

Genesis 6

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- When man began to multiply – Some scholars believe that there could have been a billion people on the planet at the time of the flood.
 - The long-life spans of people having kids for 700-900 years –
 - Go back past the reformation, renaissance,
 - Compounding? Would you rather have a million dollars or a penny that doubles every day for a month?
 - **\$5,368,709.12**

- Add one more day (31 days) **10,737,418.24**
 - The same is true for populations
 - 250 million at the time of Jesus¹
 - The Earth did not reach 1 billion people again until the 1800's²

Year	Milestone	Years since previous milestone
1804	1 billion	All of human history
1927	2 billion	123
1959	3 billion	32
1974	4 billion	15
1986	5 billion	12
1997	6 billion	11
2009	7 billion	12
2021	8 billion	12
2036 (projected)	9 billion	15 (projected)
2060 (projected)	10 billion	24 (projected)

-  [Matthew 24:37-39](#) – ³⁷ *For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

Parallels to the days of Noah	
Days of Noah	Today
Population increase	✔ 8 Billion
Sexual obsession/ perversion	✔
Wickedness was rampant	✔
Violence increased	✔
Contempt for the Word of God	✔

- [2 Peter 2:5](#) – ⁵ *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*
- [Jude 1:14](#) – *It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones,*

¹ <https://connectwithskip.com/teachings/#!/series/51/sermon/731>
² <https://populationconnection.org/learn/population-milestones/>

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- Who are the **Sons of God**?
 - This is a long, hotly debated, sometimes contentious topic.
 - Different views from the ones you are used to can affect your faith.
 - – When I shared a different perspective, my Christian brother said, “If this is true, then everything I have been taught is wrong.”
 - Being in our theological bubble doesn’t expose us to other views
 - On essentials of the faith, we must agree
 - There is room for secondary debates
 - “in essentials **unity**, in non-essentials **liberty**, and in all things **charity**,”; “unity in necessary things; liberty in doubtful things; charity in all things,”
 St. Augustine? Rupertus Meldeniū? Marco Antonio de Dominis?
 - **“Sons of God” – Two Views – Angelic/ Supernatural – Sethite**
 - A compelling case can be made for **each view**.
 - Mike and I were arguing loudly at Keswick.
 - **Angelic/ Supernatural**
 - These angels rebelled and mingled (physically) with humans, sharing forbidden knowledge. Ancient Jewish texts like the [Book of Enoch](#) support this, portraying these angels as “Watchers” who corrupted humanity.
 - According to this perspective, they fathered offspring known as the Nephilim, who were half-angelic and half-human. The Nephilim's corruption of the earth was so extensive that it prompted God to send a Flood to destroy everyone except Noah’s family.
 - The term **“Sons of God”** is only seen here and in [Job 1:6; 2:1](#)
 - [Jude 6; 2 Peter 2:4](#), which describes rebellious angels.
 - **Angelic - PRO**
 - This is an ancient view
 - The Septuagint translators translated Job 1&2= “Angels”
 - Josephus, Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Cyprian, and Ambrose³

³ [Stewart](#), p.133

- Early commentary on Genesis 6 includes 1 Enoch, linking sin to marriages between lustful angels, the “sons of God,” and women. The Book of Jubilees (~100 B.C.) depicts angels aiding humanity but lust-driven, producing giants. [The Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs](#), [2 Enoch 18](#), and [2 Baruch 56](#) record angels punished for sexual relations with women. Other texts, such as The Genesis Apocryphon found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, also reinforce the angelic perspective.
- **Angelic View – CON**
 - St. Augustine’s critique of the angelic interpretation in De Civitate Dei 15 (A.D. 413-426) led to its rejection by Christians until the 18th century.
 - Wayne Grudem commentary – Many early Jewish texts interpret the “sons of God” in Genesis 6 as human leaders or figures rather than angels, contrasting with extra-biblical views that see them as sinful angels who married human women. Notable Jewish sources, like **Targums**, Rabbinic writings, and the Babylonian Talmud, uniformly identify them as humans, such as **princes, judges, or leaders**, indicating a diverse but predominantly non-angelic view within Judaism before or during the New Testament era. This variation highlights that the angelic interpretation is not universally accepted in Jewish tradition.⁴
 - The **Targum** (plural, Targumim) is an Aramaic paraphrase, explanation, or interpretation of the Hebrew text of the Jewish Scriptures, traditionally provided by rabbis during teachings.
 - Commentary was eventually added.
 - Originally oral but eventually written.
 - Yes, the term **Sons of God** is only used here and – [Job 1:6; 2:1](#)
 - [Deuteronomy 14:1](#) –¹⁴ “You are the **sons of the LORD** your God. You shall not cut yourselves or make any baldness on your foreheads for the dead.
 - [Matthew 5:9](#) – “**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.**
 - [Luke 20:35-36](#) –³⁵ **but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are **sons of God**, being sons of the resurrection.**
 - [Romans 8:14](#) –For all who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God.**

⁴ Wayne Grudem, “1 Peter”, *Tyndale New Testament Commentaries*

- [Romans 8:19](#) – For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the **sons of God**.
- [Galatians 3:26](#) – for in Christ Jesus you are all **sons of God**, through faith.
- [Matthew 22:30](#) – ³⁰ *For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.*
- [KJV](#) – For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

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▪ Things reproduce **after their own kind**

- **Alligators** and **crocodiles** can **NOT** produce offspring



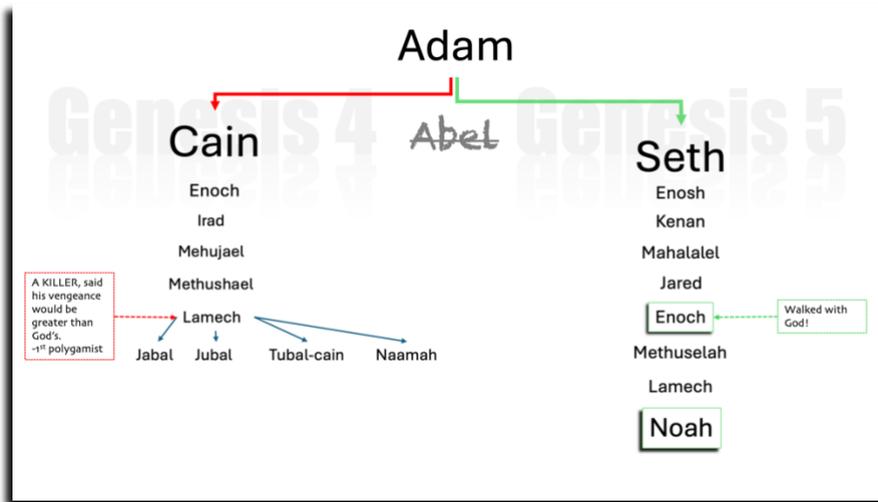
- Even though **apes** look very much like people, you will never see an ape mate with a human and produce offspring
 - You could make a compelling case against me if you saw some of my relatives and friends from where I grew up. 😊

▪ **Angels are ministering spirits** – [Hebrews 1:14](#) – ¹⁴ *Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

- Angels lack the power of creation; only God possesses that.
 - They appear as men only for God’s specific purpose and mission
 - Assigning them bodies (Outside God’s directive) is a category mistake.
- Their normal state is not physical, but spiritual.
- You cannot find any place in Scripture where a demon is seen.
- There is not one biblical example of a demon creating flesh for itself.
- This is why they try to possess people.
- Did Jesus redeem “the hybrid” man or just regular man?
- Did his blood cleanse just half a **Nephilim**?
- What about these Giants?
 - **Nephilim, Meaning:** properly, a *feller*, i.e., a *bully* or *tyrant* from [נָפַל](#) – nâphal – naw-fal’
 - to fall, **fallen**, lie, be cast down, fail, to fall (of violent death) [Strong's #5307](#);

- **Usage:** giant.
 - **The Bible** calls them “Men.”
 - These were the **mighty men** who were of old, the **men** of renown.
 - **Napoleon** (5’6”) is a Giant in history
 - **Shaquille O’Neill** (7’1”) is a Giant-Man
 - **Another view** is that Demons or fallen angels possessed men and then had relations with the “*daughters of men*,” resulting in the Nephilim – Tyrants!
 - However, this still fails to deal with the reproduction/kind issue.
 - **Don Stewart** (Calvary Chapel teacher) states that, “The evidence overwhelmingly points to the sons of God being human beings.”⁵
- **Sethite**
 - This interpretation sees the “sons of God” as the righteous descendants of Seth, Adam’s third son, who intermarried with the unrighteous lineage of Cain. This blending of good and evil lineages resulted in widespread moral rot, which contributed to the wickedness that led to the Flood.

Rewind to genealogies in **Genesis 4-5**



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- **Genesis 4:26** – ²⁶ **To Seth** also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. **At that time** people began to call upon the name of **the LORD**.

⁵ Don Stewart, “Evil Angels, Demons, and the Occult”, *Educating our World*, <https://educatingourworld.com/>, P.128

Adam	Man
Seth	Appointed
Enosh	Death/Mortal
Kenan	Sorrow
Mahalalel	Blessed God
Jared	Shall come down
Enoch	Teaching
Methuselah	His death shall bring
Lamech	The despairing
Noah	Rest/ comfort

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- **Adam Clarke Quote - *Then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.*** — The marginal reading is, *Then began men to call themselves by the name of the LORD*; which words are supposed to signify that in the time of Enos the true followers of God began to distinguish themselves, and to be distinguished by others, by the appellation of *sons of God*; those of the other branch of Adam's family, among whom the Divine worship was not observed, being distinguished by the name, *children of men*.⁶
- **Sons of God** –
 - [QUOTE] **the sons of God saw the daughters of men**—By the former is meant the family of Seth, who were professedly religious; by the latter, the descendants of apostate Cain. Mixed marriages between parties of opposite principles and practice were necessarily sources of extensive corruption. The women, religious themselves, would as wives and mothers exert an influence fatal to the existence of religion in their household, and consequently the people of that later age sank to the lowest depravity - [Jameison-Faussett-Brown Commentary](#)
 - The phrase “daughters of man” contrasts with whatever the 'sons of God' represent. If the sons of God are angels, then they should be considered as **human women**. If they are godly men, then the “daughters of man” are meant to be **worldly women**. Alternatively, if the sons of God are sons of kings or warlords, then they would be associated with **peasant women**.⁷
 - The real issue is the wickedness and sin of Mankind in God’s eyes.

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⁶ Clarke, Adam. "Commentary on Genesis 4". "The Adam Clarke Commentary". <https://www.study-light.org/commentaries/eng/acc/genesis-4.html>. 1832.

⁷ <https://classictheology.org/2021/09/10/the-nephilim-a-word-study-and-history-of-interpretation/>

- This is not a lifespan declaration; it is a **countdown** to the flood

⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- “The Lord saw” – This echoes Genesis at creation when God saw all was “good,” now He sees man is all evil.
- The knowledge of good and evil was full-blown.
 - Mad was truly one with evil

⁶And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

- the Lord regretted
- it grieved
 - We can **grieve** the Lord today. Paul warns in [Ephesians 4:30-32](#) –
³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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- **But Noah**
 - **Coordinating conjunctions** are words that link ideas. While the old rule advised against starting sentences with words like “but,” “and,” or “so,” experienced writers have been breaking this rule for centuries.
 - **Ephesians 2:4** – ⁴ **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
 - **Psalm 49:15** – **But God** will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah
- found **favor** – Grace, unmerited favor.
 - We find favor in Christ, in this wicked and rotten generation!

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.