

# Genesis 5:25-32 and 6:1-12

**METHUSELAH** (8) – born 3427 BC, died 2458 BC

5:25-27 – **When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.**

1. Oldest in the genealogy
2. Name means “man of the spear” or “man of the javelin”
3. This name is pronounced **meh-tu-sheh-lahh** (the "hh" is pronounced hard like the "ch" in the name "Bach") in Hebrew. This name is a combination of two words - **metu** and **shelahh**.
  - a. Strong's dictionary states that this name means "man of the dart".
    - i. According to Strong, the root for **metu** is the word **mat** (#4962) which means "man"
    - ii. The word **shelach** (#7973) means a “weapon” or “missile” (hence the translation of “dart”).
  - b. There is another possible meaning for this name.
    - i. The word **metu** may be derived from the word **mot** meaning “death”
    - ii. The "u" is a suffix that means "their" - "their death".
    - iii. There is no way to know for certain if the final vowel in **metu** was an "o" or an "u" as the vowel pointings that make that distinction are of fairly recent origin.
    - iv. If it was originally an "o" then the suffix would change to "his" - "his death".
  - c. The word **shelach** meaning “missile” or “weapon” is the noun form of the verb **shalach** which means “to send”
    - i. Which would mean “to send a missile” or “a weapon that is sent.
    - ii. **Shelach** has the more literal meaning of "to send something".
  - d. With the “u” attached to the mot (as in point 3.b.ii above) the possible meaning of the name Methuselah (*meh-tu-shehh-lahh*) would be:
    - i. "their death sends"
    - ii. "his death sends". (source - <https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/names/Methuselah.htm>)
  - e. Since the year Methuselah died is the same year God sent the flood it would appear that Enoch prophesied the overflow of the world and used Methuselah's name as a prophecy to announce that on the day of his death "his death will send" the flood."

## Genesis 5:22 -

7969 [e]	4968 [e]	853 [e]	3205 [e]	310 [e]	430 [e]	854 [e]	2585 [e]	1980 [e]
שָׁלוֹשׁ	מֶתוּשֶׁלַח	אֶת־	הוֹלִידוֹ	אַחֲרָי	הָאֱלֹהִים	אֶת־	חֶנֹּךְ	וַיִּתְהַלֵּךְ
three	Methuselah	-	he begat	after	God	with	Enoch	And walked
Number-fsc	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	V-Hifil-Inf   3ms	Prep	Art   N-mp	Prep	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Hitpael-ConseclImperf-3ms

<b>מֶתוּשֶׁלַח</b> - /meth-oo-sheh'-lakh/ - <i>Methushelach</i> -			<b>מוֹת</b> - /mooth/ - <i>muth</i> = "to die"		
<b>מָת</b> - /math/ - <i>math</i> = "man", "male"	1323 [e]	1121 [e]	3205 [e]	8141 [e]	3967 [e]
<b>שֶׁלַח</b> - /sheh'-lakh/ - <i>shelach</i> = "a missile", "weapon", "sprout"	ū·bā·nō·wְ	bā·nīm	way·yō·w·leḏ	šā·nāh;	mé·'ō·wְ
<b>שָׁלַח</b> - /shaw-lakh'/ - <i>shalach</i> = "to send"	and daughters	sons	and he begat	years	hundred
	Conj-w   N-fp	N-mp	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConseclImperf-3ms	N-fs	Number-fp

**LAMECH** (9) – born 3240 BC, died 2463 BC

5:28-31 – **When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son 29 and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.” Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.**

4639 [e] mim·ma·'ā·śê·nū מִמַּעֲשֵׂנוּ concerning our work Prep-m   N-msc   1cp	5162 [e] yè·na·ḥā·mê·nū יִנְחַמְנוּ shall comfort us V-Piel-Imperf-3ms   1cp	2088 [e] zeh זֶה this [one] Pro-ms	559 [e] lê·môr; לְאמֹר saying Prep-l   V-Qal-Inf	5146 [e] nō·aḥ נֹחַ Noah N-proper-ms	8034 [e] šə·mōw שְׁמוֹ his name N-msc   3ms	853 [e] 'et- אֶת־ - DirObjM	7121 [e] way·yiq·rā וַיִּקְרָא And he called Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms
			נְח - Noach - /no-'akh/ = "rest"				
		נָחָם - nacham - /naw-kham'/ = "to be sorry", "to console oneself"					
	3068 [e] Yah·weh. יְהוָה: Yahweh N-proper-ms	779 [e] 'ê·rə·rāḥ אֲרָרָה has cursed V-Piel-Perf-3ms   3fs	834 [e] 'ā·śer אֲשֶׁר which Pro-r	127 [e] hā·'ā·dā·māh, הָאֲדָמָה of the ground Art   N-fs	4480 [e] min- מִן because Prep	3027 [e] yā·dē·nū, יָדֵינוּ of our hands N-fdc   1cp	6093 [e] ū·mē·'iṣ·ṣə·bō·wn וּמַעֲבֹדוֹ and the toil Conj-w, Prep-m   N-msc

- 1. Lamech is the only father who gives the meaning for the name of his son, which had to do with “relief” from:
  - a. Ground cursed by the Lord
  - b. Man’s work
  - c. Painful toil of hands
- 2. “Noah” means “rest”, but “comfort” is a different word
  - a. Noakh = “rest”
  - b. N-kh-m = “comfort”
  - c. Both are used together again in Ezekiel 5:13:

*“Thus shall my anger spend itself, and I will vent my fury upon them and satisfy myself. And they shall know that I am the Lord—that I have spoken in my jealousy—when I spend my fury upon them.”*

<b>Ezekiel 5:13</b>		5162 [e] we·hin·ne·ḥā·mē·tī; וְהִנְחַמְתִּי and I will be avenged Conj-w   V-Hitpael-ConjPerf-1cs	2534 [e] bām בָּם upon them Prep   3mp	5117 [e] wa·ḥā·ni·ḥō·w·tī וְהִנְחֹוֹתִי and I will cause to rest Conj-w   V-Hifl-ConjPerf-1cs	639 [e] 'ap·pī, אִפִּי My anger N-msc   1cs	3615 [e] we·ka·lah וְכָלָה Thus shall be spent Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms
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**nacham** = "to be sorry", "console oneself"

**nuach** = "rest"

2534 [e] bām. בָּם: upon them Prep   3mp	3615 [e] ḥā·mā·tī חַמְתִּי My fury N-fsc   1cs	3615 [e] bē·kal·lō·w·tī בְּכַלּוֹתִי when I have spent Prep-b   V-Piel-Inf   1cs	7068 [e] bē·qin·'ā·tī, בְּקִנְיָתִי in My zeal Prep-b   N-fsc   1cs	1696 [e] dib·bar·tī דִּבַּרְתִּי have spoken [it] V-Piel-Perf-1cs	3068 [e] Yah·weh יְהוָה Yahweh N-proper-ms	589 [e] 'ā·nī אֲנִי I Pro-1cs	3588 [e] kī- כִּי that Conj	3045 [e] we·yā·dē·'ū וַיִּדְעוּ and they shall know Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp
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- d. Comfort to who?
  - i. In Genesis the Flood would bring “rest” for humans in relation to the curse on the ground.
  - ii. In the Mesopotamian Flood literature the flood would bring rest to the gods who were disturbed by mankind and could not sleep due to constant disruption by humans.
- 3. The meaning of the name “noah” and the announcement of Lamech do not completely match or make sense. The options could be:
  - a. A wish...Lamech is desperate with the condition of mankind in his generation and wants divine help.

- b. A prophecy...Lamech knows through Enoch and Methuselah that his son Noah will be a kind of second Adam and mankind will have a second start.
- c. A gift...Lamech words may foresee Noah's work in the vineyard as a producer of grapes and the renewed gift of wine in Genesis 9:20

**NOAH** (10) – born 3058 BC, died 2108 BC

5:32 – **After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

1. Up until now only one son was mentioned. Here the pattern breaks as it did for the 8<sup>th</sup> generation from Adam along Cain's line.
2. The details of these three sons is reengaged in Genesis 9:28-29

## Genesis 6:1-12

Genesis 6:1 – **When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,**

127 [e]	6440 [e]	5921 [e]	7231 [e]	120 [e]	2490 [e]	3588 [e]	1961 [e]		
hā·'ā·dā·māh;	pə·nê	'al-	lā·rōb	hā·'ā·dām,	hē·hêl	kî-	way·hî		
הָאָדָמָה	פְּנֵי	עַל-	לְרַב	הָאָדָם	הֵחֵל	כִּי	וַיָּהִי 1		
of the earth	the face	on	to multiply	men	began	when	And it came to pass		
Art   N-fs	N-cpc	Prep	Prep-l   V-Qal-Inf	Art   N-ms	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	Conj	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms		
							3205 [e]	1323 [e]	
							lā·hem.	yul·le·dū	ū·bā·nō·wî
							לָהֶם:	יֻלְּדוּ	וּבָנוּת
							to them	were born	and daughters
							Prep   3mp	V-QalPass-Perf-3cp	Conj-w   N-fp

6:2 – **the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.**

2007 [e]	2896 [e]	3588 [e]	120 [e]	1323 [e]	853 [e]	430 [e]	1121 [e]	7200 [e]
hên·nāh;	ṭō·bōt	kî	hā·'ā·dām,	bə·nō·wî	'et-	hā·'ē·lō·hîm	bē·nē-	way·yîr·'ū
הֵנָּה	טֹבֹת	כִּי	הָאָדָם	בָּנוֹת	אֶת-	הָאֱלֹהִים	בָּנֵי-	וַיִּרְאוּ 2
they	[were] beautiful	that	of men	the daughters	-	of God	the sons	that saw
Pro-3fp	Adj-fp	Conj	Art   N-ms	N-fpc	DirObjM	Art   N-mp	N-mpc	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3mp

**elohim = "god"      ben = "son"**

977 [e]	834 [e]	3605 [e]	802 [e]	3947 [e]
bā·hā·rū.	'ā·šer	mik·kōl	nā·šîm,	lā·hem
בָּחָרוּ:	אֲשֶׁר	מִכֹּל	נָשִׁים	לָהֶם
they chose	whomever	of all	wives	for themselves
V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Pro-r	Prep-m   N-ms	N-fp	Prep   3mp

Conj-w | V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3mp      and they took

The author of Genesis does not provide details concerning the "sons of God" or the "Nephilim". The author seems to assume it is obvious and understands that the readers do not need an introduction to the topic. But, based on the obscurity of these verses and a general consensus that we do not fully understand what is being discussed here means we have lost some of the basics of this worldview and presuppositions.

There are three basic ways to interpret Genesis 6:1-4:

1. The **Sons of God** are the good boys of that time that go to Sunday school, wear white shirts and ties and don't drink soda before lunch. The **daughters of men** are the bad girls—probably descendants of Cain—who drink, cuss, and wear short skirts.
  - a. The concept of “marriage” is referred to here with the use of the idiom “taking wives”
2. The **Sons of God** are the sons of the kings and pharaohs. They are the royal princes. The daughters of men are the daughters of common folk who the royal princes then gather together to form their harems.
  - a. *“This idea of divine descent was a rhetorical expression of the divine election and legitimization of the king that is typical in royal inscriptions. Throughout the biblical period it was part of the royal prerogative to claim divine heritage. Thus, the title “son of God” can be identified as a royal motif both in the Bible and outside of it.”* (quote from page 43 of “Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary”, volume 1)
  - b. *“Nevertheless, though it is common for kings to be portrayed as having divine parentage, there is no precedent for ancient kings as a group being referred to as “sons of god.”* (quote also from p. 43 of Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary”)
  - c. This would be basic polygamy with royal harems being formed. This was a practice in the ancient world and throughout the Old Testament. It really doesn't seem to deserve mention here as an example of the wickedness of man that led to a global judgment by God.
3. The **Sons of God** are angelic creatures. The **daughters of men** are the daughters of men.
  - a. Gilgamesh
    - i. a historical king of the Sumerian city-state of Uruk, who was deified after his death.
    - ii. Gilgamesh ruled 2900 – 2350 BC
    - iii. Gilgamesh became a major figure in Sumerian literature 2112– 2004 BC.
    - iv. Inscriptions:
      1. An inscription by a contemporary official under Gilgamesh, was discovered in the archaic texts at Ur that reads:  
"Gilgameš is the one whom Utu has selected"
      2. The Tummal Inscription, a thirty-four-line historiographic text written during the reign of Ishbi-Erra (1953-1920 BC), mentions the historical Gilgamesh, crediting Gilgamesh with building the walls of Uruk:  
*“For a second time, the Tummal fell into ruin,  
Gilgamesh built the Numunburra of the House of Enlil.  
Ur-lugal, the son of Gilgamesh,  
Made the Tummal pre-eminent,  
Brought Ninlil to the Tummal.”*
      3. Gilgamesh is listed as one of the kings of Uruk by the “Sumerian King List”.
    - v. In Sumerian literature Gilgamesh is described as:
      1. being 2/3 god and 1/3 man
      2. having the “flesh of the gods”
      3. he was said to be 18 feet tall
  - b. “Sons of God” parallel angels in the OT in these places:
    - i. 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.”*

- ii. 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.*”
  - iii. Job 38:7 – “*when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*”
  - iv. Psalm 29:1 – “*Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, [Hebrew sons of God, or sons of might] ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*
  - v. Psalm 89:6-7 – “*For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings [Hebrew the sons of God, or the sons of might] is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?*”
  - vi. Daniel 3:25 – “*He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”*
- c. Why do men get punished if the angels sinned? Yet, the animals are punished with Adam sinned and Israel was punished when David sinned in 2 Samuel 24:17 when David took the census.

**6:3 – Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide in [a (- ESV “My Spirit shall not contend with”)] man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.”**

5769 [e]	120 [e]	7307 [e]	1777 [e]	3808 [e]	3068 [e]	559 [e]
lə-’ō-lām,	bā-’ā-dām	rū-hî	yā-dō-wn	lō-	Yah-weh	way-yō-mer
לְעֹלָם	בְּאָדָם	רוּחִי	יָדוֹן	לֹא	יְהוָה	וַיֹּאמֶר 3
forever	with man	My Spirit	shall strive	not	Yahweh	And said
Prep-l   N-ms	Prep-b, Art   N-ms	N-csc   1cs	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Adv-NegPrt	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

8141 [e]	6242 [e]	3967 [e]	3117 [e]	1961 [e]	1320 [e]	1931 [e]	1571 [e]
šā-nāh.	we-’eś-rīm	mē-’āh	yā-māw,	we-hā-yū	bā-šār;	hū	bə-šag-gam
שָׁנָה:	וְעֶשְׂרִים	מֵאָה	יָמָיו	וְהֵינּוּ	בָּשָׂר	הוּא	בְּשָׂגָם
years	and twenty	a hundred	his days	and yet shall be	flesh	he [is]	for indeed
N-fs	Conj-w   Number-cp	Number-fs	N-mpc   3ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	N-ms	Pro-3ms	Prep-b, Pro-r   Conj

**6:4 – The Nephilim [b (- ESV “giants”)] were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.**

834 [e]	3651 [e]	310 [e]	1571 [e]	1992 [e]	3117 [e]	776 [e]	1961 [e]	5303 [e]
'ā-šer	kèn,	'a·ḥā·rê-	we·ḡam	hā·hēm	bay·yā·mīm	ḇā·'ā·reš	hā·yū	han·ne·pi·lim
אֲשֶׁר	כֵּן	אַחֲרָיו	וְגַם	הֵהֵם	בַּיָּמִים	בְּאֶרֶץ	הָיוּ	הַנְּפִילִים
when	that	after	and also	those	in days	on the earth	were	The Nephilim
Pro-r	Adv	Prep	Conj-w   Conj	Art   Pro-3mp	Prep-b, Art   N-mp	Prep-b, Art   N-fs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Art   N-mp

1992 [e]	3205 [e]	120 [e]	1323 [e]	413 [e]	430 [e]	1121 [e]	935 [e]
hēm·māh	lā·hem;	we·yā·le·dū	hā·'ā·dām,	be·nō·wṭ	'el- hā·'ē·lō·hīm	be·nē	yā ḇō·'ū
הֵמָּה	לָהֶם	וַיִּלְדוּ	הָאָדָם	בָּנוֹת	אֶל-	הָאֱלֹהִים	בְּנֵי
Those [were]	to them	and they bore [children]	of men	the daughters	to	of God	the sons
Pro-3mp	Prep   3mp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	Art   N-ms	N-fpc	Prep	Art   N-mp	N-mpc

8034 [e]	376 [e]	5769 [e]	834 [e]	1368 [e]
ḇ	haš·šēm.	'an·šê	mē·'ō·w·lām	'ā-šer
פ	הַשֵּׁם	אֲנָשֵׁי	מֵעוֹלָם	אֲשֶׁר
-	of renown	men	of old	who [were]
Punc	Art   N-ms	N-mpc	Prep-m   N-ms	Pro-r

1. “Nephilim” – נְפִילִים – *nephilim* /nef-eel/ - meaning “giants”, but literally it means “fallen ones”
  - a. They are mentioned two times in the Bible:
    - i. Once before the flood –
    - ii. Once after the flood –
      1. Numbers 13:33 -
 

“And there we saw the **Nephilim** (the sons of **Anak**, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”
      2. “Anak” in Deuteronomy 9:1-3 –
 

“Hear, O Israel: you are to cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fortified up to heaven, **a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard** it said, ‘Who can stand before the sons of Anak?’ Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the Lord your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as the Lord has promised you.”
  - b. The word comes from the Hebrew *naphal* /naw-fal/ meaning “to fall”, “to lie down”
  - c. Since they are mentioned before and after the flood they are not a race or an ethnic group of humans.
  - d. The Nephilim are contemporaries with the “sons of God” at this time period, but not necessarily the offspring.
  - e. The description of being heroic, tall, renown matches the description of legends like Gilgamesh who was:
    - i. “heroic”
    - ii. “tall”
    - iii. “magnificent”

- iv. “terrible”
- v. “six-cubit stride” or a nine-foot stride
- 2. Nephilim are similar to the *apkallu*, or the ancient sages, found in Sumerian cuneiform demigods that are part man/part beast.
- 3. The Nephilim could be:
  - a. Contemporaries
  - b. The offspring
  - c. The Sons of God
  - d.

6:5 – **The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

3336 [e]	3605 [e]	776 [e]	120 [e]	7451 [e]	7227 [e]	3588 [e]	3068 [e]	7200 [e]
yê·šer	wə·kāl	bā·'ā·reš;	hā·'ā·dām	rā·'aṭ	rab·bāh	kī	Yah·weh,	way·yar
לֵעָר	וְכָל־	בְּאֶרֶץ	הָאָדָם	רָעַת	רַבָּה	כִּי	יְהוָה	וַיִּרְא
intent	and [that] every	in the earth	of man	the wickedness	[was] great	that	Yahweh	And saw
N-msc	Conj-w   N-msc	Prep-b, Art   N-fs	Art   N-ms	N-fsc	Adj-fs	Conj	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

3117 [e]	3605 [e]	7451 [e]	7535 [e]	3820 [e]	4284 [e]
hay·yō·wm.	kāl-	ra'	raq	lib·bōw,	mah·še·bōṭ
הַיּוֹם:	כָּל־	רָע	יַחַד	לְבוֹ	מִחַשְׁבֹת
the time	all	evil	[was] altogether	of his heart	of the thoughts
Art   N-ms	N-msc	Adj-ms	Adv	N-msc   3ms	N-fpc

6:6 – **And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.**

776 [e]	120 [e]	853 [e]	6213 [e]	3588 [e]	3068 [e]	5162 [e]
bā·'ā·reš;	hā·'ā·dām	'eṭ-	'ā·śāh	kī-	Yah·weh,	way·yin·nā·hem
בְּאֶרֶץ	הָאָדָם	אֶת־	עָשָׂה	כִּי־	יְהוָה	וַיִּנְחַם
on the earth	man	-	He had made	that	Yahweh	And was sorry
Prep-b, Art   N-fs	Art   N-ms	DirObjM	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Conj	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Nifal-ConseclImperf-3ms

3820 [e]	413 [e]	6087 [e]
lib·bōw.	'el-	way·yiṭ·'aš·šēb
לְבוֹ:	אֶל־	וַיִּתְעַצֵּב
His heart	in	and He was grieved
N-msc   3ms	Prep	Conj-w   V-Hitpael-ConseclImperf-3ms

6:7 – **So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.”**

6440 [e] 5921 [e] 1254 [e] 834 [e] 120 [e] 853 [e] 4229 [e] 3068 [e] 559 [e]  
 pə-nè mē-'al bā-rā-tī 'ā-šer- hā-'ā-dām 'et-'em-ḥeh Yah-weh way-yō-mer  
 פָּנָי מֵעַל , בְּרֵאתִי אֲשֶׁר- הָאָדָם אֶת- אֶמְתָּהּ , יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר 7  
 the face from I have created whom man - I will destroy Yahweh So said  
 N-cpc Prep-m V-Qal-Perf-1cs Pro-r Art | N-ms DirObjM V-Qal-Imperf-1cs N-proper-ms Conj-w | V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms

3588 [e] 8064 [e] 5775 [e] 5704 [e] 7431 [e] 5704 [e] 929 [e] 5704 [e] 120 [e] 127 [e]  
 kī haš-šā-mā-yim; 'ō-wp we-'ad- re-meš 'ad- be-hê-māh, 'ad- mē-'ā-dām hā-'ā-dā-māh,  
 כִּי – הַשָּׁמַיִם עוֹף וְעַד- , רֶמֶשׁ עַד- , בְּהֵמָה עַד- מֵאָדָם – הָאֲדָמָה  
 for of the air birds and creeping thing to beast and from man of the earth  
 Conj Art | N-mp N-msc Conj-w | Prep N-ms Prep N-fs Prep Prep-m | N-ms Art | N-fs

6213 [e] 3588 [e] 5162 [e]  
 'ā-šī-tīm. kī ni-ḥam-tī  
 . עָשִׂיתָם: כִּי נִחַמְתִּי  
 I have made them that I am sorry  
 V-Qal-Perf-1cs | 3mp Conj V-Nifal-Perf-1cs

6:8 – But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

3068 [e] 5869 [e] 2580 [e] 4672 [e] 5146 [e]  
 p̄ Yah-weh. bə-'ê-nê ḥên mā-šā wə-nō-ah  
 פ . יְהוָה: בְּעֵינָי חֵן מָצָא וַיֹּנֶחַ 8  
 - of Yahweh in the eyes grace found But Noah  
 Punc N-proper-ms Prep-b | N-cdc N-ms V-Qal-Perf-3ms Conj-w | N-proper-ms

6:9 – These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

1755 [e] 1961 [e] 8549 [e] 6662 [e] 582 [e] 5146 [e] 5146 [e] 8435 [e] 428 [e]  
 bə-dō-rō-tāw; hā-yāh tā-mīm šad-dīq 'īš nō-ah, nō-ah, tō-wl-dōt 'ēl-leh  
 . בְּדוֹרֵתָיו הָיָה תְּמִים , צַדִּיק אִישׁ , נֹחַ . נֹחַ תּוֹלְדֹת אֵלֶּה 9  
 in his generations was blameless righteous a man Noah Noah the generations These [are]  
 Prep-b | N-mpc | 3ms V-Qal-Perf-3ms Adj-ms Adj-ms N-ms N-proper-ms N-proper-ms N-fpc Pro-cp

5146 [e] 1980 [e] 430 [e] 854 [e]  
 nō-ah. ḥiṭ-hal-leḵ- hā-'ē-lō-hīm 'et-  
 . נֹחַ: הֶחֱלָק- הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת-  
 Noah walked God With  
 N-proper-ms V-Hitpael-Perf-3ms Art | N-mp Prep

6:10 – And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.



2526 [e]	853 [e]	8035 [e]	853 [e]	1121 [e]	7969 [e]	5146 [e]	3205 [e]
hām	'eṭ-	šēm	'eṭ-	bā·nīm;	še-lō·šāh	nō·ah	way·yō·w·led
חָם	אֶת־	שֵׁם	אֶת־	בָּנָיִם	שְׁלֹשָׁה	נֹחַ	וַיֵּלֶד
Ham	-	Shem	-	sons	three	Noah	And begat
N-proper-ms	DirObjM	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	N-mp	Number-ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConseclImperf-3ms

3315 [e]	853 [e]
yā·peṭ.	we·'eṭ-
יָפֶת׃	וְאֶת־
Japheth	and
N-proper-ms	Conj-w   DirObjM

**6:11 – Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.**

2555 [e]	776 [e]	4390 [e]	430 [e]	6440 [e]	776 [e]	7843 [e]
hā·mās.	hā·'ā·reṣ	wat·tim·mā·lé	hā·'ē·lō·hîm;	lip·né	hā·'ā·reṣ	wat·tiš·šā·hêṭ
וַיִּשָּׁדַד	הָאָרֶץ	וַתִּמְלֵא	הָאֱלֹהִים	לִפְנֵי	הָאָרֶץ	וַתִּשָּׁדַד
violence	the earth	and was filled with	God	before	the earth	And was corrupt
N-ms	Art   N-fs	Conj-w   V-Nifal-ConseclImperf-3fs	Art   N-mp	Prep-l   N-cpc	Art   N-fs	Conj-w   V-Nifal-ConseclImperf-3fs

**6:12 – And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.**

7843 [e]	3588 [e]	7843 [e]	2009 [e]	776 [e]	853 [e]	430 [e]	7200 [e]
hiš·hîṭ	kî-	niš·hā·ṭāh;	we·hin·nêh	hā·'ā·reṣ	'eṭ-	'ē·lō·hîm	way·yar
הִשָּׁדַדְתִּי	כִּי־	נִשְׁחָדָה	וַיִּבְהַר	הָאָרֶץ	אֶת־	אֱלֹהִים	וַיַּרְא
had corrupted	for	it was corrupt	and indeed	upon the earth	-	God	So looked
V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	Conj	V-Nifal-Perf-3fs	Conj-w   Interjection	Art   N-fs	DirObjM	N-mp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

776 [e]	5921 [e]	1870 [e]	853 [e]	1320 [e]	3605 [e]	
s	hā·'ā·reṣ.	'al-	dar·kōw	'eṭ-	bā·śār	kāl-
ס	הָאָרֶץ׃	עַל־	דְּרָכָם	אֶת־	בְּשָׂר׃	כָּל־
-	the earth	on	their way	-	flesh	all
Punc	Art   N-fs	Prep	N-csc   3ms	DirObjM	N-ms	N-msc

CREATION  
4114 BC 4000 BC

3000 BC

FLOOD BABEL  
2458 BC 2358 BC

2000 BC

JACOB TO  
EGYPT  
1876

NOAH (10) 960 yrs. 3058-2108 BC  
 LAMECH (9) 777 yrs. 3240-2463 BC  
 METHUSELAH (8) 969 yrs. 3427-2458 BC  
 ENOCH (7) 3492-3127 BC 365 yrs.  
 JARED (6) 962 yrs.  
 MAHALALEL (5) 895 yrs. 3719-2824 BC  
 KENAN (4) 910 yrs. 3789-2879 BC  
 ENOSH (3) 905 yrs. 3879-2974 BC  
 SETH (2) 912 yrs. 3984-3072 BC  
 ADAM (1) 930 yrs. 4114-3184 BC

ABEL (2)  
 IRAD (4)  
 MEHUJAEEL (5)  
 METHUSHAEL (6)  
 LAMECH (7)  
 JABAL JUBAL  
 TUBAL-CAIN NAAMAH (8)  
 HAM (11)  
 CUSH (12)  
 SEBA (13)  
 NIMROD (13) (SARGON I) (2334-2279 BC)  
 EGYPT (12)  
 PUT (12)  
 CANAAN (12)  
 JAPHETH (11) born 2558 BC  
 GOMER (12)  
 ASHKENAZ (13)  
 JAVAN (12)  
 ELISHAH (13) (born 2554)  
 SHELAH (13) 433 yrs. 2421-1988 BC  
 ARPACHSHAD (12) 438 yrs. 2456-2018 BC  
 SHEM (11) 600 yrs. 2556-1956 BC

Sumerian King List

ALLULIM (1)  
 ALALGAR (2)  
 ENMENLAUANNA (3)  
 ENMENGALANNA (4)  
 DUMUZI (5)  
 ENSIPAZIANNA (6)  
 ENMENDURANNA (7)  
 UBARTUTU (8)

EMPIRE BUILDERS  
 PEOPLE OF THE COASTLANDS

## Angels: The Sons of God

To compound the problems on earth, mankind had to endure one of Satan's greatest attacks on God's plan. In the Garden of Eden, God said to Satan:

*"I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring ("seed") and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."*

- Genesis 3:15

Satan knows a man will eventually be born with the power to defeat him. Therefore, during the second dispensation, Satan attempted to corrupt the bloodline of humanity by infiltrating it with evil seed. If the seed from fallen angels could mix with the bloodline of the human race, mankind would be rendered incapable of producing a savior as promised in the garden. In order to prevent his head from being crushed by the seed of a woman, Satan may have tried to corrupt her seed so the Messiah could not be born.

This explains what we read in Genesis 6:

*"When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose."*

- Genesis 6:1, 2

The phrase "sons of God" (Hebrew: **Bene ha Elohim**) here is a reference to angels. It is the same word we see in Job 1:6 and Job 38:7:

*"One day the angels (the same Hebrew word earlier translated as "sons of God") came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them."*

- Job 1:6

*"And all the angels ("sons of God") shouted for joy."*

- Job 38:7

## The Nephilim

In Genesis 6:4, we read:

*"The Nephilim were on the earth in those days – and also afterward – when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown."*

The Nephilim may have been the offspring of fallen angels and human women. The Bible says the Nephilim were legends; their abilities and accomplishments made them well known heroes. Greek mythology is probably based on these same legends, recording stories of "the gods" and the "sons of the gods."

## Sons of God and Daughters of Men

I am not impressed when someone says Genesis 6:1-4 can't be talking about angels because Jesus said angels don't marry. Matthew 22:30 says:

*“At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage;  
they will be like the angels in heaven.”*

Using this verse to explain all that we do not know about angels is very bad hermeneutics. We cannot see angels, we do not understand angels, and the only thing we know accurately about angels is what the Bible communicates to us. To use this verse to describe angels beyond what it says is taking the implicit and making it the explicit. It is isogesis (reading your predetermined doctrine into Scripture) and not exegesis (letting the Scriptures speak for themselves and determine your doctrine.)

This verse explicitly says there will be no marriage and no families in heaven. Marriage and families are institutions God has given mankind in this age for the well-being of the human race. This verse says nothing about the ability to reproduce. It is clear in Scripture that angels do not reproduce baby angels. We do not know why, but they do not.

The same debate is revisited in Luke 20:34-36 when Jesus says:

*“The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels.  
They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection.”*

Is Jesus telling everyone here that when you go to heaven you cannot have children because we will be like angels who cannot reproduce? No. That is not his point. The comparison to angels is surrounded on both sides by the word “resurrection,” and when the comparison is made—men of the age to come are compared to angels in that “they can no longer die; for they are like the angels.”

There are three basic ways to interpret Genesis 6:1-4:

4. The **Sons of God** are the good boys of that time that go to Sunday school, wear white shirts and ties and don’t drink soda before lunch. The **daughters of men** are the bad girls—probably descendants of Cain—who drink, cuss, and wear short skirts.
5. The **Sons of God** are the sons of the kings and pharaohs. They are the royal princes. The **daughters of men** are the daughters of common folk who the royal princes then gather together to form their harems.
6. The **Sons of God** are angelic creatures. The **daughters of men** are the daughters of men.

First of all, Genesis 1-11 covers 2,000 years of the history of man. The rest of Genesis (12-50) plus 38 more Old Testament books cover only 1,600 years. So, whatever is happening in Genesis 6:1-4 is taking up some very valuable space. Is good boys marrying naughty girls worth recording? Maybe, if that truly is what caused these Nephilim to be born.

If the Hebrew phrase “sons of God” is interpreted the way it is in other Old Testament verses, it means “angels.” No one should challenge the understanding that “daughters of men” refers to “daughters of men.” This strange angelic mixing with human blood would cause some strange offspring called Nephilim who would be super-human because they would be more than human. Still today we hear about them from Greek mythology.

It says they were on the earth after the flood—which would explain the references to super-humans (giants) in Genesis through Deuteronomy and again in I Samuel (Goliath and his four giant brothers).

So why is this idea often rejected today in our western world? Because we are a secular

and materialistic culture. Our culture has a hard enough time coming to grips with the concept of prayer let alone the Nephilim. We have been born into a spiritual war against a band of rebel angels whose destiny is the Lake of Fire. Chances are they take this whole human history thing a lot more seriously than we do.

**Josephus** (70-90 AD) wrote:

*“For which reason they removed their camp to Hebron; and when they had taken it, they slew all the inhabitants. There were till then left the race of giants, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shewn to this very day, unlike to any credible relations of other men.”*

- Antiquities ch. II vs. 3

**Justin Martyr** (100-165 AD) wrote:

*“The angels transgressed this appointment and were captivated by love of women. And they begat children, who are those who are called demons.”*

**Irenaeus** (130-202 AD) wrote:

*“In the days of Noah, He justly brought on the Deluge for the purpose of extinguishing that most infamous race of men then existent, who could not bring forth fruit to God. For the angels who sinned had commingled with them.”*

**Tertullian** (155-230 AD) wrote:

*“They are the same angels who rushed from heaven on the daughters of men.”*

**New International Dictionary of the Old Testament Theology and Exegesis**, 1997, p. 678 says:

“There have been skeletons excavated in Palestine that are 3.2 meters or 10 ½ feet.”

**I Enoch** (recorded around 160 BC), which is quoted by Jude in Jude 14 and 15 says:

*“And it came to pass when the sons of men had increased, that in those days there were born to them fair and beautiful daughters. And the angels, the sons of heaven, saw them and desired them. And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us choose for ourselves wives from the children of men, and let us beget for ourselves children.’ And they took wives for themselves, and everyone chose for himself one each. And they began to go into them and were promiscuous with them...And they became pregnant and bore large giants, and their height was three thousand cubits. These devoured all the toil of men, until men were unable to sustain them. And the giants turned against them in order to devour men. And they began to sin against birds, and against animals, and against reptiles and against fish, and they devoured one another’s flesh and drank the blood from it.*

*Then the earth complained about the lawless ones.”*

- I Enoch 7:6-7

## **The Worldwide Flood**

There was clearly much wickedness during the time of the Nephilim:

*“The Lord saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time...So the Lord said, ‘I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth.’”*

This is when God speaks to Noah and asks him to build an ark so he can preserve the human race and the promised seed, while destroying everything that had become corrupt on earth.

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## Quotes from Josephus concerning Giants

(Get access to the entire text of Josephus here - <https://www.ccel.org/j/josephus/works/JOSEPHUS.HTM> )

- "For many angels (*This notion, that the fallen angels were, in some sense, the fathers of the old giants, was the constant opinion of antiquity.*) of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call giants."
- "These kings had laid waste all Syria, and overthrown the offspring of the giants. And when they were come over against Sodom. . ."
- "They told them also, that they found at Hebron the posterity of the giants. Accordingly these spies, who had seen the land of Canaan, when they perceived that all these difficulties were greater there than they had met with since they came out of Egypt, they were affrighted at them themselves, and endeavored to affright the multitude also."
- "For which reason they removed their camp to Hebron; and when they had taken it, they slew all the inhabitants. There were till then left the race of giants, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shown to this very day, unlike to any credible relations of other men. Now they gave this city to the Levites as an extraordinary reward."
- "A little afterward the king made war against the Philistines; and when he had joined battle with them, and put them to flight, he was left alone, as he was in pursuit of them; and when he was quite tired down, he was seen by one of the enemy, his name was Achmon, the son of Araph, he was one of the sons of the giants. He had a spear, the handle of which weighed three hundred shekels, and a breastplate of chain-work, and a sword. He turned back, and ran violently to slay [David] their enemy's king, for he was quite tired out with labor; but Abishai, Joab's brother, appeared on the sudden, and protected the king with his shield, as he lay down, and slew the enemy. Now the multitude were very uneasy at these dangers of the king, and that he was very near to be slain; and the rulers made him swear that he would no more go out with them to battle, lest he should come to some great misfortune by his courage and boldness, and thereby deprive the people of the benefits they now enjoyed by his means, and of those that they might hereafter enjoy by his living a long time among them. "
- "When the king heard that the Philistines were gathered together at the city Gazara, he sent an army against them, when Sibbechai the Hittite, one of David's most courageous men, behaved himself so as to deserve great commendation, for he slew many of those that bragged they were the posterity of the giants, and vaunted themselves highly on that account, and thereby was the occasion of victory to the Hebrews."
- "They had a man who was six cubits tall, and had on each of his feet and hands one more toe and finger than men naturally have. Now the person who was sent against them by David out of his army was Jonathan, the son of Shimea, who fought this man in a single combat, and slew him; and as he was the person who gave the turn to the battle, he gained the greatest reputation for courage therein. This man also vaunted himself to be of the sons of the giants. But after this fight the Philistines made war no more against the Israelites."