



DID ANGELS MARRY AND CROSSBREED WITH HUMAN WOMEN (GEN. 6:1-4) ?

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Many have assumed by a passive reading of Genesis 6:1-4, that the sons of God were angels who came down from heaven, married human women, and had crossbred hybrid children with them known as the Nephilim. This article will examine the verses pertaining to the Nephilim (giants) and conclude that the sons of God were not literally angels who married and had children with human women.

GENESIS 6:1-4:

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 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. And YHWH (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.” The Nephilim (giants) were 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.

Men of giant physical stature lived both before and after the global flood (Genesis 6:4; Deuteronomy 2:10-12, 20-23). After the flood, giants appear as descendants of Canaan, one of Ham’s sons, who were living in Canaan when Moses sent agents to spy out the land (Numbers 13:1-2, 32-33).

Og, King of Bashan, was the last recorded giant east of the Jordan River (Joshua 12:4; 13:12). After Joshua’s conquest of Canaan (Joshua 11:21-22), a few giants continued living in the Philistine cities of Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod. These giants terrorized Israel from the time they entered into Canaan until late in the reign of King David. One of those giants was Goliath, who was killed by David. King David and his ‘mighty men’ encountered three other giants (2 Samuel 21:16-22; 1 Chronicles 20:4-8).

Some claim that these giants were the offspring of angels mating with human women, based on a misunderstanding of Genesis.

Although God sometimes refers to angels as His sons (Job 38:7), the term “sons of God” in Genesis 6 is not exclusively used for angelic beings. God also refers to man as gods and sons of God.

PSALM 82:6:

I said, “You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High.”

JOHN 10:34:

Yeshua (Jesus) answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods?””

ROMANS 8:14:

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

GALATIANS 3:26:

For you are all sons of God through faith in Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus).

God can refer to either an angel or a human being as a “son of God.”

Angels were created as spirit beings. As spirit beings, they cannot mate with humans. Humans exist in the physical realm and angels exist in the spiritual realm, which may also be another dimension.

MATTHEW 22:30; MARK 12:25; LUKE 20:34-36:

And Yeshua (Jesus) answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels AND ARE SONS OF GOD, being sons of the resurrection.”

JOHN 3:6:

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

GENESIS 6:4:

There were Nephilim (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.

Note carefully that Genesis 6:4 does not say that the Nephilim (giants) came forth from the unions of the sons of God and women, as they were already in existence on the Earth “in those days.” Then after... “and also afterward,” they continued to be on the Earth “when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them.” Those children were not classified as hybrids, but “mighty ‘men,’ ‘men’ of renown.” The Nephilim (giants) existed *before* the sons of God took women for wives *and also afterward*, when the sons of God had children with women. Therefore the Nephilim (giants) were not the hybrid offspring between angels and women as they existed before and after the sons of God appeared in Genesis.

Only the Son of God, who has all creative power, has ever crossed the gap between spirit and flesh, resulting in His birth as Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) (Philippians 2:7). To claim that angels could cross the boundary between spirit beings and flesh and blood beings and mate with human women with the resulting offspring being Nephilim (giants) is not logical.

Kinds reproduce after their own kinds. The spirit-kind cannot mate and impregnate mankind. Only God has crossed that boundary through Yeshua (Jesus) taking on human flesh.

WHERE DID THE NEPHILIM (GIANTS) COME FROM?

Being that the Nephilim (giants) spoken of in Genesis 6:1-4 were men, and were not the hybrid offspring between angels and women, a question arises as to where they came from. The Nephilim (giants) were the offspring of man who sprang forth from the original gene pool variation that God created within man. All men were created from one blood (Acts 17:26), and Adam and Eve were capable of producing all the different varieties of mankind: tall (giants), short, muscular, fat, thin, dark-skinned, light-skinned, hairy, smooth-skinned, and all of the varieties in between.

Just as there are a wide variety of dogs that originated from the original dog kind, God created mankind with the same type of variation possibilities. Today, we still see diversity among human beings in various regions of the world, within the same regions, and even within the same families [1].

Another factor that allowed for gigantism amongst human beings was the higher oxygen levels of the pre-flooded Earth. Scientists know from air encased within fossilized life forms that the Earth once had a 35% oxygen level, compared to the modern day level of about 20%. A richer oxygen content allowed for the greater growth of animals, the dinosaurs, and insects on Earth. Man, known as the Nephilim (giants), also grew to much larger proportions as a result of the higher oxygen levels that existed on the pre-flood Earth [2].

WHO WERE THE “SONS OF GOD” OF GENESIS 6:2,4 ?

Although it is true that spirit beings cannot mate with human beings, spirit beings *can possess* human beings. When Scripture states that the “sons of God” saw the daughters of men, and they took wives for themselves, it is a figurative reference to demons possessing men, and then acting through men, taking wives, mating, and then bearing children to them. The people, before the flood, had rejected God and were under heavy demonic influence. All of mankind, including the Nephilim (giants), were wicked in the sight of God and man’s thoughts were always evil. The “sons of God” of Genesis 6:2,4 represents the fallen angels who partook of a great earthly demonic possession of men. Fallen angels were possessing human beings and through these demonic-possessed men they were taking wives and bearing children.

GENESIS 6:5-8:

Then YHWH (the Lord) saw that the WICKEDNESS OF MAN was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And YHWH (the Lord) was sorry that He had made MAN on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So YHWH (the Lord) said, “I will destroy MAN whom I have created from the face of the earth, both MAN and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found grace in the eyes of YHWH (the Lord).

God destroyed man from the face of the Earth, not hybrid angel-men. During the demonic possessions of men, men’s thoughts and deeds were evil continually, and no one but righteous-living Noah found grace in God’s eyes. God then decided to flood the Earth and rid it of all evil.

MATTHEW 24:37-39; LUKE 26-27:

“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

As mankind enters the end times, many people’s thoughts and deeds are continually evil, just as they were before the flood in the days of Noah. Surely there are people who are possessed by demons today, and are bearing children and raising them in evil ways, just as evil men were possessed by demons in Genesis 6:1-4, who took women and had children with them. God destroyed the whole world and all the people in it, save the eight on Noah’s ark (1 Peter 3:20). Mankind will be on the brink of annihilation just before Yeshua (Jesus) returns (Matthew 24:22).

MATTHEW 24:12-13:

“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”

In these end times, lawless sin abounds and the love of many has grown cold as people have forsaken God and have rejected His commandments.

To those who seek God, but are held captive by sin, being tormented and possessed by demons today: repent, fully submit to God, and resist the demons and then they will flee (Ephesians 6:10-13; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; James 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:8-9).

He (or she) who endures in righteousness to the end, like Noah did, will be saved, as Noah and his family were saved from the flood.

1. Creation Science Evangelist Dr. Kent Hovind - “Where Do Different Races Come From?,” YouTube, < <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLvTIrgmPrI> >.

2. Creation Science Evangelist Dr. Kent Hovind - “Theories about Pre-Flood Life, Humans, Animals, Earth and Atmosphere - Noah’s Flood,” YouTube, < <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXM73ohfFDE> >.