

Genesis 6

Our study now turns to one of the most significant events in all human history. The Worldwide Flood in the time of Noah. Approximately 2349 BC (C. I. Scofield's Date) throughout our study we have seen that apparently only a small percentage of people have followed the Lord. The world is captive of sin- and that sin from the time of Seth's son when a revival occurred. (Genesis 4:26), had been growing exponentially to the time of Noah.

An over-arching fact in the Biblical Worldview: God's people have always been a small minority of the earth's population- ALWAYS. (Matthew 7:13-14).

Genesis 6:1-11

Leading up to the God's judgement on the earth by water, we see that humanities wickedness is growing and growing. There is a pandemic of evil. Nearly everyone is fully acting out on the evil within themselves. God's creation, made perfect and good and ordered is falling into disorder- led by sinful humanity and demonic action.

1) Demonic/Human Marital Unions. Genesis 6:1-4

This passage is the subject of great discussion and difficulty, however if we look at the entire context, we find that fallen angels directed by Satan's strategy, attempted to demonize humanity- a counter move against the prophecy of God in Genesis 3:15.

"the sons of God" cannot be simply humans because there would be no need for God to pronounce the judgement of Genesis 6:3. God wanted humans to procreate. This must be referring to something different. In fact, the title "sons of God" refers to angels. (Job 1:6-12; 2:1 NASB)

Nephilim (root meaning "to fall" or "fallen ones") were either the offspring of the demon/human procreation or the demons themselves. In either case, this is apparently where the pagan worship of "the gods" was rooted. Hercules, Venus, Apollo, Ares, Artemis etc..... References to possible late appearances of Nephilim are seen in Numbers 13:32-33, and Ez.32:17-32.

The book of Enoch, of lesser authority than the Biblical record, perhaps fills in some blanks concerning these beings and those times leading up to the flood of God's judgement.

Today, idols made of stone are few, like those who worshipped in Rome and Greece and other places but let us be aware that the presences of these superheroes or "gods" are ubiquitous in our culture today, they have taken over the motion picture, video game and toy industry! Superman, Thor, Spiderman, Wonder Woman, Aqua man etc.... Many can be connected to these ancient roots. Many make an offering to cheer on or pretend to be a superhero.

Matthew 24:36-37 Jesus said that "as it was in the time before Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man" Spiritually, humanity will reach a level of evil like humanity did in those ancient days. Could there be another race of Nephilim? Maybe- perhaps through technology and science that is developed by evil men. (Note if you will the kind of technology described in the Jason Bourne Movies).

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2) **The Pandemic of Sin. Genesis 6:5-7,11-12**

Humanity at its core is sinful (Romans 3:10-18) But this does not mean that humans, even unsaved humans will act out on every sinful imagination. God saw mankind's wickedness growing and growing... multiplying exponentially in the days of Noah.

In these verses we read the assessment of God-

“Every inclination (imagination) of the human heart was evil all the time.

We have dealt with a Viral Pandemic for the last year but the greatest pandemic in the world today and for all time is the pandemic of sin. The violation of God's Law. The rebellion against God. The indifference toward God. The cursing of God and his ways. The overall rejection of his divinely decreed order to his creation.

When God saw this in Noah's day, he pronounced judgment. Verse 11-13
Judged for their Corruption and Violence.

3) **The Grace of God. Genesis 6:8-10**

But God has his man. Righteous, blameless, walked faithfully with God. God shares his heart with Noah and his a plan to preserve humanity- through this righteous man and his family. Gen. 6:13-17 – NOAH GET READY, The time is coming.

God's pronouncement on Noah? Genesis 6:18-22, 7:1 I have found you righteous in this generation.

How does God find us in this generation? Are we living righteously? Blamelessly? Are we walking with God?

God will judge again!

2 Peter 2:1-9; 2 Peter 3

Are you ready? Donald Grey Barnhouse has this interesting observation: Enoch, is a foreshadow and the church- those who come to Christ now- in this age of grace. The church, like Enoch will escape the judgement. (Revelation 1-3) Noah is a foreshadow or Israel- who will be preserved through the judgement of God- the great tribulation. (Revelation 4-19)

Either way- Now is the time of salvation. Now is the time to respond. Now is the time to stay on the narrow way that leads to life.