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## Understanding the Giants in the Bible

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*Genesis 6:3-9*

*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."*

*[4] 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.*

*[5] The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. [6] The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. [7] 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." [8] But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.*

*[9] This is the account of Noah.*

*Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.*

This small section of the Bible gives many scholars fits. The reason is that it gives just enough information to tease and not enough to collaborate based on the text itself. At any rate, The text though small is pretty concise in its information stating that a group of beings called the "sons of God" had sexual relations with another separate group of beings called the "daughters of men" and the result was offspring called Nephilim. This contrast in groups "sons of God" vs. "daughters of men" suggests that they are not just different groups but are to be distinguished from human beings. These giants (Nephilim) have other names in the Bible such as Rephaites and Zamzummities.

*Deut. 2:20*

*(That too was considered a **land of the Rephaites**, who used to live there; but the Ammonites\* called them **Zamzummities**.)*

*Joshua 13:12*

*that is, the **whole kingdom of Og in Bashan**, who had reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei and had survived as **one of the last of the Rephaites**. Moses had defeated them and taken over their land.*

*Deut. 3:11*

*(Only **Og king of Bashan** was left of the remnant of the Rephaites. His bed was made of iron and was more than thirteen feet long and six feet wide. It is still in Rabbah of the Ammonites.) (Note: this is the last of them – they died out)*

*\*Ammonites - Today we still refer to them because of the city Ammon, Jordan.*

It is interesting to note that in the Messianic texts of Psalms 22 [which specifically refers to the coming death (by crucifixion) of the Messiah] infers that the actual action of putting to death the Messiah is done by a group of demons (using the world system). The inference is based on the fact that the Kingdom of Bashan was made up of Rephaites or Nephilim who were half demon/half human. The Messianic Text specifically refers to the strong Bulls of Bashan (also interesting is that around the world pagan deity worship strongly favors worshipping the bull (Latin America, India etc.)

*Psalms 22:12-13*

*Many bulls surround me; **strong bulls of Bashan** encircle me.[13] **Roaring lions** tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.*

*(note: this is a possible inference to "1 Peter 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. **Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion** looking for someone to devour.)*

Interesting also is the place where the demon possessed man that Jesus delivered across the lake in Gergesene [Mark 5:2-20] and the place where Jesus cast the demons into the swine [Matthew 8:28-34 ] was an area with known demonic activity and is **the actual place where the Kingdom of Bashan was**.

The text (Genesis 6) also tells us that they-the *Nephilim* lived in *those days* or a reference to the past. However, it is careful to mention – *and also afterward* -. Since

the text is starting the story of the Great Flood this can only mean that the majority of these beings lived Pre-flood and some lived again afterward. Since all of our bloodlines today can be traced to Noah (or should I say to one human being) we find some tremendous information tied up in these few verses. That in itself is not unusual since God when he created the universe chose not to bore us with the details but simply says "and God created...". This statement *and also afterward* -. gives us the answers to where the giant Goliath and his brothers came from and also the Giants referred to when the spies were sent in to check out the promised land and returned telling of Giants in the land.

*Numbers 13:32-33*

*And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. [33] We saw the **Nephilim** there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."*

The words translated "sons of God" in Genesis 6 is also translated from the Hebrew to "mighty ones" "Heavenly beings" and "angels" and consistently throughout the Old Testament it refers to angelic or Supra-human beings. Note the following parallel translations:

*Psalm 29:1 (NIV) A psalm of David.*

*Ascribe to the Lord, **O mighty ones**, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*Psalm 29:1 (KJV) A Psalm of David.*

*Give unto the Lord, O ye **mighty**, give unto the Lord glory and strength.*

*Psalm 89:6-7 (NIV)*

*For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the **heavenly beings**?*

*[7] **In the council of the holy ones** God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.*

*Psalm 89:6-7 (KJV)*

*For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the **sons of the mighty** can be likened unto the Lord? [7] God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.*

*Job 1:6 (NIV)*

*One day **the angels** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them.*

*Job 1:6 (KJV)*

*Now there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.*

*Job 2:1 (NIV)*

*On another day **the angels** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him.*

*Job 2:1 (KJV)*

*Again there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.*

*Job 38:7 (NIV)*

*while the morning stars sang together and all **the angels** shouted for joy?*

*Job 38:7 (KJV)*

*When the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?*

*Isaiah 14:12-13*

*How you have fallen from heaven, **O morning star**, son of the dawn!*

*You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!*

*[13] You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the **stars** of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain.*

Morning stars/stars of God is a reference to angels. Isaiah's reference above is to Satan referred to as the morning star.

According to most Biblical scholars today; the "Sons of God" are fallen angels or Demons. They had relations with humans and created offspring (son's) that were inherently evil-so much so that God decided to basically start all over with the one untainted blood line left - Noah.

*"Most modern scholars believe that the phrase sons of God designates supra-human beings, that is gods or angels, but this interpretation does not command universal assent and has not always been the prevailing view.*

The other view is that the sons of God are the descendants of Seth. Seth's sons (the godly men) married the daughters of Cain (the ungodly daughters). This view was perpetuated by Augustine (254-430).

"Augustine's interpretation, which has been abandoned by most scholars..."

The reason it became the prevailing view was due to Augustine's considerable influence on all Biblical analysis. The reason he claimed that the sons of God had to be humans was the very fact that they were having sex (a human characteristic) something he felt was incompatible with angelic behavior. However, where angels frequently appear in human form they are indistinguishable from men. Of particular interest is the account in Genesis 19:1-22 of the two angels who visit Lot to warn him of impending doom for Sodom and Gomorrah. The men of the town asked Lot to specifically let them have the angels for the purpose of sexual acts. Obviously, sexual activity with demons was not an unheard thought for the early writers.

In addition, extra Biblical texts such as the Ugaritic texts support the argument that these are heavenly beings.

Also the early church fathers earliest references to the Genesis 6 narrative assumed the text to be angelic beings. The first to mention it was Justin Martyr (c.100-c.165) also Clement of Alexandria (c.15-c.165), Tertullian (c. 160-c.225. Lactantius (c.240-320) and Ambrose (c.339-c.397).

The earliest known commentary of the Genesis account is in Enoch 6-11 (the Biblical book of Jude actually refers to this book in Vs. 14) . In it they also describe how two hundred angels under the leadership of Semyaza intermarried with human women.

Numerous references are on Egyptian walls of beings from another world sleeping with humans and creating a new race. The roots of Roman mythology (half

demon/half human) can be traced to this. JOSEPHUS the famous Jewish historian also documents the existence of supra-human beings in his book (secular) "The Jewish Wars."

"There can be no doubt that understanding Genesis 6:1-4 to refer to intermarriage between Celestial beings and humans fits well in the narrative's of historical and cultural context."

I believe God himself tells us that they are Angels in...

JOB 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

JOB 38:5 Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?

JOB 38:6 On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone--

JOB 38:7 while the morning stars sang together and all the Son's of God shouted for joy?

When God "*laid the foundation of the earth*", the only created beings then were angels - this is PRE-ADAM , The "Sons of God" (the morning stars also refers to angelic beings) could not be humans, they had to be Angels who would fall from grace with Lucifer.

**Q. What would a 1/2 demon and 1/2 human look like???**



**FOR ME:** *This is the best explanation for the fossil records of people called Neanderthal man or Pre - moderns etc. This also explains why God does not appear to be too merciful in the first book in the Bible.*

Today in Israel there is a new finding of a modern man mummified with a pre-modern in the same caves. What is important about all this is: God has given us a relatively short timetable for man on the earth. Evolutionists say man needed a long time, millions of years to "evolve" from "missing links". The Bible states that modern man and some other type of being lived together on the same soil and now modern archaeology once again proves it with a physical finding (see Discovery Magazine Sept 1995 - also National Geographic January 1996).

In addition, now we have conclusive evidence (from USA Today 7/12/97 "Neanderthal DNA Disproves Link") from the DNA that the Neanderthals were not our ancestors (remember, Noah's blood was untainted or had NO DEMON DNA).

### **What happened to the Nephilim?**

If you follow the information presented, the natural conclusion is that the giants who were a fallen race of inherently evil people\* were wiped out in the flood. This accounts for the mythology, the hieroglyphics, the fossil remains and also the fact that the fossils tell us that Pre-modern man and Modern man indeed cohabited together. This agrees with the latest scientific findings as well as the Biblical. This also gives us the best explanation for why God wiped out the world and started over.

### **What happened to the demons?**

*2 Peter 2:4 (NIV)\**

*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;*

*2 Peter 2:4 (KJV)\**

*For if God spared **not the angels that sinned**, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

*Jude 1:6 (NIV)*

*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.***

*Jude 1:6 (KJV)*

*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.*

In other words the angels who crossed the line and went from the spirit world to the physical world God "Chained up" for Judgement ( a future event). Since we know that Satan and most of his demons are working in the world today, these then are those who did not cross the line and still have access to us.

\* "This could refer to God's Judgement of the angels (called "sons of Men") who had sexual relations with women (Gen. 6:1-4) or to the original sin of the angels who rebelled against God. The context favors the first view."

\*\* "the sons of God had sexual relations with women. These angels abandoned their original position (i.e. angelic non sexuality – angels were not created to reproduce) and habitation (heaven) when they mingled with the women on earth. The Book of Enoch from which Jude later quotes (v. 14) supports this interpretation."

***Why would Satan want to do this?***

***After the Fall God says to Satan the following:***

GEN 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; **HE** will crush your head and you will strike (bruise) his heel."

**Q. Why is there a struggle (enmity) which appears to be between Good and Evil?**

1. When Satan orchestrated the fall of man in the garden he fully expected God to judge man as reprobate as had happened to the angels. Their own "angelic testing" (Rev. 12:4) had resulted in them being either declared elect or reprobate. ***There was no redemptive plan for them as there was for man.***
2. When God declared that man would be redeemed by a Messiah in Genesis 3:15, it completely blindsided Satan. Satan was not aware then what the "bruised heel" or "crushed head" meant, but he did understand what the "seed of woman " meant and immediately set out to destroy or corrupt the Messianic line.
  - He did this first in Cain's (the first born) murder of Abel ... One dead – the other the Murderer, incapable of redeeming the world!
  - And then interrelations with the fallen "sons of God" to corrupt the line so that only tainted bloodlines remained on the earth.

- This also explains why Baal (a pagan deity in the Bible) demanded a sacrifice of the first born sons. Most false religions at that time demanded sacrifices all the way through the time of Moses (Pharaoh killing all Jewish baby boys 2 years and under) and even at Jesus birth when the Wise Men came to worship Jesus, Pharaoh killed all Jewish baby boys 2 years and under then also. \

\*According to Dr. Hugh Ross, Reasons To Believe Foundation in a personal conversation with me: During the time of Noah, the murder rate was so bad that 19 out of 20 people was murdered! In fact, there should have been over 5 billion people on the planet, but there was not, due to the gene lines being totally depleted and this population explosion never took place. Yes, it truly was a horrible time to live