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Intro: In part 1 of this two-part sermon series, we asked the question did angels have sex with women.

Gen. 6:1-2 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.

Many believe that the “sons of God” were angels, fallen angels, but nevertheless angels that cohabited with women. This concept had led to many ideas and division among many “Christian” groups.

S.P.S. This is the second part of a two-part message on the Sons of God mentioned in Genesis 6. Many readers of the Bible read this passage and claim that angels, albeit fallen angels had sexual relations or married human women. In this message we are going to answer the following questions. Did this supposed union between angels and women engender a race of “Giants”? And according to this idea a hybrid of angel/man known as Nephilim or sometimes called “watchers” led to the evil found in the pre-flood world and was this the reason God sent the flood.

Review of the first message:

- Since the BOE is highly valued as a book of knowledge by those who hold to the SOG theory we examined the BOE. Problems with the book of Enoch-it is not part of the canon of the Bible for various legitimate reasons including.
 - Written in about 300-200 BC., which is about 3K years after the Biblical Enoch.
 - BOE was written by a variety of authors, it’s a pseudograph.
 - False claim that the BOE is quoted by Jude 14-15.
 - BOE contradicts plain teaching of the Bible, Enoch died did not go to heaven, Septuagint says “was not found, because God translated him.”
 - BOE contains many outlandish claims, Enoch goes to heaven, jumbles the story of Noah, and various other untrue and unbiblical claims.
 - Paul warns the NT Christians to be on guard against Jewish fables, angel worship, ascetism, vain babbling.
 - We should use the Bible to interpret BOE and other works not vice a versa.

1. Were the Sons of God mentioned in Genesis 6, Angels?

Does the term SOG mean angels or human men. Context is unclear. We must look at other scriptures or Biblical concepts to find the meaning.

Heb. 1:5 Angels are not SOG.

Mt. 22: 23-29 Christ said angels do not marry.

Gen 1 (chapter) organisms produce after their kind. Humans and angels are not of the same “kind.”

Masoretic Hebrew Text — 9th century Hebrew text Which is used for most present-day English OT Translations. This text uses the term SOG for both angels and for men.

Septuagint — was a Greek translation, translated from Hebrew that was written 3rd-1st century BC, more than a thousand years before the Masoretic Hebrew Text. In many places there is good agreement with the Septuagint and the Dead Sea Scrolls. It is often called the “Greek OT” or “The Translation of the 70.” The writers of the NT when quoting an OT scripture, indicate an almost word for word match with the Septuagint. The Septuagint does not use the term SOG when referring to angels. It says angels.

Septuagint rendering of some verse that will clarify the issue.

Job 1:6 (Septuagint LXX) And it came to pass on a day, that behold, the angels of God (NKJV SOG) came to stand before the Lord, and the devil came with them.

Job 2:1 (Septuagint LXX) And it came to pass on a certain day, that the angels of God (NKJV SOG) came to stand before the Lord, and the devil came among them to stand before the Lord.

Job 38:7 (Septuagint LXX) When the stars were made, all my angels (NKJV SOG) praised me with a loud voice.

Deut. 32:43 (Septuagint LXX) “Rejoice, ye heavens, with him, and let all the angels of God worship him; rejoice ye Gentiles, with his people, and let all the sons of God strengthen themselves in him; for he will avenge the blood of his sons, and he will render vengeance, and recompense justice to his enemies, and will reward them that hate him; and the Lord shall purge the land of his people.”

- Notice in the above verse angels of God are different then son of God, sons of God bleed angels do not.

The sons of God phrase is often translated: the sons of the nobles

2. Who were the Nephilim?

Gen. 6:1-4 (NKJV) 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 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.” There were giants (*Nephilim*) 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 (*gibbor*) men who were of old, men of renown.

Nephilim (def) Hebrew word is *Nephilim*, from the word *napal*

Nephilim, (Britannica) in the Hebrew Bible (the Christian Old Testament), a group of mysterious beings or people of unusually large size and strength who lived both before and after the Flood...The Hebrew word *nefilim* is sometimes directly translated as “giants” or taken to mean “the fallen ones” (from the Hebrew *naphal*, “to fall”), but the identity of the Nephilim is debated by scholars.

Napal: To fall, lie, fallen one.

Gibbor (Strong's concordance): Strong, mighty.

Gibbor (NAS exhaustive concordance): champion, mighty man, mighty warrior, heroes.

Nimrod is a mighty one a *gibbor*.

Gen. 10:6-9 (NKJV) The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. Cush begot Nimrod: he began to be a mighty (*gibbor*) one on the earth. He was a mighty (*gibbor*) hunter before the Lord; therefore, it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty (*gibbor*) hunter before the Lord."

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Gen. 10:6-9 Septuagint (LXX) And the sons of Cham, Chus, and Mesrain, Phud, and Chanaan. And the sons of Chus, Saba, and Evila, and Sabatha, and Rhegma, and Sabathaca. And the sons of Rhegma, Saba, and Dadan. And Chus begot Nebrod: he began to be a giant (*gibbor*) upon the earth. He was a giant (*gibbor*) hunter before the Lord God; therefore they say, As Nebrod the giant (*gibbor*) hunter before the Lord.

Sayings: He was a giant of a man. He was a giant of industry. She was a giant in the field of education.

Nephilim existed before, during, and after the "SOG cohabited with women".

Therefore, they were not produced by fallen angels. They were fully human descendants.

Gen 6:4 Whatever the Nephilim were, they existed before and after the SOG intermarried with women.

Num 13:32-33 In verse 32 "great" is not in the original. Men of stature or measure. Verse 33 giants is Nephilim.

3. Context of Genesis 6

2Pet. 2:4 For God did not spare the angels who sinned...? Does this mean cohabiting or marrying women?

1Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

Benson Commentary

2 Peter 2:4. For if — Or since, as εἰ γὰρ may be here rendered; God spared not the angels that sinned — "The angels seem to have been placed originally in a state of trial. Those who stood are called in Scripture, the holy angels. The sin of the angels is spoken of likewise, John 8:44, and Jude, 2 Peter 2:6, as a thing well known. Perhaps it was handed down by tradition from Adam and Eve, for the memory of it seems to have been

preserved among the heathens in the fable of the Titans warring against the gods. What the sin of the angels was is not well known. Jude 1:6 says, They kept not their first estate, or their own principality, as τὴν εαυτῶν ἀρχὴν may be properly rendered, but left their proper habitation. Hence their sin, by many, is thought to have been pride, and a discontent with their station.

Benson Commentary

Jude 1:6. *And the angels which kept not their first estate* — Or, as the clause may be rendered, *their first dignity*, or *principality*, (see on 2 Peter 2:4;) namely, the dignity or principality assigned them; *but left their own habitation* — Properly *their own* by the free gift of God. The apostle's manner of speaking insinuates that they attempted to raise themselves to a higher station than that which God had allotted to them; consequently, that the sin for which they were and are to be punished, was pride and rebellion.

The context is man not angels:

Other than the term SOG which has been misconstrued to mean angels, angels are not mentioned.

Gen. 4:16-26 Line of Cain

Alternate translations: (see Clark's Commentary on this verse)

Gen. 4:26 International Standard Version “Men began to profane the name of God.”

Gen. 4:26 “Men began to call themselves by the name of God.”-Margin of Oxford KJV Reina Valera 1909 Spanish Bible Entonces los hombres comenzaron á llamarse del nombre de Jehová = Then men began to be called by the name of Jehovah.

Adam Clarke's commentary on this verse; Gen 4:26 say these are possible translations.

Tubal Cain Many commentaries; **Gen 4:22** Tubal-cain, Hebrew/Greeks/Romans often drop the “tu” and the “b” is changed to a “v”= Vulcan, his consort was Venus. Naamah Tubal-cain sister whom he married, is identified with Venus. Vulcan in mythology is considered a metal worker/blacksmith.

Gen. 5 Whole Chapter Adam → Line of Seth

Gen. 6:1 men, daughters; **2** daughters of men; 3 strive with man; **5-7** men wicked, man on the earth, destroy man.

Adam Clarke Commentary (This is an Excellent Comment!)

Gen 6:1 When men began to multiply - It was not at this time that men began to multiply, but the inspired penman speaks now of a fact which had taken place long before. As there is a distinction made here between men and those called the sons of God, it is generally supposed that the immediate posterity of Cain and that of Seth are intended. The first were mere men, such as fallen nature may produce, degenerate sons of a degenerate father, governed by the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eye, and the pride of life. The others were sons of God, not angels, as some have dreamed, but such as were, according to our Lord's doctrine, born again, born from above, John 3:3, John 3:5, John 3:6, etc., and

made children of God by the influence of the Holy Spirit, Galatians 5:6. The former were apostates from the true religion, the latter were those among whom it was preserved and cultivated. Dr. Wall supposes the first verses of this chapter should be paraphrased thus: "When men began to multiply on the earth, the chief men took wives of all the handsome poor women they chose. There were tyrants in the earth in those days; and also after the antediluvian days powerful men had unlawful connections with the inferior women, and the children which sprang from this illicit commerce were the renowned heroes of antiquity, of whom the heathens made their gods."

4. Lessons for us today, "Days of Noah."

Mt. 24:36-39 During the Olivet prophecy, when asked about the end of the age, Jesus warns his disciples that right before his return the time will be much like the time before the return of Christ.

No one knows of the hour of Christ's return.

They were violent.

People were going about their business not knowing that the flood was coming.

Gen. 9:5-6 Punishment comes from disobedience. After the flood God made a way for justice to be administered.

2Pet 2:4-6 God did not spare the angels that sinned (angelic rebellion not sex with women),

Concl: We have seen that the basis for the idea that angels had sex with women which is based on the BOE and an incorrect interpretation of Genesis 6 is false, the context of the Bible shows that SOG were human men.

The Sons of God were not angels that came down to earth lusted after beautiful women and had sex with them.

The Nephilim were not the offspring of this union. They were fallen men, or fallen heros, or men that made other men fall, or bullies.

We also noticed that the context is speaking about fallen men/women and not fallen angels. God sent the flood, not because angels and women produced a hybrid race of wicked giants, but because humanity had become debased and violent.