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Legends:

- Dragon legends are worldwide = Dinosaur legends, but are embellished
- Flood Legends: are also worldwide but greatly embellished
- The gods are worldwide and include stories of god-human offspring; again, an embellishment of the biblical reality (Genesis 6:1-4)

Further review of Last Week's Sermon:

The Nephilim:

- they were on the earth in the days when the Angels or children with human women
- they were on the earth **afterwards also**
- These were the mighty men (Hebrew *Gibbor*- warriors)
- The last phrase in Hebrew is literally, "men of the name."
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Point: the flood of Noah was necessary to destroy all angelic/human offspring from the earth because the Messiah could never be in any way associated with the lesser gods, the angels. Salvation of Humanity was to come through YHWH alone... and not the lesser gods (angels). [see 2 Peter 2:4-10, Jude 6-7]

First assault against the authority of Noah- Genesis 9:20-29

Genesis 10 = Table of Nations

Middle of table: Genesis 10:8-9 Nimrod is described as the first mighty warrior (*gibbor*)

- Nimrod is keeping the people from dispersing worldwide.
- He is forming a single world government.
- He will be building a tower to heaven (to contact the gods)

Genesis 11:1-9, The Tower

Genesis 11:1-4

Building a tower to heaven

- This is how pagan cultures universally reach the gods
- To make a "name for ourselves." Literally become "men of the name" just like the Nephilim (hmm; this sounds familiar!)

Genesis 11:5-9 The dispersal of humanity

- Developed races
- Language groups and cultures
- Safe place for worshippers of YHWH to live (Israelites)

Deuteronomy 32:8-9

Difference is a copying error

What exposed the error?

- Different translations
- Then compare to Septuagint and Dead Sea Scrolls

What happened here?

When the people under Nimrod rejected YHWH and sought after fallen angels, **God disinherited them** and placed them under the oversight of the **fallen angels** they sought after.

- This is the true origin of the false religions of the world.
- They worship fallen angels.

POINT: The religions of the world resulted from the disinheriting of the nations as they were given over to worship the angels (demons or gods [small g])

Application point:

Why did God have the nation of Israel kill everyone, even children, when they conquered the land of Canaan?

First: Abraham was promised the land for his descendants... but not for 300+ years... that is strange (Genesis 15:12-15)

Why:

Gen 15¹⁶ "for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

Therefore: Apparently, they succeeded in bring back the Nephilim. The Israelites failed to destroy all the nations in the conquest. This explains why they were constantly dealing with "giants" like Goliath (all the way up to the time of David.)

Subject: What is the Tower of Babel all about? Why did God do that?

Complement: The masses run to other gods and destruction rather than the blessings of submitting under YHWH and goodness

Big Idea: Haters of the One True God always run to the gods of destruction.