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And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them... That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair. Now the word there behind “saw” is this gazing desire. So you have men who are now looking at women and finding a particular class of men are looking at a particular class of women and finding them to be amazingly beautiful. They saw the daughters of men that they were fair. They took the wives of all that they chose. People say, “Who are the sons of God?” We have three possibilities here, really.

1. First of all, people have said that the sons of God were the good guys. Those were the people from the line of Seth. And the daughters of men were the women from the line of Cain. So, in other words, Cain and Seth were supposed to keep separate. These are the line of Seth and the line of Cain intermingling and it made God angry and so he brought a flood, because the truth is whatever takes place here is what brings the flood.

So something horrible happened here. And it is interesting that it is important that you see this because it is right in the middle of the genealogy. Now if you are reading Genesis and you are right in the middle of a genealogy and you have received a promise early in the book of Genesis, you are expecting the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15. Here we are two or three chapters later and we have genealogy and then right in the middle of the genealogy we have this problem that deals with a race of people and another race of people or ethnicity or group or something that differentiates between **sons of God** and **daughters of men**. Now what is it? We don't know, but the produce, probably, from verse three, **giants, men of renowned**. It is apparently the tip top thing that brought the flood, and it has to do with reproduction. They had giants.

With this view no “daughters from Seth” and no “sons from Cain” intermingled. Isn't that what it would be saying? Because if that is what it was that would mean all the sons came from Seth and all the daughters came from Cain.

2. The second possibility is that the sons of God is a ruling class, kind of short hand for “kings who were in charge.” Ok, well, then that means kings were marrying peasant girls, but that is it and they produced giants, ok? How could that be?

3. What was the first book written probably from the Bible? Job. And yet Genesis describes what happened first. So we should expect the writing styles of Genesis and Job to be a lot alike, right? We should expect to see a lot of the language used in Genesis that we see used in Job because although Genesis was written probably a long time after Job, Genesis describes what happened back in the time of Job.

We should see some similar language. Wouldn't you agree? And, in fact, there is similar language. And so there is a lot of things here that lead us to believe Job was not only the first book written, but it describes a time when the patriarchs lived on the earth.

*Job 1:6 Now there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou?*

It is most natural, then—if we have no other Scripture, to assume Satan—as an angel—is coming with other angels. If that is all we have, angels are in a sense “sons of God.”

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

Ok, so we have another day some time in distant past when sons of God came before the Lord and Satan was among them. Again, the natural idea here is that you have a bunch of angels coming and Satan is one of them. All right. So let's see if we can inform our guess work a little better here. We have got this amazing thing here happening where the Lord speaks to Job out of a tornado.

*Job 38:1-6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? 7. When the morning stars sang together, and all **the sons of God shouted for joy?***

When were these sons of God shouting for joy if you take it with verse six? When the earth was created. So I don't know anyone else that was around back then other than angels. We are letting the Bible share with us what it means and we are going to adjust what we think according to Scripture, because that is what Bible believers do. But what God makes clear to Job here is that when he was laying the foundations, the sons of God, all of them were shouting for joy, all of them.

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And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them the sons of God who were probably angels **saw the daughters of men that they were fair.** So they have the ability to be attracted to women. Did you get that idea there?

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they took them wives of all which they chose. 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. 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. It appears that these are angels who left the realm of being spirit beings possessed certain men, had weird unions with women and there came a genetically-altered race.

What does **of old** mean? Now where have we seen that language before, of old? Micah 5:2.

“...whose goings forth have been from of old...”

Describing the Christ who would show up in Bethlehem. He said:

“...whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

Whatever these giants were, they have been around a long time. When I let Scripture interpret Scripture I am left with believing that there were angels that fell and did some really debauched things.

What else would you expect from the New Testament?

*1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also **he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

So whoever these spirits are in this prison, they were disobedient before Noah's flood. It doesn't tell us what the spirits are. But one thing is certain. You don't find anywhere in Peter's writings or in any of the discussion surrounding Peter where "spirits" is used to describe people who just don't have a body. So there is a hint. So we have spirits in a particular prison that were put there around the time of Noah's flood.

2 Peter 2:1-4 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their

pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

He has made a promise. These false prophets are going to be judged, and he gives a proof. Look at verse four.

*4. For if God spared not **the angels that sinned**, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

I don't know if you noticed that or not, but we have 2nd Peter 2:4-5 and we have talk of these angels or spirits and we have talk of Noah.

Couldn't that just be one fall from heaven? I mean, couldn't that be talking about the fall that happened before man was tempted in the garden? It is very clear at the time of Peter's writing, since he cast some devils out that they weren't all in hell. So we are not talking about all the angels here being thrown out of heaven as some kind of pre-human fall from heaven like the Isaiah 14 Lucifer falling from heaven. That can't be it, because not all the angels that sinned in that case are in hell. Some are still not in hell. Some of those demons are still alive on planet earth. So we are talking about a particular time when there was a particular sin that particular angels did and because of that they were put into a particular place. And it was sometime around Noah's flood.

"Hell" comes from three different Greek words in the New Testament. Remember, the Bible wasn't written in old English: *Hades* (*Sheol* is Hebrew); *Gahenna*. *Tartarus* is the one mentioned here and only mentioned here. This is the only time it is used in the entire New Testament. So there is a particular time and a particular place where particular angels were put after they did a particular sin. And it was around the time of Noah, we see in verse five.

Jude 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. 6. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Ok, so we have angels that did a particular sin and you are like, well, I don't really see a Noah thing happening here. I think it is implied. Why? Look at the next verse.

*Jude 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them **in like manner**, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

Now ask yourself "Who indulged in sexual immorality?" The angels did, because Sodom and Gomorrah did it "likewise."

So we find in verse seven they partook of something that was sexually immoral, in my humble opinion, caused the flood. So we have three references here pointing to particular angels that left their first estate or left the realm of spirit only and came into the realm of humanity, probably possessed certain men, had intercourse with women, had a genetically altered race and God wanted to crush that particular offspring and did so in the flood.

Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes...30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said,

Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

Is that talking about a lake? Well, they were near a lake, but the word behind deep here is the word we get our word *abyss* from. They begged Jesus that he would not command them to go to the abyss. Now why would they be concerned about the abyss? The abyss is also used in Revelation chapters 9, 11, 17, and 20. Do you know what it is translated there? “Bottomless pit.” So they knew they were committing a particular sin, and they feared they were potentially earning themselves a particular place to be held for a while. I believe they feared the *tartarus* of 2nd Peter 2:4.