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⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Review:

1. We looked at the line of Cain – 7 generations represent all of lost mankind
2. Abel (who was murdered) is replaced by Seth
 - a. Christ will come from his family line
3. In Genesis 6 man has been on earth over 1500 years & earth has become quite populated
 - a. It is estimated by some to have as many as 5-7 billion people
 - i. Remember people were not dying as we are today
 - b. Our life span is approx. 70 years theirs 700-900 years
 - i. It took 4000 years, after the flood, to reach the first billion people on earth
 - ii. Then it only took 150 years to more than double that to 2.6 billion
 - iii. Then it only took 70 years to triple that number to the now 7.7 billion
 - c. When the population increases to a certain point – it becomes exponential
1. No doubt the population was astronomical in Genesis 6
 - a. That is a noteworthy factor when we look at prophecy

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1. "the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful"
 - a. We have 2 sets of characters mentioned
 - b. The Sons of God & the daughters of men
 - c. The daughters of men seem to be easy to identify
 - i. They are the daughters of men! – human females
 - d. Who are the "sons of God"?
 - e. There are 2 main interpretations
 - i. #1. They are the godly line of Seth
 - ii. #2. They are angels (fallen angels)
 - f. The arguments for the godly line of Seth are:
 - i. #1. This can't be referring to angels because – "angels are sexless"
 - ii. That belief is based on one passage that doesn't mention their sex

Matthew 22:29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.

³⁰ "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

- iii. But it is a moot point anyway
- iv. #2. They are not angels because – "if angels did that once before – why wouldn't they do that again?"
- v. Because the angels that were involved were incarcerated

2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

- g. We can see how much they dread being incarceration in Matthew

Matthew 8:28 When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. *They were* so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way.

²⁹ And they cried out, saying, "What business do we

have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

³⁰ Now there was a herd of many swine feeding at a distance from them.

³¹ The demons *began* to entreat Him, saying, "If You *are going to* cast us out, send us into the herd of swine."

³² And He said to them, "Go!" And they came out and went into the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters.

- i. #3. This can't be referring to angels because – "Why would angels want to marry human women?"
 - ii. It could be to pollute the human race – so a Savior couldn't come
- h. Satan knows that he is going to be defeated by the seed of woman – that is not up for argument
- Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and **her seed**; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."
- i. Satan might try to stop the process of being defeated by a man?
 - i. **#1. By polluting** mankind so that there wasn't a man to be a redeemer
 - ii. **#2. By polluting** the Redeemer Himself
 - 1. That is what the temptation in the wilderness was all about
 - j. Why is the argument centered on angels not being the "sons of God"?
 - k. Because every other place in Scripture that phrase is used it is speaking of angels
 - iii. Term used elsewhere

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

² And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth, and walking around on it."

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

- I. Could this be referring to angels (fallen angels)?
 - i. Could fallen angels have taken on the form of men?

Jude 1:6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

1. "angels who did not keep"

- a. The verb "did not keep" is τηρέω – "to guard."
 - i. Expresses the act of watchful care.
 - ii. These angels did not fulfill their obligation of carefully guarding and maintaining something – what?

2. "their own domain"

- a. The word "domain" is ἀρχή
 - i. Means beginnings – original status (status as angels)
 - ii. They violated their original position
 - iii. Or they left status of angelic beings to become men
- b. The second meaning of ἀρχή is derived from the first, namely, "sovereignty, dominion, office, body"
 - a. The word is also translated "rulers" in **Ephesians 6:12**

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

3. "but abandoned their proper abode"

- a. Abode is οἰκητήριον – a dwelling-place, race, body

- i. The same word is used in **2 Corinthians 5**

2 Corinthians 5:2 For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven;

- b. "abandoned their proper abode" – "proper" – ἴδιος – "one's own private, personal, unique possession – that could be either: heaven or body
 - c. "abandoned their proper abode_" – "abandoned" – ἀπολείπω"
 - i. Means "to leave behind"
4. "He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness"
- a. "kept" is perfect tense – they will never be free again
5. "the judgment of the great day"
- a. Great White Throne Judgment

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1. "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days"
 - a. Nephilim are giants
 - b. These are not the offspring of a relationship between "sons of God & "daughters of men"
 - i. They existed before that union
 - ii. But they were the Nephilim (giants)
 - c. Nephilim were still around after the flood
 - d. When Israel was supposed to go into promised land but were too afraid – they were afraid of the Nephilim

Numbers 13:31 But the men who had gone up with him said, " We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us."

³² So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size.

³³ "There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

- e. There are other families of giants mentioned in Scripture

Deuteronomy 2:9 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot as a possession.

¹⁰ The Emim lived there formerly, a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim.

Deuteronomy 2:20 It is also regarded as the land of the Rephaim, *for* Rephaim formerly lived in it, but the Ammonites call them Zamzummin,

²¹ a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim, but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they dispossessed them and settled in their place,

- f. Of course we have Goliath & his brothers
g. Og King of Bashan

Deuteronomy 3:8 " Thus we took the land at that time from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the valley of Arnon to Mount Hermon

V.11 For only Og king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bedstead was an iron bedstead; it is in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon.

Its length was nine cubits and its width four cubits by ordinary cubit.

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2. "when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children...mighty men...of renown"
 - a. It is interesting that if "sons of God" refers to the line of Seth – why are their offspring "mighty men, men of renown?"
 - i. These were much more than just giants
 - ii. They were men of magnificence – great men in every area of life – great in ungodliness
 - a. Were there demigods?

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1. "every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"
 - a. A word stands out that is easily missed – intent
 - i. "intent" – yatser – means imagination, framework, form, purpose
 - ii. The imagination is the most dangerous thing anyone owns
 - iii. There are no boundaries, limits nor controls
 - iv. Many think that the imagination is private – it is not!
 1. It is wide open before God
 2. That is why Christ said,

Matthew 5:27 " You have heard that it was said, ' YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';
²⁸ but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.
- b. There has never been a time when the imagination of man has run more rampant than today – not in the days of Greece or Rome
- c. In the days of **Genesis 6** we don't know what they had in the way of technology – but we know about today
- d. There has never been an assault on the imagination of man as is today

- i. Movies, videos, internet – there has never been access to sin like today
- e. In antiquity actors were looked upon as the lowest of class of people – today they are stars!
- f. It is no longer one man's imagination – b/c of technology, it is the collective imaginations of millions of people who make a living doing nothing but trying to imagine more – mostly evil
 - i. Technology has changed the entire world – there is no going back
- g. Days have never been as dark as now – except when the flood came
- h. At least during the world wars – there was a side to choose
 - i. Today no one knows what to choose
- j. Nations, where people have a say in their government, are reeling from one extreme to another
- k. They imagine what they want – but reality never matches the imagination
 - i. Is there hope? YES! But only in Christ
- l. Why study all this?
- m. #1. The world is bigger than the material world around us
 - i. The spiritual is going on while we live here
- n. #2. B/c we need to be reminded that life is serious – there is an assault on mankind that started in the Garden of Eden
 - i. The battle is on 2 fronts
 1. The battle for your soul
 2. The battle for mankind
- o. How do we deal w/ the assault on our soul – our imagination?

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.
- p. What is our role in the battle for mankind

1 Peter 3:15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;
- q. You have the answer the world is looking for! Jesus Christ