

The Flood Was a Real Event, not a Myth.

- Jesus said, “For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man” (Matthew 24:38-39).

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- “By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith” (Hebrews 11:7).

Sons of God as Fallen Angels

- The Hebrew expression *bene elohim* (translated “sons of God”) appears only 5 times in the Old Testament—in Genesis 6:2 & 6:4 and in Job 1:6, 2:1, & 38:7. In the Job passages the phrase clearly refers to angels, so why not here as well?
- Though Matthew 22:30 says that angels IN HEAVEN don’t marry, fallen angels on earth who are in rebellion against God *could* marry human women (Genesis 18-19).

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- The New Testament indicates that these are rebel angels guilty of sexual sin.
  - 2 Peter 2:4-10 speaks of angels who sinned and were placed in chains of darkness by God in the same context as the judgment of the ancient world via the Flood. They were guilty of "defiling passion," and they "despise[d] authority."
  - 1 Peter 3:19-20 speaks of spirits who sinned during the days of Noah and are being held in prison.

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- Jude 6-7 describes angels who left their "proper dwelling" and authority as being held in "chains under gloomy darkness," awaiting judgment. Their sin includes "sexual immorality" and "unnatural desire."
- Their defiling of the bloodlines of humans could also have been an attempt to keep the "seed of the woman" (Genesis 3:15) from being born.

Other Attempts to Destroy the "Seed"

1. Cain killed Abel and ended a godly line, but God restored it with the birth of Seth.
2. Pharaoh tried to kill off the Hebrews in Egypt when he ordered all male babies murdered.
3. Saul repeatedly tried to kill David.
4. The Assyrian & Babylonian captivities could have destroyed the Jews.

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5. Haman tried to kill all of the Jews in ancient Persia.
6. Herod's slaughter of the infants of Bethlehem was an attempt to kill Jesus (Matthew 2:16).
7. For a time, Satan must have thought he had succeeded after Jesus' death on the cross, but he had only wounded the Lord's heel. The resurrection dealt the knockout blow to Satan's head that Genesis 3:15 predicted.

Lifespans after the Flood



- Eber lived to age 464—Gen. 11:16-17
- Serug lived to 230—Gen. 11:22-23
- Abraham lived to 175—Gen. 25:7
- Isaac lived to 180—Gen. 35:28
- Jacob lived to 147—Gen. 47:28
- Joseph lived to 110—Gen. 50:26
- Moses lived to 120—Deut. 34:7 (942 years after the Flood)
- King David lived to 70—2 Sam. 5:4 (1378 years after the Flood)

Nephilim (6:4)

- from *naphal*—to attack, fall upon, bully
- powerful and famous **men** who must have done much evil
- describes a category of people—in Noah's day and later



Nephilim (6:4)

- "And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them" (Numbers 13:33).
- Report of 10 cowardly spies



Noah: The One Bright Spot (6:8-9)

- He found (received) favor (grace) from God.
- His name was associated with rest and comfort.
- He was righteous (doing right) to others.
- He was blameless (complete, having integrity) before God, unlike those around him.
- Like his great-grandfather (Enoch), Noah walked with God.

Corruption, Violence, Leading to Destruction

"Do not envy a man of violence And do not choose any of his ways" (Proverbs 3:31).

"The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates" (Psalm 11:5).

Lessons

- Marry a believer—character matters more than looks (6:2—tempted by what they saw).
- Don't love violence; God hates it (6:11-13).
- Follow Noah's example & stand alone for God when you must (6:8-9).
- Know that God is longsuffering, but He has a limit; then judgment falls (6:3; 2 Peter 3:3-13).