

**The Nephilim
A Giant Problem
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Good morning, Lighthouse, are you ready for the Word of God this morning?

Today I get to share with you something I have been wanting to get out there in print and online for some time now.

Some of you who have been in my Bible class will have already learned much of what I am going to share today.

We are going to learn the truth about the Nephilim.

Some of you don't have a clue what I am talking about; many of you do.

Our world today is obsessed with angels and demons and mythology, with vampires and sensationalized fiction of every kind.

Movie after movie, novel after novel; each one more bizarre than the last.

Why do you suppose that is? Where does all of this come from?

The greatest truth ever brought to mankind is the amazing truth that God Himself came into this world through the womb of a virgin; the God-man, Jesus Christ:

that God would mix His DNA with humanity (as scientists might see it), that He would take on the body of a man, but unlike any other, a sinless man, and through Him, pay the penalty of sin for us all:

God Himself bearing our sins in His own body on the cross; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Satan cannot destroy this amazing truth! So, what does he do?

He surrounds this truth with a barrage of fiction to capture the imagination of the ignorant so that the greatest story ever told becomes just one more of hundreds of unbelievable tales.

One of these tales originates from a very misleading interpretation of scripture.

I quote from one of thousands of articles published on this subject today:

Are the fallen angels preparing to mix their DNA with that of humankind and create a hybrid demonic creature (the giants)? The Bible openly says that this happened in **Genesis 6:4**: “The sons of God came to the daughters of men and they bore children with them”.

“Well, if it says it in the Bible, it’s got to be true!”

“True enough, if the Bible says it, it’s sure enough true, alright.”

This idea is even being taught and preached in Churches by real men of God; but is this really what the Bible teaches?

Listen closely and you will know.

First let’s look at what the Scriptures **really** do **say**:

Genesis 6:1-8

- 1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
- 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
- 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
- 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.
- 5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.
- 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
- 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
- 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Whatever it is we are reading about, one thing stands out: it marks the beginning of the end for the pre-flood world.

Verse 4 says “*There were giants in the earth in those days.*”

The Hebrew word translated “giants” is: *n^ephîyl n^ephil nef-eel’, nef-eel’* or transliterated into English; Nephilim; thus the movie titles and more.

So now let’s look and see what the Bible really says:

I. First of all, consider the setting.

A. This occurs “*when men began to multiply on the face of the earth*”

1. Back in **Genesis 4**, Cain, who did NOT know the Lord, murdered his brother, Abel, who DID know the Lord.
2. As a result of this crime, Cain was exiled and moved to a place east of Eden, where Adam, Eve and their next Son, Seth dwelt.
3. **Genesis 4:16** And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.
4. **Genesis Chapter 4** to **Genesis Chapter 6** covers hundreds of years and many generations, both to the descendants of Cain as well as the descendants of Seth.
5. As the populations of both Nod and Eden began to spread out and grow exponentially, by the time we read of them in **Chapter 6**, they now overlap.

B. Who are the sons of God and the daughters of men?

1. Although it is true that the Bible does refer to angels as the sons of God, far more often are **men who know the Lord** given this title.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we **the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

2. With this greatly multiplied population, men of a Godly lineage are now regularly exposed to the women of Cain's ungodly lineage.
3. Women of the world have always tempted men of God.
4. They wear more paint, they show more skin, they are willing to do what Godly women will not; there is no secret here.
5. It was upon these unions that God pronounced, "That's it! No more long life, I'm cutting it to 120 years max."

II. Who are these giants?

A. They are not the children born from the unions of the sons of God and the daughters of men.

1. **Verse 4** states that there were giants in the earth in those days.
2. And it was "after that" that the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men.

3. **Genesis 6:4** There were giants in the earth in those days; and also **after that**, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

4. Nor are these sons of God's angels; they are simply not built for it.

5. Don't you remember what Jesus said about angels?

Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

6. **Verse 2** says: That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and **they took them wives** of all which they chose.

7. No angel ever took a wife.

B. The giants are:

1. n^ephîyl n^ephil

nef-eel', nef-eel'

From H5307; properly, a *feller*, that is, a *bully* or *tyrant*: - giant.

2. We're not talking about physical size; there have always been very large people, as there are today.

3. This is talking about ruthless and cruel rulers; tyrants; like many today.

4. The word "feller" means "fierce; cruel; dreadful; savage."; again, like many we have today.

5. Men like Nimrod and others.

C. Their children became mighty men of renown.

1. This is quite predictable; ungodly mothers raising kids whose character is formed in their earliest years.

2. God-fearing fathers who cannot overcome the influence of those ungodly moms.

3. Thus are created men like those described in

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness**;

4. Men who know about God but refuse to yield to Him are often powerful; evil but powerful.

III. The result.

A. *The wickedness of man became great in the earth.*

1. **Genesis 6:5-7**

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

2. Are we not come full circle back to where man was then?

B. *What brought down the pre-flood world?*

1. Disobedience by believers of one very important principle:

2. **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Conclusion:

The Lord is preparing to do it again; this time by fire.

Teach your kids who NOT to date.

Teach your kids to look deeper than the outward appearance.

Separate your life from the things of the world and set the example.

Most of all! Teach them about Jesus!