

I Corinthians First Things First III notes

Genesis 6:1-4

Testimony of satanist who saw angels and of Bryan and his ex-satanist friend's testimony

Last week we took a good look at angels—what they are and what they aren't.

- We saw that "angel" is probably not the best choice in names for them because being a messenger is just one of several jobs they do as servants of God.
- We saw that simply "sons of God" is probably a better name for them But even that lacks something because of the confusion with believers being sons of God.
- We saw that these sons of God are male in both name and appearance and that they are never seen with wings.

What do they look like? like men.

Judges 13:6;10-11 – Samson's parents refer to the angel as a man.

--Again, no wings mentioned.

Daniel 8:15-16 – Surely, if this angel had had wings Daniel would have said something!

Daniel 10:4-6 –

In the New Testament, the appearance of angels is similar: **Luke 24:4; Hebrews 13:2**

We are going to consider one more place where they are called the sons of God because this one takes us to our next subject:

Fallen Angels.

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--The word in Hebrew is the word *Nephilim* which means "fallen ones"; ---*Nephilim* was translated in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament that was translated 200 years before Jesus) into the Greek word *gigantes* = where we get our word *giant* from.

Recap: Angels left their place and purpose, disobeyed God and bred with human women and produced a half breed race of giants.

- This happened before and also after the flood. **V.4; Numbers 13:33**
- To be noted; these all-male angels produced half breed all-males.
- This was a horrible thing—a rebellion against God—**these are fallen angels** and are part and maybe a large part of the *angels who we will be judging in the end.*

Why does this matter to us?

1. It's in the Bible and all the Bible is relevant to our lives and was written for our instruction.
2. Fallen angels are major players in our day to day lives as well as in the end time events, and their offspring also may be major players as well.

A more careful look at these Nephilim:

1. They were all male (as far as the biblical record is concerned);
The product of angels and female humans.
- We need to get this out of the way: "**What about what Jesus said in Matthew 22:30?**" Angels don't marry or shouldn't, but they also

shouldn't disobey God, but they did!

2. These mutant offspring are referred to several ways: **Nephilim** (fallen ones or giants), **Anakim** (sons of Anak), and **Rephaim** (the dead ones)

--King Og was one of these-- the Bible says he had an iron bed 13.5 feet long and 6 feet wide. **Deuteronomy 3:11**

--These were not tall, lanky NBA players; they were stout.

--Goliath's armor had coat of mail weighing 150 pounds, spearhead weighing 17 pounds on a shaft that was the size of a weavers beam + 2.5 inches thick; we are not given the weight of his helmet, sword, shield or greaves.

--Goliath had an estimated combat load of 300 to 400 pounds!

--These things were monsters.

As weird as all this is, it shouldn't come as a shock to anyone who has studied their Bible.

--The Bible is full of supernatural and, otherwise, weird things.

What may come as a shock is that the ancient pagan world agrees with what the Bible says about these fallen angels and giants at least to a certain degree.

--Pretty much everything from Josephus, the ancient Jewish historian, To *Beowolf's fighting of Grendel*—The picture of the ancient world was one that had giants in it and almost all were considered to be half supernatural.

--The Greek pagan system included the Titans who were the products of supernatural creatures who left their domain and bred with human women and produced these half breed Titans who did all kinds of things including tremendous mayhem.

--The ancient Egyptian culture believed very similar things.

--The Epic of Gigamesh, an ancient poem considered to be the oldest piece of literature in existence, is about a half breed god/man who survives the global flood which the creator God used to wipe out the entire world especially the giants.

Another thing to get out of the way: **Genesis 6:1-4**

You may have heard this incident in Genesis 6 interpreted as simply the "Sons of Seth" married the daughters of men effectively explaining away this supernatural breeding that is indicated here.

Problems with this viewpoint:

1. Relatively recent interpretation. None of the Jewish scholars believed anything like this nor did any of the early church fathers.

2. The text doesn't say anything about the sons of Seth.

3. It is quite plain that this mixture produced giants.

--How does one explain this mutation with sons of Seth paternity line of thought?

4. This particular fall and sin of the angels is corroborated several places in the New Testament:

Jude 1:6-7

A Couple of Things to take note of from this Jude passage:

1. Both involve the sexual encounters between angels and humans.

--Angels of Genesis 6 who took human women and the homosexual men of Sodom who wanted to rape the angels in **Genesis 19:1; 5**.

2. Both were judged categorically by God.

- The Mixed breed as a result of angels pursuing “strange flesh” was part of those killed in the flood of Noah.
- In the case of Sodom, it was the other way around—men pursuing Angels--water didn’t pour from the sky, but fire did!

When God ended the flood, what did he put in the sky as a promise after destroying all this wickedness and pursuit of strange flesh?

- What is the symbol of the “strange flesh” movement today?
- Makes you think that the pride movement is not random and neither is the choice of the rainbow—it’s a statement from events in the book of Genesis!

There is still another issue we need to address: why did the angels do what they did?

- Were they at a bar and had too much to drink and met some loose women and had some unplanned pregnancies?
- Or was this a strategy of both and these sinning angels and their dark lord, Satan, to thwart the plans of God?
- Remember, God promised in **Genesis 3** that One would come through the seed of the woman who would crush the head of serpent.

So, was this a strategy of Satan to mess up God’s plan to bring the Messiah into the world through a woman?”

- Satan is a lot of things but one thing he isn’t is an unbeliever—he very much believes God and His Word!
- You might say that everything Satan does is in response to the fact that He believes everything that God has said.
- But he doesn’t obey what God says:** Believing God and not doing what He says is the epitome of satanism.