

In the Beginning

Genesis 6:1-22

- We've gone through the first 5 chapters of Genesis and witnessed the creation of the universe, galaxies, the earth, the sea, the atmosphere, the sky, its clouds, man and the animals. We also read how Adam-Eve rebelled against God causing not only the fall of man but plunged the whole world into chaos, now because of sin animals kill when threatened and for food, also Earth's ecology changed drastically as decay and natural disasters entered in. Finally man is no longer born only in the image of God he now comes into the world with a sin nature of depravity, and what follow is problems, pollution and pain, along with disaster, disease, and death.

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- **V1-2** we've witnessed the first family and the first marriage, as God Himself presided over the first wedding and established what a biblical family is supposed to look like, but man has changed all of that and it starts right here, as we'll now witness the first rebellion within family and marriage. Notice the population is rapidly expanding as long life is producing tremendous growth, and with growth comes problems. Concerning these verses there two theories > **1st** the "**sons of God**" refer to the line of Seth and the "**daughters of men**" were from the line of Cain, and this describes intermarriage between the godly and the ungodly which God prohibits.
- The problem with this is although it is a known fact that marriage between the saved-unsaved does cause problems we've yet to see it produce giants. Also what was so unnatural about the offspring of these unions and this particular sin that it upset God to the point that He is going to wipe out the majority of earth's population? That brings us to the **2nd** theory- that the "**sons of God**" were fallen angels who demon possessed men and have sexual relations with women producing these giants referred to as "**nephilim**" means fallen ones.
- In other places of scripture sons of God refer to angels > **Job 1:6 2:1, Jude 6, 2Pet 2:4-5**, if Satan can so pollute the genetic pool of mankind with satanic corruption he then makes it unfit for the human race to bring forth "the Messiah" as promised in **Gen 3:15**, it will be impossible for the Messiah To come. one of Satan's most effective weapons being compromise, if he can get God's people to abandon their privileged positions of separation and communion with God, then he can corrupt us and lead us into sin and deception. He did this to Israel in **Num 25**, spoken of in **Ps 106:28-31**, also after they conquered the land of Canaan > **Ps 106: 34:41**.
- **V3-4** here is God's response to man's wickedness as He tells us that "**His Spirit will not always strive with man forever**" although **2Pet 3:9** says "the Lord is longsuffering and doesn't want any to perish" there is still a point of no return, when man in his rejection of God he will say no more, that is it time for judgment. So God is not going to allow man to stay in this rebellious state long, and so he tells them that they have **120yrs** before judgment is going to happen.

- **V5-8** at this time every aspect of man's nature was corrupted by sin, Jesus said that during the tribulation period and right before He returns to the earth that it will be like the days of Noah > **Math 24:37**. So great was God's sorrow at man, and the grief in His heart was so striking, that scripture says He was sorry that He had made man. **Eph 4:30** tell us we can grieve God, that shows how much He loves us that we can disappoint Him in how we think and live.
- But mercifully God looked at Noah and he found **grace in His eyes**, this is the first time in scripture that we read about the word "**grace**" and it is found just when God was ready to cleanse the earth of its pollution He finds a man from which he could begin again with. Notice this didn't happen because Noah **earned grace**, it happens because he **finds grace**. The only way man can be saved from God's wrath is through God's grace > **Eph 2:8-9**.
- **V9-11** although the earth is filled with violence and corruption Noah was uncorrupted, and yet to be infected by the virus that Satan had sowed into the genetic pool of mankind. **V12-15** notice we've seen sexual perversion **V2**, Demonic activity **V2**, constant evil in man's heart **V5**, widespread corruption and violence **V11**. But in the midst of this God is still speaking to Noah telling him that He was going to save him and his family, and He tells him exactly how He was going to do it by having him build an Ark that is going to save both mankind and the animals.
- It's as long as a **30** story building is high, about **75** feet wide, and **45** feet high, it's more like a barge than a boat, and it's going to have one way in and only way out interesting. **V16-17** Noah wasn't just building without knowing why as God tells him that what he was doing was going to preserve mankind this is what is going to propel Noah into preaching God's Word for over a century without anyone ever believing him, and you want to complain about your ministry.
- **V18** this is **8** people which is the number for "**new beginnings**" and it's with you God tells Noah that He will establish His covenant. When Noah makes it through the flood the very first thing he does is build an altar and offer burnt offerings (sin offerings) to the Lord > **Gen 8:20**. God re-establishes righteousness upon the earth through a small remnant which is Noah's family. **V19-21** God tells Noah after building he also will gather, but how will Noah gather all the animals, its just as a Pastor gathers a congregation they come to him by the guidance of God > **Gen 7:14-16**.
- **V22** what a tremendous statement made about Noah > "**Noah did according to all that God commanded him so he did**". Despite the world never having rained before Noah built, despite others ridiculing while he obeyed Noah worked, despite even the doubts all of us are prone to experience Noah continued, and because of that look how the bible presents him. **Ezek 14:14** says he was an **example of righteous**, **2 Pet 2:5**- says a **preacher of righteousness**, **Heb 11:7** says he became an inheritor of Righteousness, after being a carrier of salvation. All this despite being rejected, ridiculed, mocked, in a wicked and continually ungodly world, yet he remained faithful.