

The Sons of God and Daughters of Men 1

Gen 5 ²¹ Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. ²² After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. ²³ So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. ²⁵ Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. ²⁶ After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters. ²⁷ So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died. ²⁸ Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. ²⁹ And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed." ³⁰ After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters. ³¹ So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died. ³² And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 6 ¹ Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² 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. ³ And 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." ⁴ There were 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. ⁵ Then 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. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So 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." ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

* **What's the** significance of 7 and 10, and of the 7th and 10th generations? (5.24, 29; 6.8-9)

Eze 14 ¹³ "[W]hen a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it ... ¹⁴ Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness"

* **What is** the situation by time Noah is middle aged? (6.5-8)

Gen 34 ² And when Shechem the ... prince of the country, saw [Dinah], he took her and lay with her, and violated her ... ⁷ And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved and very angry

* **What are** the two main views of the "sons of God"? (6.2, 4)

1) Angel Interpretation

2) Human Interpretation

* **How is** "sons of God" used in the NT & the OT?

– NT

Gal 3 ²⁶ You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Rom 8 ¹⁴ As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Mat 5 ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

– OT

Job 1 ⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. ⁷ And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth"

Job 2 ¹ Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among

them ... ² And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth"

Job 38 ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? ... ⁶ [W]ho laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

Psalms 89 ⁶ For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?

* **How do** Jude and 2Peter shed light on Gen 6?

Jude ⁶ [T]he angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, [God] has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

– "angels"

– "proper domain"

– "own abode"

– "reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day"

– "as Sodom and Gomorrah"

– "strange flesh"

2Pet 2 ⁴ [I]f God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot ... ⁹ then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment

* **What must** we remember on the question of whether or how an angel could impregnate a woman?

– Angels have supernatural powers, plus they appear to have the physical powers of men when appearing as men.

Lk 1 ³¹ Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son ... ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you"

2Sam 24 ¹⁵ So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel ... seventy thousand men of the people died. ¹⁶ And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "It is enough; now restrain your hand."

Gn 19 ¹ Now the two angels came to Sodom ..., and Lot was sitting in the gate ... ² And he said, "[P]lease turn in to your servant's house ... ⁴ Now before they lay down, the men of the city ... surrounded the house. ⁵ And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally." ⁶ So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, ⁷ and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! ... ⁹ And they said, "Stand back! ... [N]ow we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. ¹⁰ But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. ¹¹ And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door. ¹² Then the men said to Lot, ... "[W]homever you have in the city—take them out ...! ¹³ For ... the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

* **What is** Jesus addressing in Mt 22.30?

Mt 22 ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

* **How does** Gn 6.2 connect to Gn 3.6?

Gn 3 ⁶ [T]he woman saw that the tree was good for food, ... pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise