

THE DAYS OF NOAH

INTRODUCTION

The period of history between the Fall of Adam and the Flood of Noah was a time of great conflict. Christians ought to know what happened in those dark days. Unless we understand the root of evil in the world, its ways and its ends how can we appreciate the rest of the Bible story?

Without the historical perspective of those dark days how can we appreciate what followed afterward: the confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel, the scattering of the nations, the birth of the Israelite nation, the ten commandments, the bid to utterly destroy the Canaanites, and the struggle between faith in Yahweh and the worship of idols during the time of the twelve tribes in the promised land. Jesus said "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man". How can we understand prophecy if we do not understand what occurred in the Days of Noah?

BIBLE FACTS

Scripture only attests to a few plain facts concerning what happened at this time: (Gen. 3, 4, 5, 6)

1. Adam and Eve were shown the acceptable way to worship God: an altar of animal sacrifice
2. Cain, their first born, rejected the acceptable worship of God and also killed righteous Abel
3. Cain became apostate, left his parents, and founded the first community of unbelievers
4. Later, in the line of Cain, the leader Lamech killed a young man for merely wounding him
5. The way of Cain fell into disrepute and people began to call on the name of the LORD
6. The righteous followers of Yahweh continued through the line of Seth, Adam's third son: Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalel, Jared, Enoch, Methusaleh, Lamech, Noah, Shem
7. Enoch walked with God, and then was not because God took him [it does not say to heaven]
8. When men's numbers had multiplied on the earth the 'Sons of God' saw the daughters of men were beautiful and they married any they chose
9. God cursed man and limited his years to one hundred and twenty
10. There were giants, or Nephilim, on the earth in those days: the children resulting from the 'Sons of God' marrying the daughters of men. They were mighty warriors of great fame.
11. The Lord saw how great man's wickedness had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was evil continually
12. The heart of the LORD was filled with pain that he had made man
13. The LORD decided to wipe out all living creatures by a flood, but spared Noah who was favored

From the chronologies of the sons of Adam through the line of Seth we also know:

14. There were 1,656 years from the creation of Adam to the Flood.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

There are seven main events the Bible lays out concerning this period of history:

- (1) The ordinance of an altar of animal sacrifice was instituted as the way to worship God
- (2) A great apostasy of the faith occurred led by the murderer Cain and his descendants
- (3) A revival of the faith occurred when people saw the lawlessness of the way of Cain
- (4) Enoch became a central figure during the epoch and was translated out of this world
- (5) Fallen angels married the daughters of men and produced violent warrior giants
- (6) The hearts of men became so corrupt that God vowed to destroy them in a flood
- (7) The righteous line of Seth preserved the faith and God preserved Noah through the flood

THE MARK OF CAIN – GOD’S WAY OF STOPPING AN ENDLESS CYCLE OF VENGEANCE KILLING

After Cain murdered Abel God put a mark upon Cain’s head:

“The Lord said ‘What have you done?’ Listen! **Your brother’s blood cries to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.**’ Cain said ‘my punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and **I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.**’ But the Lord said ‘**Not so, anyone who kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over.**’ Then the **LORD put a mark on Cain**¹ so that no one who found him would kill him.” (Gen. 4:10-15)



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If God had not put the mark on Cain’s head it is likely one of the children of Adam might have been tempted to murder him or his children in vengeance. This would then have provoked a cycle of vengeance killings which would then have had no other result than out-of-control violence and conflict. God put a stop to this before it started by marking Cain for protection from retribution.

¹ The conviction of the author of this paper is the mark of Cain was the number seven.

² Source of image: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Cain_Henri_Vidal_Tuileries.jpg

The important conclusion we draw is before the angels fell and begat violent warrior giants the earth was a peaceful place. By the mark of Cain the Lord had kept the peace between the descendants of Seth and the descendants of Cain. Prior to the giants the earth was a place where the people who had faith and lived on the land tolerated the people who did not have faith and lived apart from the land.

It appears Lamech challenged the peace of God by instituting the doctrine of vengeance killing:

“...hear my words: I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. If Cain is avenged seven times then Lamech seventy-seven times.” (Gen. 4:23-24)

But, the doctrine of Lamech did not take hold because the people saw the evil in it right away. They called on the name of the LORD (Gen. 4:26). They recommitted themselves to forgiving their enemies.

ENOCH’S TRANSLATION

Two souls are recorded in the Bible who did not taste death but were translated³: Enoch and Elijah. The Bible expressly tells us Enoch did not taste death (Hebrews 11:5). Where did he go? This is somewhat mysterious in light of what Jesus said:

“No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came down from heaven” (John 3:13)

The Bible records many prophets who visited heavenly realms through the spirit: for example the apostle John (Revelation 1:9-11). While their living bodies were still on the earth the prophets were taken through spiritual means into heavenly realms. While they were there they saw things, heard things, and spoke things in conversation with spirit beings. But they were not there bodily.



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Enoch and Elijah were taken bodily from earth, yet they were not taken bodily to heaven according to John 3:13. Where did they go? We simply do not know but we guess it was a place like the Garden of Eden. The Garden was a physical place not a heavenly place. It had a tree of life in it with which a person could consume its fruit and perpetually not die. The Garden was never destroyed, but left

³ There may have been others, but these are the ones we know of for certain. The author is of the opinion the 24 elders in the Book of Revelations could consist of others who were translated to heaven. Where else could they have come from?

guarded by two angels with flaming swords (Gen. 3:24). We assume therefore since it was not destroyed it must have been left for a purpose. Could it be the chariots of fire took him there.

ENOCK THE PROPHET

The association with Elijah tells us Enoch was not merely a prophet but a bit more exclusive than that: a man who stood before the throne of God (1 Kings 17:1). Enoch was a prophet of the highest order. This may come as a shock to some readers because there is no book of Enoch in the Bible. But, was it feasible to include every prophecy that has ever been uttered in the Bible? Agabus is recorded uttering a prophecy of famine in the Roman Empire (Acts 11:8). Are these the only utterances or prophecies of Agabus? No. The Bible could never contain the prophecies of all the prophets who have ever lived; even those of prophets such as Enoch.

Enoch is special because although his books may not be in the Bible in many places the prophecies of Enoch are confirmed or echoed in the Bible. The writings in 1 Enoch:

1 Enoch 46 (R.H. Charles translation): {written approx. 3500 BC}

- v.1) And there I saw *One who had a head of days*, and *His head was white like wool*,
And with Him was another being whose countenance had the appearance of a man,
And his face was full of graciousness, like one of the holy angels.
- v.2) And I asked the angel who went with me and showed me all the hidden things, concerning that
- v.3) *Son of Man*, who he was, and whence he was, (and) why he went with the Head of Days? And he answered and said unto me:
This is the son of Man who hath righteousness, with whom dwelleth righteousness,
And *who revealeth all the treasures of that which is hidden*,
- Because the Lord of Spirits hath chosen him,
And whose lot hath *the pre-eminence before the Lord of Spirits in uprightness for ever*.
- v.4) *And this Son of Man whom thou hast seen*
Shall raise up the kings and the mighty from their seats,
[And the strong from their thrones]
And shall loosen the reins of the strong, and break the teeth of the sinners.
- v.5) [And he shall put down the kings from their thrones and kingdoms]
Because they do not extol and praise Him,
Nor humbly acknowledge whence the kingdom was bestowed upon them.
- v.6) And he shall put down the countenance of the strong, and shall fill them with shame.

Compared to the writings in the Book of Daniel:

Daniel 7 {written approx. 600 AD}

v.9) As I looked, thrones were set in place, and *the Ancient of Days took his seat.*

His clothing was white as snow; *the hair of his head white as wool*

His throne was flaming with fire, all its wheels were ablaze.

Daniel 2 {written approx. 600 AD}

v.20) and [Daniel] said: Praise be to God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his

v.21) He changes times and seasons; *he sets up kings and deposes them.*

He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning

v.22) *He reveals deep and hidden things*; he knows what lies in darkness, *and light dwells with him.*

THE DAYS OF ENOCH

From the time of the revival that began in the days of Enosh (Gen. 4:26) to the birth of Enoch's father Jared (Gen. 5:21-23) there is no record of conflict on the earth. From the birth of Enosh to the Flood was a period of 1,421 years. Using the dates of the birth of the patriarchs we can estimate the time of peace lasted between 225 and 387 years. The conflict lasted between 1,034 and 1,196 years.

The Bible says the invasion of the fallen angels and the birth of the giants took place "*when men began to increase in number upon the earth*" (Gen. 6:1). The implication is for a length of time the population of the earth was either stable or only growing very slowly. The reason for slow population growth could be the curse God had placed on the land combined with the primitive tools and technology available. Ever since Adam "*the land will produce thorns and thistles for you*" and man worked "*by the sweat of his brow*" (Gen. 3:17-19). Cain's inventions of forging tools of bronze and iron were helpful – but not transformational.

In order for the population to multiply, man needed technological assistance. Archeological records confirm that around 3300 BC to 3500 BC there was a dramatic shift in the level of development of ancient civilization. Prior to that time men lived in scattered hamlets and relied on subsistence methods of agriculture and hand tools. After that time a variety of advanced arts and sciences appeared very abruptly: writing, mathematics, geometry, arts, accounting, astronomical observatories, large scale construction projects, ships, navigation methods, and so forth.

Perhaps God looked down at the toil and tears of the children of Adam and had mercy upon their hard life. Whatever the cause, it is recorded that God assigned a corps of angels called ‘Watchers’ to watch over the affairs of men and to teach them the wisdom they needed to better their lives. Jubilees⁴ says:

“And in the second week of the tenth jubilee Mahalalel took unto him to wife Dinah, the daughter of Barakiel the daughter of his father's brother, and she bare him a son in the third week in the sixth year, and he called his name Jared, for in his days the angels of the Lord descended on the earth, those who are named the Watchers, that they should instruct the children of men, and that they should do judgment and uprightness on the earth.” (4:16)

Jared was the father of Enoch. The word ‘Jared’ in Hebrew means “descent”! The Watchers appeared on the earth in the days of Jared in time to instruct Enoch.

The Book of Daniel supports the existence of the ‘Watchers’ and their holy purpose to help man:

“I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven;” (Daniel 4:13)

Thus, the first visitation of angels to the earth was for noble purposes, to teach men and to watch over them. Later we will discover the devil took advantage of the open door for angelic visitation.

THE GREAT PYRAMID OF GIZA

The great pyramid of Giza is strong evidence that long ago angels directly assisted man’s development.

The colossal great pyramid is made of over 2 million giant stones fitted together so precisely that engineers doubt the technology we have today would be able to duplicate its construction.⁵ In over 4,000 years it has not settled. Scientists have no explanation of how Egyptians living in the Bronze Age could quarry and finish such great stones, transport them up the Nile, then raise them to a great height, and fit them together so tightly and perfectly.

The great pyramid of Giza encodes in its measurements precise scientific knowledge that would have been unattainable for the primitive people of ancient days. This knowledge must have come from a source of higher knowledge, such as angels. Examples of mathematical and scientific information encoded in the great pyramid with a precision that is not explainable by random chance:⁶

- Gravitational constant and the speed of light

⁴ Fifteen scrolls of the Book of Jubilees were found in the Qumran caves. Although its origins are obscure and its content is debatable it was quoted by early church fathers. We do not take the Book of Jubilees as authoritative, but the observations in Jubilees line up with events recorded in Genesis and provide intriguing possibilities of the scenes behind the scenes.

⁵ For more detail concerning the pyramids, please see page 12 Giza Pyramids on the site: www.biblenumbersforlife.com

⁶ See the book: ‘The Great Pyramid of Egypt: Decoding the Measure of a Monument’ E. Schmitz, 2012, Rolland Publishing

- The golden ratio and pi (the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter)
- The volume of the earth and the orbital circumference of the earth about the sun

The theory that holy angels assisted men in moving great stones and other challenging tasks ought not to surprise Christians. When Mary and the other women went to the tomb on Easter morning they found the great stone had been rolled away and a glorified angel was nearby (Luke 24:1-5).



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THE HOLY WATCHERS IMPROVED THE AFFAIRS OF MEN

With the assistance and guidance of the holy angelic Watchers a great leap occurred in human development. Efficiency in food production and distribution resulted in better health. People were not working as hard and they were enjoying better quality of life and more available foodstuffs. In the context of the peaceful co-existence of the unbelievers and the God fearers, the population of the world naturally grew.

As part of their duties towards mankind, the holy angelic Watchers instructed the line of Seth in the way of righteousness and the fear of the God. Enoch was a prime beneficiary of the spiritual teaching and guidance of the Watchers. However, it is likely others benefitted from their ministry as well.

It might not be too great a stretch to describe this period of angelic illumination as a golden age of mankind: marked by both scientific and engineering advances and by growing spiritual enlightenment.

⁷ Source of image: odysseyofanalbatross.blogspot.com

SINNING FALLEN ANGELS RUIN THE EARTH

The blessed state of affairs brought on by the ministry of the holy Watchers was not to last. Satan marshalled his demonic forces to disrupt and to corrupt the world - to ensure the teaching of the holy Watchers could not take root. Through the sin of sexual lust a demonic invasion of the earth occurred.

“When men began to increase in number upon 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.” (Genesis 6:1-2)

Some mistakenly interpret the Sons of God as the children of Seth, not fallen angels. We do not accept this interpretation. The teaching of the New Testament helps us:

“For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell [‘Tartarus’ – the deepest darkest abyss] 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 others...” (1 Peter 2: 4 & 5)

Those referred to by Peter as sinners were angels not the sons of Seth. They sinned when they lusted after the daughters of men, left the place set apart for angels to dwell, came to earth, married whatever daughters they chose, and begat monstrous children.

“The giants [Nephilim] were on the earth in those days – and also afterward – when the Sons of God went into the daughters of men and had children by them.” (Gen. 6:4)

Note the connection of thought in the passage in 1st Peter between the angels who sinned and the ungodliness of the ancient world destroyed by flood. To say the giants were evil and destructive is an understatement. As we will see, they turned the world into a conflict zone and totally corrupted man.

THE GIANTS WERE WARRIOR LORDS

The Hebrew word describing the offspring of the fallen angels and the daughters of men is גִּבּוֹרִים **gibbowr**, which is translated ‘mighty’ in the Bible. After Genesis 6:4, where it is used to describe the Nephilim, the next occurrence of the word is in Genesis 10:8 in relation to Nimrod:

“Cush was the father of Nimrod, who grew to be a mighty warrior [gibbowr] on the earth. He was a mighty [gibbowr] hunter before the LORD...The first centers of his kingdom were Babylon, Erech, Akkad and Calneh in Shinar” (Genesis 10:8-10)

We have no evidence Nimrod was a giant, but he exhibited the same belligerent covetous behavior. Nimrod established his territory through military conquest of other people and their lands. Cush was the son of Noah who was given Egypt and Africa as his inheritance. In the beginning, the land of Shinar

belonged to the inheritance of the children of Shem. When Nimrod established his cities in the land of Shinar he did so by overthrowing the rightful occupants of the land by military conquest.

WARFARE AND DOMINATION BY OVERLORDS IS OF EVIL SATANIC ORIGIN

Where did Nimrod learn the art of war, conquest, and domination of the people as their supreme overlord? These evil practices were introduced to the earth by the warlike giant offspring of the fallen angels. Cain had founded cities of apostate unbelievers but they were not places filled with violence. Until Lamech's shocking execution of the young man who wounded him the Bible describes the life of the people of Cain as non-threatening. The people who descended from Cain were given credit for certain advances that were peaceful in nature: building cities; introducing the keeping livestock by migrating with them in tents; musical instruments; and making tools out of bronze and iron.

The fallen angel rebellion quickly overturned the quiet life of the Sethites and the Cainites. The people were horrified when they saw the giants and experienced their violence and suppression. People of the pre-flood era were completely agrarian – they had no experience whatsoever in hunting or killing living creatures.⁸ To their relatively pure consciences the blood-letting was unimaginable horror.

The Cainite communities were the first target of the giants. The cities offered the giants large numbers of humans in one place to dominate and train for war. The migratory livestock herds would have offered them a food supply. Since we assume the wives of the fallen angels came from Cainite descendants, their communities would have been the ones the giants and fallen angels were familiar with. The Sethite people, being dispersed in the countryside must have looked at the events occurring in the Cainite cities with amazement. Perhaps they saw these affairs as judgment of Cain's unbelief.

THE GIANTS FOUGHT AMONG THEMSELVES AND BEGOT TRIBALISM

We are given some intriguing clues to the nature of the giants in the book of Jubilees:

“For owing to these three things came the flood upon the earth, namely, owing to the fornication wherein the Watchers against the law of their ordinances went a whoring after the daughters of men, and took themselves wives of all which they chose: and they made the beginning of uncleanness.” (7:21)

“And they begat sons the Naphidim, and they were all unlike, and they devoured one another: and the Giants slew the Naphil, and the Naphil slew the Eljo, and the Eljo mankind, and one man another.” (7:22)

⁸ It was only after the flood that God said “The fear and dread of you will fall on the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves on the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.” (Gen.9:2-3)

The giants were 'all unlike'. Individualism became the root of tribalism. The giants had no feelings of kinship to other giants. Each giant was a covetous competitor with the other giants for possessions. The Cainites who were under the domination of a local giant no doubt lived under fear of his strength and violent temper. But, when neighboring giants threatened they must have experienced the mixed emotion of loyalty to their local giant. This could be why the Bible describes the giants' fame:

“They were the heroes of old – men of renown” (Genesis 6:4)

Before the arrival of the giants men lived in civility and toleration. After the arrival of the giants men lived in fear of other men and their violent leaders. Men ceased to see themselves as a part of mankind and began to see themselves in the narrow cultural lens of their local band or tribe. Tribalism was the beginning of a process that would differentiate people: the enemy became sub-human and it became morally acceptable to kill them.

The existence in a past time of giants, the spawn of fallen angels, who were considered protectors of local territories, explains the perverse pagan practice of praying to and making offerings to local Baals and demigods. Somehow the primal fear of local evil supernatural beings was retained in human thinking and evidenced in their spirituality. We shall address how these evil practices survived the flood of Noah later in the paper.

EVIDENCE OF GIANTS

Most of the older human cultures record in their mythology the exploits of giants. North American Indians have a tale of Si-Te-Cah, a tribe of red-haired cannibalistic giants. The Greek giants were children of the 'gods', or as we would know them fallen angels. An example would be Polyphemus, son of Poseidon. The Norse also believed giants were relatives of the gods. Tales of combat with giants is a common feature of the folklore of the British Isles.

In 1890 the bones of giants, or at least of humans much larger than normal size, were found in a bronze age cemetery of Castelnau-le-Lez in France. The anthropologist George Vacher de Lapouge published his findings in the journal *La Nature*, vol. 18, 1890, issue 888. Based on the humerus, tibia, and femoral mid-shaft the height of the creature was estimated to be 11 feet 6 inches.

Much evidence is presented in the Old Testament of giants who lived after the flood. Og was a giant. Goliath and his four brothers were giants. The spies who went into Canaan reported **“the people are taller and stronger than we are ... we saw the Anakites [giants] there.”** (Deut. 1:28). To deny the existence of giants would be un-biblical.

THE PERSECUTION OF THE SETHITES

Between the translation of Enoch and the flood of Noah there was a die-off of the Sethite patriarchs. We can only assume the deaths of the godly leaders in the line of Seth paralleled a progressive genocide of the people who feared God at the hands of the violent giants and their warrior bands.

In the era before the birth of Jared (1,196 years before the flood [BF]) no Sethite patriarch died.

In the days of Jared the Holy Watchers arrived and aided man's development. Closely following that the fallen angels left their estate, married women, and begat the giants.

Enoch was translated out of this world (669 years BF).

In the era after the translation of Enoch all the Sethite patriarchs born before Jared died: Seth (614 BF), Enosh (516 BF), Cainan (421 BF), Mahalalel (366 BF), Jared (234 BF), Lamech (5 BF), and Methuselah (0)

We note that in the era following the translation of Enoch only two patriarchs were born: Noah (600 years BF) and Shem (98 years BF). The Hebrew word 'Noah' means 'rest' – he preached God's judgment upon the world and by faith trusted God to lead his people to rest.

THE CORRUPTION OF GENETICS

The breeding of the fallen angels with women corrupted the strain of human genetics. This is the 'Seed of the Serpent' referred to in the judgment of God delivered to Satan in the Garden:

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed [or 'offspring'] and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Gen. 3:15)

The giants were not genetically human – we can see this because they were remorseless killers – they acted more like reptiles than men. Even Cain after he was judged by God for murder suffered remorse. It was not possible for the giants to repent of their evil deeds and be saved by faith in God. The giants worshipped their demonic fathers as their gods – that was their dark spirituality. Because giants were destructive, could not be saved, could not repent of their violent deeds, and were incapable of receiving or offering grace, there was only one appropriate response to cope with giants: kill them, offer no pardon, fight them to the death. The infestation of giants and demon worship in Canaan left the LORD no choice but to order the Israelites to completely destroy them and leave no survivors.

Jesus said: **“He who has ears, let him hear.”** Which creatures have no ears? Reptiles and snakes!

There are hints the fallen angels tampered with the genetics of other creatures as well. Just as they had blended the genes of angels and humans, could it be they blended the genes of other species? At its core, is not bestiality the evil desires to sexually unite two unrelated species? Consider what Jude says concerning the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah and note the clear connection to the fallen angels:

“And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home – these 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 to sexual immorality and going after strange flesh⁹. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.” (Jude 1:6-7)

The depravity of the fallen angels knew no limits. They had the means and the motivation to tamper with the genetics of the animal kingdom. Other evidence offers itself to support this thesis.

Mythology is filled with chimera creatures. The earliest literary reference is from Homer who expressed the belief these combination creatures were the invention of ‘immortals’, i.e. gods, which we would know as the fallen angels:

“...a thing of immortal make, not human, lion-fronted and snake behind, a goat in the middle, and snorting out the breath of the terrible flame of bright fire”

Without embarking too deeply into speculation, we note that God’s purpose in Noah’s Ark was to replenish the earth with pure genetics. Noah qualified partly on the basis of the purity of his line:

“...Noah was a just man and perfect [spotless] in his generations [genetic descent], and Noah walked with God.” (Gen. 6:9)

God not only decided to destroy men by the flood but animals, birds, and creeping things as well.

“The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said ‘I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth – men and animals – and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air – for I am grieved that I have made them.” (Gen. 6:5-6)

Could it be God’s desire to destroy those animals was because the genetic pool in the animal kingdom had been contaminated as well? We note that God brought animals two by two and some by sevens to Noah’s Ark to be saved from the destruction. We propose that God selected animals that were as genetically pure as possible just as he had chosen Noah. These were not animals that Noah could have chosen, for he did not have the means to determine their genetic purity. The Bible explicitly says that Noah did not choose the animals, but they came to him:

“Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive.” (Gen. 6:20)

⁹ In the Greek: ‘ετερος’ [“heteros”:of a different nature or class or kind] ‘σαρξ’ [“sarx”: flesh]

THE CORRUPTION OF MEN

The ultimate result of the descent of the fallen angels is described in the Bible was corruption of man:

“The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on earth had become, and that every inclination of his heart was only evil all the time.” (Gen. 6:5)

Other versions of the events paint a stark picture of the times:

“And every one sold himself to work iniquity and to shed much blood, and the earth was filled with iniquity.” (Jubilees 7:23)

“(v.16) And all the sons of men departed from the ways of the Lord in those days as they multiplied upon the face of the earth with sons and daughters, and they taught one another their evil practices and they continued sinning against the Lord. (v.17) And every man made unto himself a god, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbor as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence.” (Jasher 4)

Two words to describe it would be lawlessness and anarchy.

The world went from peaceful co-existence among men of differing opinions and lineages to absolute moral corruption and the dissolution of all social bonds and norms. How could this happen? The answer is chilling: it is not that far from us and could happen again.

The slippery slope of moral and social decay is outlined in Romans chapter 1. The path goes like this:

Step One – **Living a Life Apart From God** (Way of Cain)

- Men know God exists but they refuse to glorify him
- Their foolish hearts are darkened – their conscience becomes calloused

Step Two – **Filling a Spiritual Vacuum with Worship of Something Other than God**

- They worship created things – bowing down to demonic overlords
- They cut themselves completely away from God – fueling his indignation

Step Three – **Behaving like the Wicked Demons they Worship**

- They turn their bodies over to uncleanness - forbidden sexual practices
- They dedicate their minds to depravity – becoming violent and covetous
- They surrender their will to every enticement - they cast off all restraint

HOW DID GIANTS SURVIVE THE FLOOD?

We are told all life perished in the flood. That would include all the giants, all the people, and every living creature upon the earth (Gen. 7:17-24)

We are told the fallen angels were placed in chains in gloomy dungeons in the earth. One would think that would render them ineffective from interfering further in man's affairs. It would certainly deter further breeding of the daughters of men.

But, we are told that giants reappear after the flood. Specifically, they appear in Canaan. How did that happen if all the giants were killed in the flood?

We turn our attention to the events immediately following the resting of Noah's ark on Mount Ararat:

“Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders: then they walked in backward and covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father's nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him he said “Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers.” (Gen. 9:20-25)

Our first clue is the disrespect of authority displayed by Ham towards his father Noah. It was not his place to peek into his father's tent. It was highly unbecoming for him to tarnish his father's reputation by bearing tales of his father's dishonor. Ham was born in the God-fearing home of Noah. How could his behavior have been so disrespectful to his father - the man who saved his life? Do we have another Cain on our hands? Or worse – a person whose genes are polluted with Nephillim blood?

We are told that Noah was perfect in all his generations. We are not told that his wife was as pure. We are also not told how many wives Noah had before the flood. It is possible Ham was the son by Noah of a different wife who did not survive the violence of those days. It was not against the custom of the ancient people to have more than one wife. However, we do not believe this to be the case.

Ham's son Canaan becomes the father of all the peoples who occupied the land of Sinai, Canaan and Lebanon: the people of Sidon and the Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, Arvadites, Zemarites, and Hamathites. As we have already mentioned, giants dwelt among the Canaanites. Many of the Canaanite races were abnormally large physical specimens themselves.

The Bible is silent concerning the wife of Ham. Only the generations of Noah are stated in the Bible to have been perfect – yet eight people entered Noah's Ark: Noah plus his wife and each of his three

sons and their wives. Even if we assume Noah's wife bore all three of his sons - and her generations were perfect – what about Ham's wife? She could have had traces of Nephillim blood.

We find a grandson of Ham, Nimrod, becomes a 'mighty hunter' and established four cities by conquest in the territory belonging to Shem in the land of Shinar (Gen. 10:10). We now see the full-blown violence and covetousness of the Nephillim and it is only the third generation of Ham.

We propose that the wife of Ham had traces of Nephillim blood which polluted the genetics of Ham's off-spring. It is possible Ham's mother's blood was not as pure as his father's and he himself was genetically tainted. It is also possible Ham was genetically pure but suffered from weak character.

The flesh of Noah, albeit genetically pure, was still the flesh of Adam – who sinned. Therefore, Noah in spite of his faith was still a sinner who struggled with all the temptations common to man. Drinking wine to excess was one of those temptations.

We propose the explanation for the existence of giants after the flood was due to Nephillim blood lines of some of the passengers on Noah's Ark - most definitely through the line of Ham. Although there were giants in Canaan, they were not of as great a stature, not as irrepressibly violent, and not as voraciously hungry as giants were reputed to have been before the flood. This would be appropriate given that Nephillim genes were present but at a diluted level.



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THE SPIRITS OF THE GIANTS

In two places in the New Testament we read the fallen angels were placed in 'gloomy dungeons' and await 'the judgment of the last day'.

The writings of Enoch suggest that while the fallen angels are in dungeons the disembodied spirits of their giant offspring roam the earth and do evil:

“(v.1) **And He** [The Lord of Heaven] **answered and said to me, and I heard His voice: 'Fear not, Enoch, thou righteous** (v.2) **man and scribe of righteousness: approach hither and hear my voice ...** (v.8) **And now, the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called**

evil spirits upon (v.9) the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling. Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies; ... (v.10) they shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits shall they be called ... And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, but nevertheless (v.12) hunger and thirst, and cause offences. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them." (1 Enoch 15)

If we look at the interactions between evil spirits and Jesus we see these principles confirmed. For example: Jesus cast out demons – he did not destroy them, nor did he cause them pain, nor did he cast them into perpetual dungeons of darkness in the earth. The power of God was present in Jesus to cast out demons but the same demons continued to live on the earth and do evil:

"When he arrived at the other side of the Gadarenes, two demon possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. 'What do you have to do with us, Son of God?' they shouted. 'Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?' Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus 'If you drive us out, send us into the pigs.' He said to them 'Go!' So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water." (Matt. 8:28-32)

Note the similarities between the giants and the demons: extremely violent, voraciously hungry (attracted to pigs feeding), filled with frenzy (pigs rushing), and working destruction (pigs drowning).

SPIRITUAL FORCES OF DARKNESS IN THE HEAVENS

The Days of Noah resulted in two classes of evil spiritual beings being exposed: the fallen angels now trapped in the earth, and the evil spirits of the deceased giants roaming the earth.

Neither of these classes is to be confused with the rebellious angels still at large in the heavenly places:

"...be strong in the LORD and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 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." (Eph. 6:10-12)

While the Christian is given authority over evil spirits (who roam the earth) but we must not speak disrespectfully of the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms:

"In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about

the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said 'The Lord rebuke you!' (Jude 8-9)

Our chief warfare against spiritual enemies in the heavenly realms is to mind our own affairs, obey the commandments of Jesus and pray in the Spirit in all occasions: "to stand our ground" (Eph. 6:13)

THE DAYS OF NOAH

Jesus said "As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man."

Using the description of Jesus of the coming of the Son of Man we can appreciate what were the conditions during the days of Noah. His disciples asked "what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?" (Matt. 24:3). Jesus replied:

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, [covetous warmongering spirit – desire to dominate and subjugate people under absolutely tyrannical tribal rulers] but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come [war and conflict lasted over 1,000 years before the flood]. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom [warrior giants battle each other to the death]. There will be famines [voracious giants consume all the foodstuffs] and earthquakes. All these are the beginning of birth pangs. Then you will be handed over to be persecuted [death of the Sethite patriarchs] and put to death [genocide of believers in God], and you will be hated by all nations because of me [corruption of man: becomes cold blooded like reptiles and views God fearers as sub-human enemies fit only to be killed]. At that time many will turn away from the faith [follow the way of Cain] and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people [idolatrous false worship of fallen angels / local demi-gods]. Because of the increase of wickedness [the Lord saw how great man's wickedness had become], the love of most will grow cold, [and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time] but he who stands firm to the end will be saved [Noah's Ark]." (Matt. 24:4-13)

Amen.