

## Lesson 7: The Second Rebellion Part 2

### 1. Introduction and Worldview

- **Waking Up the Bible:** The series aims to help the audience see the Bible with new eyes, asserting that understanding the spirit world realities connects previously disjointed parts of scripture and clarifies the perceived "meanness" of the Old Testament God.
- **The Hurdle of the Modern Worldview:** The biggest obstacle for the Western church in understanding passages like Genesis 6 is a modern, rationalistic worldview. The instructor advocates for a supernatural biblical worldview, which was the lens of the original authors and audience.
- **Principles for Unbiased Interpretation:**
  - **Acknowledge Bias:** Recognize our 21st-century Western mindset.
  - **Reject Selective Supernaturalism:** Be consistent in believing all biblical miracles.
  - **Adopt Ancient Context:** Understand the text as its original audience would have.
  - **Let the Bible Speak for Itself:** Approach the text on its own terms.
  - **Trust the Holy Spirit:** Rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance over intelligence or tradition.

### 2. The Seed War and the Genesis 6 Rebellion

- **The Seed War Concept:** This ongoing cosmic conflict began in Genesis 3:15, where God declared enmity between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed (identified by Paul as Christ). Satan's strategy involves corrupting the human bloodline to prevent the Messiah's birth. The events of Genesis 6 represent an "infiltration of the genome" as the next stage in this war.
- **The "Angel View" of Genesis 6:** This interpretation posits that the "sons of God" were rebellious angels. It is presented as the oldest and historically predominant view, supported by texts like the Book of Enoch, the Septuagint, Josephus, and early church fathers (Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian). The biblical account is framed as a correction of pagan myths that glorified god-men, instead presenting them as wicked offspring of a divine rebellion.

- **Analysis of Genesis 6:4 - "The Infection":**

- **The Nephilim (*hannephilim*):** The term is best understood from its Aramaic root meaning "giant," an interpretation supported by the Septuagint's translation as *gigantes*. They were the offspring of the "sons of God" and "daughters of man."
- **Mighty Men (*Gibborim*):** This term, combined with the understanding of the Nephilim as giants, suggests they were legendary warriors.
- **Men of Renown (*Anshe Hashem*):** Literally "men of the name," implying they were making a name for themselves.

### 3. The Purity of Noah and the Purpose of the Flood

- **Total Depravity in Genesis 6:5:** The text states that "every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually," suggesting an almost "unredeemable" evil that was more than typical human sinfulness.
- **Noah's "Blamelessness" (*Tamim*) in Genesis 6:9:** The Hebrew word *tamim* is argued to mean more than moral righteousness. It also signifies being "without physical defect" or genetically pure, the same term used for unblemished sacrificial animals. This implies Noah's family was genetically uncorrupted.
- **The Flood as Purification:** The flood is reframed not as an act of divine rage, but as a "surgical strike" to preserve the pure human bloodline through which the Messiah could be born, thus preventing the enemy from winning the seed war.

### 4. Post-Flood Giants and Continued Conflict

- **The Re-emergence of Giants:** Genesis 6:4 notes the Nephilim were on the earth "also afterward." A reappearance is linked to Nimrod (Genesis 10), the first *Gibborim* after the flood, and the "iniquity of the Amorites" (Genesis 15:16), which reached its "fullness" through demonic worship and the production of giants.
- **The Conquest of Canaan:** The Israelite spies reported seeing Nephilim (Numbers 13). Israel later defeated giant kings like Og of Bashan, who was over 13 feet tall (Deuteronomy 3:11). God's command to wipe out certain Canaanite tribes is explained as a "surgical strike" and an "act of mercy for humanity" to protect the human genome.
- **Remnant of Giants:** After Joshua's conquest, giants remained in Philistine cities like Gath (Joshua 11:22). Goliath, from Gath, was over nine feet tall. King David and his

men later killed four other giants from Gath, one of whom had genetic mutations (six fingers and toes).

## 5. New Testament Confrontation and Victory

- **The Significance of Caesarea Philippi:** Jesus took his disciples to this pagan worship site at the base of Mount Hermon—believed to be where the fallen angels descended (the "gates of hell")—to declare His identity. Peter's confession, "You are the Christ," was a direct confrontation with the demonic "gods" of that region, establishing the foundational truth ("Petra," a great rock) upon which the church is built.
- **The Spiritual Significance of the Crucifixion:**
  - **Bulls of Bashan (Psalm 22:12):** This prophetic verse is interpreted as referring to the evil, fallen spiritual beings surrounding the cross, believing they were winning.
  - **Satan's Legal Blunder:** Satan had a legal claim to death over Adam's descendants but made a fatal error by killing the sinless Jesus, the "seed of woman," to whom he had no right.
  - **Christ's Declared Victory:** The "rulers of this age" (1 Corinthians 2:8) are identified as demonic powers who, had they known the crucifixion would lead to their defeat, would not have allowed it. Colossians 2:15 states that Jesus "disarmed the rulers and authorities...by triumphing over them" at the cross.
- **Punishment of the Rebellious Angels:** 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 corroborate a unique and severe punishment for the angels who sinned in Genesis 6. Peter uses the specific Greek word *Tartarus* (the deepest abyss) for their imprisonment, and Jude describes them as being kept "in eternal chains under gloomy darkness."

## 6. Implications for Today and the Future

- **The Days of Noah:** Jesus's statement in Matthew 24:37, "as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man," suggests the conditions of Genesis 6 will be a feature of the end times.
- **Ongoing Spiritual Warfare:** Believers are reminded that the devil is active in "great wrath, because he knows that his time is short" (Revelation 12:12).
- **The Supernatural Worldview:** The Western church's loss of a supernatural worldview has obscured the interconnectedness of biblical events. Understanding

this context reveals the depth of iniquity in places like Sodom and the full meaning of God's judgments.