

SALT Church

Genesis 6:1-8

“When God Greives part 2”

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“In the Beginning”

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Genesis 6 opens with the demonization of marriage.

- What was created by God to be pure and holy to be held in the highest of esteem before God and man had become violent and highly sexualized.

Setting:

- **The setting for Genesis 6 is this:**
 - It's roughly 1536 (since the creation of the world)
 - Noah's grandfather Methuselah was still alive as was Noah's father Lamech.
 - He would have shared the first-hand accounts of the conversations and memories of the men of God.
 - Thus, we understand how Noah would become a preacher of righteousness.
 - What we are yet to understand is how could it get so bad that God would be compelled to destroy His creation and all but eight people.
 - Keep in mind that scholars estimate the population of the world to be about the same as ours right now.

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God is setting the stage here as he tells Moses what life was like on the face of the earth prior to the flood.

- The question we must ask ourselves is this:

- What is so important about this tiny bit of information that covers 1656 years?
- Out of all the things that God could have said He begins this very important chapter with “There were a lot of man and women on the earth”
- Verse 2 will help answer this question

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- Who are the sons of God?
- Who are the daughters of men?
 - Why does God through Moses say it this way?

One theory is that the sons of God were the son's from the line of Seth, seeing that he was a man of God.

- The theory continues with the daughters of men being the daughters from Cain's lineage.

Job 1:6-7

⁶Now it was the day that the sons of God came to stand before Yahweh, and Satan also came among them. ⁷And Yahweh said to Satan, “From where do you come?” Then Satan answered Yahweh and said, “From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it.”

- We clearly see that in this heavenly interaction with God that the “sons of God” are the angelic realm.
- Satan came with them as he too would have once stood with them as the sons of God.
 - The difference is that now Satan is an outsider a troublemaker, and a dog on a leash.
- There will be many references in the New Testament to becoming the sons of God once we are adopted into the family through salvation, but those things had not been written yet.

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- What is Satan trying to do here?
 - What was the prophecy concerning the seed of the woman?
 - “Bruised heel and a crushed head”
- Satan is trying to create a demonic human race.

Think about this:

- In order for a demon to take over someone’s body there must be an invitation or an openness and desire for such a thing to happen.
- In the 1500 years of progression of man he had become bored with God and chose to open himself to the demonic realm.
- This created a culture of demonic possessed men that the women found desirable.

- It created a culture in which sex was violent and women were possessions.

³Then Yahweh said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever because he indeed is flesh; nevertheless, his days shall be 120 years.”

- This is a very important statement.
- God is not saying through Moses that demons can physically have sex with women.
 - “Man is indeed flesh” God makes it clear that His frustration is with man. (What is the source of all frustration? Unmet expectation)
- The fact that God says that He is going to shorten man’s life to 120 years is a clear indication that He blames man for his willingness to open himself up to the demonic realm.
- Think about that, God reduces the life span from 900 to 100
 - As with God this is not instantaneous the longevity of life will reduce over the 13 generations.

Hold on because here comes the fun part!

⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward,

- The word Nephilim means to fall or crush.
 - The insinuation is that these were giant men and the only other portion of scripture that uses this word is found in Numbers 13:33 where the Israelites spies see the men of that foreign

country and they call them giants as they compare themselves to them.

- So, “the Nephilim were on the earth in those days and also afterward.”
 - What does that mean?
 - It means that they already existed, and they continued to exist after something.
 - What?

when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them.

- Listen to what God says: “**when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men**”
 - This is a sexually charged comment.
 - This demon possessed men married these women and the hope of Satan was create a violent and dominate offspring that would destroy the Godly line of Seth.
 - It’s the same idea that Hitler had, get rid of the Jews and get rid of the promises of God.
 - But God...

God does admit that the offspring were mighty men.

- Nimrod the founder of the evil city of Babylon was describe as a mighty man and a warrior.

We see another example of the might that a demon possessed man can have in Luke 8 in which the demonic realm gave him super human strength

having the ability to break chains and the ability to get away from several men.

- HE WAS NOT STRONGER THAN JESUS' VOICE!

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Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

- What is God doing here?
 - He is saying that these men who were demon possessed were the men that civilization in high regard.
 - People idolized them.
 - They wanted to be like them.
 - We see this today in our culture.
 - Professional wrestling
 - Satan knew this and he made sure that they continued to do supernatural things.
 - But what happened to these demons?

2 Peter 2:4-5

4 For if God did not spare angels who sinned, but cast them into the pit and delivered them to chains of darkness, being kept for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Jude

5 Now I want to remind you, though you know all things, that Jesus, having once saved a people out of the land of

Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, having indulged in the same way as these in gross sexual immorality and having gone after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Back to Genesis 6

⁵ Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- So, I asked in the beginning, why so little information?
- Why this information?
 - Evil had taken over, every thought, and evil continually!
 - They had been turned over to a depraved mind despite the preaching of Enoch and Noah.
 - This is what God wanted us to know.
 - Judgement had to come for it was over!

Now before we get on our high horse let me remind us about what the Apostle Paul says in Romans 3

Romans 3:10-17

¹⁰ as it is written,

“There is none righteous, not even one;

¹¹ There is none who understands,

There is none who seeks for God;

¹² All have turned aside, together they have become worthless;

There is none who does good,

There is not even one.”

¹³ “Their throat is an open tomb,

With their tongues they keep deceiving,”

“The poison of snakes is under their lips”;

¹⁴ “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”;

¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood,

¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their paths,

¹⁷ And the path of peace they have not known.”

This is us without the Lord.

- This is what total depravity looks like!

But praise be to God for He doesn't leave His children there for He pours out His grace upon us!

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;⁹ not of works, so that no one may boast.

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⁶And Yahweh regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

- Some people have trouble with this verse s if God did not see it coming.
- That is not the case.
 - You can see something coming and still be grieved over it.
 - If you have children, you understand this.
 - If you have friends who have entered in an unholy relationship and you warned them because you saw it coming long before they got there, you understand Gods heart in all of this.

1 Samuel 15:29

²⁹Also the Eternal One of Israel will not lie or have regret; for He is not a man that He should have regret.”

Ezekiel 18:32

³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares Lord Yahweh. “Therefore, turn back and live.”

2 Peter 2:8-10

⁸But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some consider slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass

away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be found out.

Do not misinterpret what God is saying here, He was not caught by surprise He simply saying there was a better way that came with a blessing rather than judgment.

- These people chose judgement.

7 And Yahweh said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I regret that I have made them.”

WHY?

- Because evil ruled their hearts, and it had changed everything.
- This is what Satan wanted and sadly this is what man wanted.
- Man had chosen Satan and as a result man would share in the same judgement that Satan will share in.
- It sounds like there is no hope but fortunately it does not end there.

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.

- Praise God!
 - For those of you who may not believe that God has a habit of rescuing His people allow me to point to this moment.
 - Billions of people will die in the flood, but Noah and his family will be rescued.
 - Lot and his daughters were forcefully rescued by the angels.
 - The Israelites were rescued from the most powerful army in the world.

- And you and I will be raptured out of this world someday.
- How did Noah hold on?
 - Think about it, billions of people on the earth living demonic charged lives.
 - Filled with violence, murder, and extreme sexuality how did Noah hold on?

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How did God preserve Noah?

- I do believe that He supernaturally protected Noah and his family during his lifetime, especially during the 120 years he built the ark and continued to preach coming judgement.
- I also believe that He increased Noah's faith.

Hebrews 11:7

7 By faith Noah, being warned about things not yet seen, [a]in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

So, what do we do with all of this information?

How does this information change how we live?

Perhaps Jesus can help us:

Matthew 24:37-39

³² “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; ³³ so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door. ³⁴ Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. ³⁷ For just as the days of Noah were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ Then there will be two in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women *will be grinding grain* at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴² “Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he

would have stayed awake and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.