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4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of  
the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.  
5 Who determined its measurements—surely you  
know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 On what  
were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,  
7 when the **MORNING STARS** sang together and  
all the **SONS OF GOD** shouted for joy?

Job 38:4-7

1 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 2 the **SONS OF GOD** saw that the **DAUGHTERS OF MAN** were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.”

Genesis 6:1-4

4 The **NEPHILIM** were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the **SONS OF GOD** came in to the **DAUGHTERS OF MAN** and they bore **CHILDREN** to them. These were the **MIGHTY MEN** who were of old, the men of **RENOWN**.

Genesis 6:1-4



And the **ANGELS** who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

Jude 6

6 And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let **US** go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.”

Genesis 11:6-7

7 **REMEMBER** the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you. 8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he **DIVIDED MANKIND**, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the **SONS OF GOD**. 9 But the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.

Deuteronomy 32:7-9

“1 God has taken his place in the **DIVINE COUNCIL**; in the midst of the **GODS** he holds **JUDGMENT**: 2 “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah 3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Psalm 82:1-7

4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” 5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. 6 I said, “**YOU ARE GODS**, sons of the Most High, all of you, 7 nevertheless, **LIKE MEN** you shall **DIE**, and fall like any prince.”

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*“Baptism is not what produces salvation. It “saves” us in that it first involves or reflects a heart decision: a pledge of loyalty to the risen Savior. In effect, baptism in New Testament theology is a loyalty oath, a public avowal of who is on the Lord’s side in the cosmic war between good and evil.*

But in addition to that, it is also a visceral reminder to the defeated fallen angels. Every baptism is a reiteration of their doom in the wake of the gospel and the kingdom of God. Early Christians understood the typology of this passage and its link back to the fallen angels of Genesis 6. Early baptismal formulas included a renunciation of Satan and his angels for this very reason. Baptism was — and still is — *spiritual warfare.*” *Dr. Heiser*

**Water Baptism is your declaration that you have swapped sides. You have left death, destruction, and the domain of the fallen spirits, and you now rest in the perfect finished work of Jesus—RULER OF ALL!**

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