastic sin, something infinitely more evil and more sinister than mixed marriages. It was nothing less than the demonic realm attempting to pervert the human world. By genetic control and the production of hybrids, Satan was out to rob God of the people He had made for Himself. If Satan had succeeded in corrupting the human race, he would have hindered the coming of the perfect Son of God, the promised "seed of the woman," who would defeat Satan and restore man's dominion (Genesis 3:15). Satan was obviously trying to avert his own doom.

#### **Demons are Disembodied Spirits of the Nephilim**

It has long been taught by some that angels are demons but the bible is clear on the fact that angels have their own celestial bodies, therefore they have no need to inhabit bodies. Yet demons seek bodies desperately; as they have none of their own and, if need be, they will settle for the bodies of animals (Mark 5:12-13).

Angels also have the ability to fly, but demons can only walk. Jesus says concerning demons, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none" (Matthew 12:43, KJV). Demons walk, Angels fly. Paul differentiates between these two classes of beings: For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against

the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12).

Demons are the powers of this dark world, while fallen angels are the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. From the facts of the Bible concerning demons, they are disembodied spirits, that is, they once had bodies but lost them. This explains why they hunt for bodies. They crave bodies to inhabit. So what are demons? Demons are the disembodied spirits of the Giants - Nephilim who are mentioned in Genesis chapter six. The Nephilim are the offspring of fallen angels and humans.

The Nephilim were destroyed in the flood, Some of the Nephilim perished, at least their bodies perished, beneath the waters of the flood. yet their spirits remained on the earth as there is no resting place for them. Jude and John also relate this account. Job 26:5 KJV says, "Dead things are formed from under the waters". This seems to imply that men were killed under the waters of the deluge.

The original Hebrew text relates something much more mysterious. The literal translation is, "The Rafa were made to writhe from beneath the waters". The word Rafa is only found in scripture identifying the "fallen angels", and is never used to denote the "human dead" anywhere in the Old Testament. The historical basis for the interpretation of Gen. 6 as an account of fallen angels is consistent. Philo, Josephus, Epiphanius, Hilarius, are some of many examples. This view is the oldest belief among the Jewish people. It is a belief that the apostles held to as well. Let me prove why I believe this.

Several years back, I came across the book of Enoch. The book claims to have been written by Enoch himself. I'm always suspicious of any non-canonical book. This book was no exception. I read it with deep cynicism. However, I did not read anything that would not be in accord with sound doctrine. It confirmed all the basic doctrines that Christians and Jews believe today. (There are other books which claim to have been written by Enoch. I found these books to be unscriptural.)

What I found most interesting was that the book claims that the "sons of God" mentioned in Genesis 6:2 were fallen angels, something that many Christians believe today. It also teaches that they produced a race of beings that were half angelic and half humans called the Nephilim. And when they were destroyed by the flood, they remained on the earth as demons. Let me share with you a portion of the **book of Enoch**: But now the giants who are born from the [union of] the spirits and the flesh shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, because their dwelling shall be upon the earth and inside the earth. Evil spirits have come out of their bodies. Because from the day that they were created from the sons of God they became Watchers: their first origin is the spiritual foundation. They will become evil upon the earth and shall be called evil spirits. The dwelling of the spiritual beings of heaven is heaven; but the dwelling of the spirits of the earth, which are born upon the earth, is in the earth. (1 Enoch 15:8-10)

It is clear from the book of Enoch that evil spirits are the giants who were born from the union of spirits and flesh. This passage sounds like it came from Greek mythology. But this should not surprise us because another name for evil spirits is demon, and the word "demon" comes from Greek mythology. E.W. Vines will confirm this. He writes concerning the Greek word daimon, which is translated demon in the New Testament as being derived "among pagan Greeks, an inferior deity..." [Vines, Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words].

This word was used by the Greeks to describe their mythological gods, like Zeus and Hermes. You might remember studying Greek mythology in school; this was their religion. The Greeks worshipped many gods. Most believed their gods were superhuman beings. Basically they believed that these gods came down to earth and intermingled with humans, thus were born their heroes.

I believe that this mythology is rooted in a real, dramatic event in the past. This event, after centuries, was clouded in mystery. The Bible, however, unclouded Greek mythology. It describes it accurately in Genesis. It tells us exactly what happened. When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. (Genesis 6:1-4)

According to Jude these angels abandoned their own home. There is a big difference between abandoning one's home and being kicked out of one's home. The war in heaven depicts Satan's angels as being kicked out of heaven. They did not voluntarily abandon heaven. No, they were expelled against their wishes. So this scripture could not be referring to the war in heaven. The phrase abandoned their own home could also mean "disrobed themselves." The angels that Jude refers to are certain fallen angels who had committed the sin of disrobing themselves of their celestial bodies and taking upon themselves the bodies of corrupted flesh so that they could have sex with the daughters of men.

Jude obviously had these angels in mind, because he associates these angels with the perverted people of Sodom and Gomorrah: ...these [angels] he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion... (verses 6-7) Notice that Jude says, In a similar way. Then he goes on to describe the sexual perversion of Sodom and Gomorrah. In other words, he says that Sodom and Gomorrah committed the similar, sexual sins of these fallen angels. He clearly links the fallen angels with sexual perversion.

Peter, when writing about these same angels, associates them with the times of Noah, which is the time when the sons of God came to the daughters of men: 'For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven other; (2 Peter 2:4-5)

In Peter's first letter he writes about these angels, whom he calls spirits: For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he

went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built... (3:18-20)

Jesus preached, or literally proclaimed to the spirits in prison who disobeyed during the days of Noah. Many Christians erroneously assume that the spirits refer to the dead humans of Noah's day. But the word spirits more commonly refer to angels, not humans, although humans are spiritual beings. Besides, why would Jesus single out the group of deceased humans in Noah's day to proclaim to them whatever message He gave? Why not give the message to all the dead? Some say, "Because those people in Noah's day didn't have a chance to hear the gospel, so Jesus gave them another chance." But that doesn't agree with the Word of God. 2 Peter 2:5 describes Noah as a "preacher of righteousness." Those people did hear the gospel through Noah.

I believe that the spirits in Noah's day, whom Christ preached to, is a clear reference to the fallen angels who fornicated with the daughters of men. This could, in my opinion, be the only logical and scriptural conclusion. Many Christians would agree with me at this point, but they would question my conclusion about demons being the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim, even though the book of Enoch specifically declares this. They may disagree by saying, "You can't prove anything by the book of Enoch. You must prove it by the Bible." And to that argument, I agree! At the same time, skeptics must understand that the book of Enoch was highly regarded by the Jews in Jesus' day and by the apostles.

The Apostle Jude, in fact, quotes from it: Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (verses 14-15)

How did Jude know what Enoch prophesied? After all, the Bible never mentions one word that Enoch spoke. The only reference to Enoch in the Old Testament is in Genesis 5:18-24. Read it and you'll find no reference to this prophecy which Jude mentions. The Bible just mentions the fact that Enoch walked with God and was no more, because God took him away. Nothing is mentioned about his prophesying. So how did Jude know that Enoch had prophesied these words? He knew it because the book of Enoch mentions it. My point is simple: The book of Enoch was widely known during the days of the Apostles, and they freely quoted from it thus giving the book credibility.

This doesn't mean that the book of Enoch deserves to be part of the canon of Scripture; nevertheless, we should analyze its teaching about demons. And since it teaches that demons are the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim, we should consider this view. I know of no other view that is as credible. What are demons after all? They are tormentors. This is what the name Nephilim means. It not only means giants, but it also carries with it the meaning of tormentors, bullies, and tyrants. So just the name itself implies that these are demon spirits. Let's go back to Genesis 6:4. The Nephilim were on the earth after the flood. Their bodies were destroyed by the flood, but their spirits remained.

You see, these Nephilim were half human and half angel. We know that when a human dies, he goes either to heaven or hell. But what about these beings who are neither fully human or fully angelic? Where would they go when they died? They went nowhere. They stayed on the earth. They are the demon spirits that walk through the earth, looking for bodies to inhabit. They know that one day they will be cast into the pit when their time comes. Demons cried out to Jesus, "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" (Matthew 8:29).

#### **GIANTS - NEPHILIM, AGAIN NO RESURRECTION**

The Book of Isaiah says that the Nephilim and their descendants will not participate in a resurrection as is the portion of ordinary mortals. Isaiah 26:14 reads: "They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise." The original Hebrew word translated "deceased" here is the word "Rephaim." It would have saved a lot of misinterpretation if the translators had left the word as it was in the original. The verse actually reads: "Dead, they shall not live; Rephaim, they shall not rise." The Rephaim are generally understood to be one of the branches of the Nephilim, and God's Word makes it clear that they are to partake in no resurrection. But with humans it is different: all humans will be resurrected either to life or to damnation (John 5:28-29).

There is an appointed time for their punishment. It is not now. So we must still deal with demon spirits. Is there anything practical which we can learn from knowing the origin of demons? Is there any down-to-earth benefit in knowing that demons are the offspring of fallen angels who had sex with women? Yes, demons are like their fathers—they gravitate more to sexual sins than to any other kinds of sins.

If you want to open yourself up to demons, then practice sexual immorality, and demons will come to you. Demons are sex-hungry, it was their fathers original sin that was passed on to them.. They desire to partake of sexual immorality and they desire to be in the flesh again to do it. They have no flesh of their own so they will participate through yours and eventually take it over completely. This is why Mary of Magdalene through prostitution had opened herself to seven demons (Mark 16:9). Sexual perversion opens the door to demons. They desire to have human bodies to act out their perversions and to express their personalities. Most of the hideous mass murderers of our time and the past were in bondage to sexual perversion. Demon spirits are the enemy of God and his people and will be until they are destroyed in the lake of fire.

David knew a lot about demons and it is evidenced in some of his writings.

82:1 A Psalm of Asaph. God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. (God stands among the gathering of the witnesses, he judges the angels.) 2. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. 3. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. 5. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. (The set laws of the natural order of things = seed laws, are out of course.) I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. (I have said you are angels and Sons of God.) 6. But ye shall die like men, and

fall like one of the princes. (But you shall die like humans and be fallen as Satan, the prince of this world) 7. Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

We can gain much wisdom in the way that David, a man after God's own heart dealt with Demons. First he was anointed by Samuel (given the power to get the job done.) Then even though he was still a boy he went forth with no fear to slay the Giant. He took stones from the river, the river representing the living Word. The Word that is Jesus Christ, the revealed Word, the rhema Word. The Word spoken with power and authority through the revelation of the spirit of God.

David had a one on one experience with the Lord. He walked with him and talked with him, his praises were constantly on his lips, he knew God's Word but even better yet he loved God and God loved him and revealed to him his heart which gave life to his Word and revelation to David's spirit. He went boldly before the Giant with no earthly Armour and declared that God would deliver him and he slung the rock, the Word, and struck him down with it. Thus killing him with nothing but the revealed Word of God, which is Jesus Christ, God's heart. It is in the same way that we need to deal with demonic forces. We declare the revealed Word of God from our mouths and destroy Satan's plans for destruction to our lives. David slew all that was left of the Giants and Jesus carried on in the same tradition dealing with their disembodied spirits.

Jesus went around undoing the works of demons left and right, he treated everything like a demon problem. Jesus had authority over the enemies of God because he is the Rock that David threw, the revealed Word of God, The Word that gives life to our declarations of faith. The church as a whole has had little effect against demons - the enemies of God, first of all because we never knew what they really were or how really bad they are and just why they mess with us so much.

**ISAIAH 5: 13** Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

Now that we have a better understanding of the enemy maybe we shouldn't let complacency allow them footholds in our life. The primary agenda of demons is to take over our houses or bodies and if they can't do that they will make our life miserable and destroy what's good and honorable in our lives. We need to realize that when we give a demon a foothold that we are not dealing with a little horned monkey, a group of imps, or emaciated alien type beings, all of these visual effects are Satan's ploys to lull us into complacency and to underestimate the danger that these beings pose to our lives. It doesn't matter what demons look in visions or dreams, or even if one appears right before your eyes. The Bible is the last word on any subject and it says that they are the enemies of God and that they are the spirits of the dead Giants, and that they are vicious, slanderers, without natural affection, unthankful, unmerciful, haters of God. People who become possessed or heavily influenced by demon's take on their characteristics. They display great strength cunning and intelligence. They are aggressive, cruel, and without fear, they respect no one except Jesus Christ. Demons are the offspring of their fallen fathers, and there is no light in them.

**ROMANS 1: 21** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things. (Flesh) 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (They were attracted and drawn to mankind.) 26. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 26. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (having been judged by God and worthy of death, not only keep habitually doing it, but have pleasure in the human's that do the same.)

**ROMANS 2:1** Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judges: for wherein thou judges another, thou condemns thyself; for thou that judges doest the same things. (Therefore O human whosoever thou art that judges the spirits you condemn yourself because humanity was involved in this too.)

**1 CORINTHIANS 6:3** Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? Follow after the nephilim and die, follow after Jesus Christ and live. Demons will put you into bondage and take over your life. Jesus Christ sets you free. E.M.