

# GENESIS 6: THE DAYS OF NOAH

## I. OVERVIEW

- A. Sons of God take daughters of men to be their wives
- B. God pronounces judgment on mankind
  - i. He feels regret because of the violence on the earth
- C. Noah finds favor with God
  - i. God tells Noah his plans to destroy the earth with a flood
  - ii. Tells him to build an ark to save his family and the animals

## II. TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE:

- A. Sons of God – *Elohim* – sons of the gods
- B. Daughters of men – *adam* – daughters of Adam

## III. SONS OF GOD

- A. Some say they are sons of Seth<sup>1</sup>
  - i. Genealogies of Seth and Cain in Genesis 4-5
  - ii. God's people referred to as God's sons
    - a. Deuteronomy 14:1 ***“You are the sons of the LORD your God. You shall not cut yourselves or make any baldness on your foreheads for the dead.*”**
    - b. Jeremiah 3:19 ***“I said, how I would set you among my sons, and give you a pleasant land, a heritage most beautiful of all nations. And I thought you would call me, My Father, and would not turn from following me.*”**
- B. Some say they are fallen angels
  - i. This phrase always refers to spiritual beings<sup>2</sup>
    - a. 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.***
    - b. 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.***
    - c. Job 38:4-7 ***“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or***

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<sup>1</sup> Guzik, D. (2018). *Study Guide For Genesis 6*. Blue Letter Bible. Retrieved April 4, 2023, from [https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik\\_david/study-guide/genesis/genesis-6.cfm](https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik_david/study-guide/genesis/genesis-6.cfm)

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*who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

- ii. Jude calls them angels
  - a. Jude 6-7 <sup>6</sup> *And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— <sup>7</sup> just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.*

#### IV. DAUGHTERS OF MEN

- A. Some say they are daughters of Cain<sup>3</sup>
  - i. Two genealogies in Genesis 4-5
- B. Some say human daughters in general

#### V. TWO HUMAN GENEALOGIES INTERMARRYING

- A. “Sons of God” never used for God’s people
- B. God commanded His people to not intermarry
  - i. Is this bad enough to destroy the world?

#### VI. FALLEN ANGELS

- A. “Sons of...” – belonging to a group
  - i. Sons of *Elohim* – belonging to the group of gods
  - ii. Further evidence of the divine council
- B. Eden language
  - i. Eve:
    - a. *Saw* the tree was good
    - b. Saw the tree was *good*
    - c. *Took* of the fruit
  - ii. Sons of God:
    - a. *Saw* the daughters were attractive
    - b. Saw the daughters were *attractive*
    - c. *Took* them as their wives

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- iii. Tells story of the fall of the angels
  - a. Why?
    - i. Seed is coming
    - ii. Can't come from polluted genes

#### **VII. 120 YEARS – V. 3**

- A. Two views
  - i. Life span of man after the flood
    - a. Moses lived 120 years
  - ii. Time until the flood comes
- B. God will not allow wickedness to continue forever

#### **VIII. NEPHILIM – V. 4**

- A. Giants
  - i. Offspring of gods and human women
  - ii. Mighty men of old
    - a. Basis of myths? Hercules, Gilgamesh, etc.
- B. From root *naphal* – to fall
  - i. The fallen ones

#### **IX. REGRETTED/GRIEVED – V. 6**

- A. First emotion from God in the Bible
- B. Reveals how God feels about releasing judgment on humans

#### **X. NOAH WAS THREE THINGS:**

- A. Righteous
  - i. Or just
- B. Blameless
  - i. Or complete, undefiled
- C. Walked with God
  - i. Like Enoch
- D. Essentially, uncorrupted by Satan's attempt to destroy genetic line of the Seed

#### **XI. THE STATE OF THE EARTH PRE-FLOOD**

- A. Corrupt
  - i. Their way is corrupt – they had forsaken God's way
- B. Filled with violence

- i. Murder is primary sin on the earth

## **XII. GOD SAVES NOAH AND HIS FAMILY**

- A. First occurrence of a remnant
- B. God always saves a remnant from judgment

## **XIII. GOD PROVIDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BUILDING OF THE ARK – V. 14-22**

### **XIV. ARK – V. 14**

- A. Chest, box
  - i. Not a true ship
  - ii. Intended for floating, not sailing

### **XV. PITCH – V. 14**

- A. Hebrew *kaphar* – also, atonement, cover over<sup>4</sup>

### **XVI. SORT – V. 19**

- A. How did the ark fit all those animals?
  - i. Kind – family, genus
    - a. Such as dogs, wolves, jackals, coyotes all descended from common ancestor
    - b. Indicates microevolution
  - ii. Size
    - a. Fully grown adult animals not required

### **XVII. SO HE DID – V. 22**

- A. 120 years of following God's command with no fruit
  - i. No one followed him
  - ii. No one believed him

### **XVIII. POINTS TO JESUS**

- A. Noah is a deliverer – messiah
  - i. Jesus is greater Noah
- B. Noah is rest
  - i. Jesus is Sabbath rest
    - a. He brings rest to the despairing, weary, oppressed

## **XIX. QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

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<sup>4</sup> Armstrong, S. (2011, June 1). *Genesis 2011 - Lesson 6B*. Verse By Verse Ministry International. Retrieved April 19, 2023, from [https://versebyverseministry.org/lessons/genesis\\_2011\\_lesson\\_6b](https://versebyverseministry.org/lessons/genesis_2011_lesson_6b)

A. What are God's commands to us that are counter cultural?

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B. How do we follow those commands when no else will follow?

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C. How does God feel about the corruption and violence in our society?

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D. In what way was Noah "blameless in his generation"? How are we called to be blameless in our generation?

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E. How do you feel about the idea of God judging humanity? Do you believe God still judges humanity today?

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**XX. FURTHER STUDY**

A. Jesus said the coming of the Son of Man will be as the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37). List all the descriptions of the conditions of the earth in the days of Noah.

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- B. What can we infer from the fact that Noah's family were the only people on the ark? What lesson does Peter tell us we must learn from those who were alive in the days of Noah?

See 2 Peter 3:1-7.

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- C. How does the judgment brought on the earth point to the judgment of the cross? See Hebrews 11:7 and John 3:18-21.
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- D. In what ways are Noah's ark similar to the ark of the covenant? How is the ark of the covenant foreshadowed?
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