

### **The Sons of God and Daughters of Men 2**

Gen 6<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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." <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

\* **What does** the word for "beautiful" in Gn 6.2 literally mean in Hebrew, and how does Gn 6.2 connect to Gn 3.6? What was sought in the unions between "sons of God" and "daughters of men"?

Gn 3<sup>6</sup> [T]he woman saw that the tree was good [Hb, "tob"] for food, ... pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise

Gn 6<sup>2</sup> the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful [Hb, "tob"]

#### See also:

Psalms 115<sup>16</sup> The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

Gen 1<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and ... said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion ... over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Psalms 8<sup>5</sup> You have made [man] a little lower than the angels, and You crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet

2Pet 2<sup>11</sup> [A]ngels ... are greater in power and might

Heb 1<sup>14</sup> Are they [i.e., angels] not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

1Cor 6<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that we shall judge angels?

\* **How do** similar efforts show up after the flood in Canaanite and Mesopotamian fertility cults, sacred marriage rites, and the claims of Babylonian kings and priests?

\* **What is** God saying in Gn 6.3 and why?

– "My Spirit shall not strive [remain] with man forever"

Gn 2<sup>7</sup> And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life

Job 34<sup>14</sup> If He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, <sup>15</sup> all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.

– "for he is indeed flesh"

– "his days shall be one hundred and twenty years"

\* **What does** "giants" refer to? (6.4)

\* **Did the** "giants" live before or after the flood? (6.4)

Num 13<sup>33</sup> "[W]e saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers ... in their sight."

**\* Application:**

1) God tells us what we need to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Deut 29<sup>29</sup> "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

2) The idea of secret divine life or knowledge that God is withholding, but which is accessible by human, angelic (demonic), or combined boundary crossing is a \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Where there is evil, giants of one form or another will emerge, but God's people are called to \_\_\_\_\_ them in the Name of the Lord.