

Genesis 5 and 6

- In Chapter 4 we are given the genealogy of the sons of Cain
 - But no dates are given, just generations, and then some details about what they did – the building of Secular Society
 - QUESTION? Why are no dates given?
- Then, we are introduced to Seth
 - *Gen 4:25-26, ²⁵ Adam ^[a]had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him ^[b]Seth, for, she said, “God ^[c]has appointed me another ^[d]offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him.” ²⁶ To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call ^[e]upon the name of the LORD.*
 - We again see the faith of Eve, recognizing God’s power and blessing in her life
 - We also see that it was at that time that men in Seth’s line began to call on the name of the Lord
- In Chapter 5, we are given the genealogies of the sons of Seth.
 - Dates are meticulously recorded! (years, not days or months)
- QUESTION? Why are genealogies important?
 - They lead us to Christ.
 - Matthew points to Christ from Abraham to Joseph
 - Luke points to Christ from Adam to Mary
 - This pre-flood record is the only historical record we have
 - It also gives an EXACT number of years from creation to flood, 1656 years
 - It also shows us how much vitality existed in people during those times
 - Enoch had Methuselah at 65, “walked with God” and was “translated” 300 years later
 - Methuselah, the oldest recorded man, lived to be 969 years old
 - He lived while Adam was alive and could share everything with Noah
 - Noah had three sons when he was 500 years old! Shem, Ham, Japheth
 - The flood came when he was 600, and he was still alive when Abraham was born
 - Noah’s son Shem lived longer than Abraham, Isaac, and possibly even Jacob, and could recount firsthand everything about the flood because he went through it!
 - Potentially the pre-flood records were preserved by Noah, passed down and incorporated into Genesis by Moses.
 - Most of us lose track of our heritage and family stories because usually our great-grandparents, or even our grandparents die when we are quite young
 - These people knew their great, great, great, great, great, great (six times) grandparents
 - We can also see the curse in action, “and he died ... and he died ...”
 - QUESTION? Can we take the recorded genealogies literally?
 - The genealogies in Matthew, Luke, Jude, Chronicles all correspond! They are precise!
 - The genealogies both of Joseph and of Mary are in Judah’s line and separate only at Judah’s great-grandsons

Chapter 6

- *Genesis 6:1-4, Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were ^[a]beautiful; and they*

took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not ^[b]strive with man forever, ^[c]because he also is flesh; ^[d]nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

- This passage has been the source of much controversy throughout biblical history. What does it mean?
- What are some of the possible explanations?
 - Sons of God refers to the line of Seth intermarrying with Cain’s line (the daughters of men)
 - This is a modern interpretation but an unlikely one for these reasons
 - “Sons of God” is never used in the Old Testament to refer to righteous humans as we will see (In the NT, yes, but in the context of believing Christians)
 - Daughters of men is too general a term to be limited only to Cain’s line
 - Sons of God refers to fallen angels procreating with human women
 - This is the traditional view, that fallen spirit beings procreated with humans creating a “hybrid” half-demon, half-human creature
 - John Calvin called this view absurd. Apart from immaculate conception, there is no other biblical support for spirit beings procreating with fleshly beings.
 - This is the most likely view is Sons of God refers to fallen angels possessing the bodies of men
 - Then marrying and procreating with human women
 - this is not rape, it would involve the concession of both parties
 - We know that demons interfere in human affairs on earth
 - We know that demons can possess a human body
 - “sons of God” is a phrase contrasted with the phrase “daughters of men”
 - Anytime “sons of God” is used in the New Testament it refers to angels:
 - *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.*
 - *Job 38:4-7, ⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you ^[a]have understanding, ⁵ Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? ⁶ “On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God shouted for joy?*
 - Everywhere in the Old Testament, sons of God are the direct creation of God, and the term is never used to describe men
 - So trying to make son’s of God mere men is not supported biblically
 - These are undoubtedly fallen angels leaving their realm and interfering in the realm of men. Satan did this in the garden. Demons did it throughout the NT
 - What’s the reason? To turn men away from God and make them worshipers of Satan.
 - The original lie of Satan, “you will be like god”.
 - It is a huge stretch to support the view that demon spirits could “marry” and procreate with human women
 - Also, the resulting progeny was described as human (flesh). So a human male must be involved, giving birth to human children.
 - The name given to them is Nephilim, used only here and in Numbers 13:3

- The Hebrew root is naphal, meaning to fall, to come down, to be cast down. In other words, the fallen ones, but Nephilim is translated “giants”
 - This could be a reference to their physical stature, or their power, or both
 - Gen 6:4 describes them as “mighty men of old, men of renown”.
 - The idea is great, powerful, perhaps conquerors, warriors
- In Numbers 13:3, the Hebrew spies brought back a report of Nephilim (giants) living in the Promised Land (Sons of Anak (long-neck) in the Old Testament)
 - They were known by different local names, including Rephaim, Zuzim, Emim, and Anakim
 - So, how could Nephilim live both before and after the flood?
 - The flood destroyed all but Noah and his family (8 people)
 - The spies could have been using the pre-flood name for what they described as giants in Canaan
 - QUESTION? Were there giants?
 - We know there were giants in Canaan!
 - Og, King of Bashan, was left of the remnant of the Rephaim (from rapha, Hebrew word for giant),
 - *Deu 3:11, ¹¹ (For only Og king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his ^[a]bedstead was an iron ^[b]bedstead; it is in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. Its length was nine cubits and its width four cubits ^[c]by ordinary cubit.)*
 - Goliath was 9 ½ feet tall
 - *1 Sam 17:4, ⁴ Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six ^[a]cubits and a span.*
 - And in Gath there were the four sons of “the giant” (probably Goliath, since he was the most famous giant)
 - David and his men defeated all four sons of the “giant from Gath” in 2 Sam 21: Sippai, Lahmi, Goliath (son of Goliath), and the six-fingered giant whose name isn’t given
 - *2 Sam 21:20-22, ²⁰ There was war at Gath again, where there was a man of great stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also had been born to the ^[a]giant. ²¹ When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David’s brother, struck him down. ²² These four were born to the ^[a]giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.*
- From gotquestions.org puts it this way:
 - *Is it possible that the Rephaim were literal giants? The Septuagint uses the Greek words gigas and titanés (the source of the English titan) to translate these and other verses, so the ancient Jews certainly considered them to be giants. They are described generally as being between 7 and 10 feet tall and are called “mighty men.” The Egyptians wrote about giants who lived in the land of Canaan, and the folklore of other nations is*

full of such references. The people of the ancient world accepted the presence of giants as a fact of history, and the Bible presents them as enemies who were destroyed either by the judgment of God or in battle with men.

So where did these giants come from? One theory, based on [Genesis 6:1–4](#), is that fallen angels (the sons of God) had sexual relations with women, resulting in the birth of giants. This is remarkably similar to Greek and Roman myths about demi-gods, but the theory has some theological and biological obstacles. Another theory, also based on [Genesis 6](#), is that the fallen angels, having knowledge of human genetics, induced certain men and women who would have the right traits to produce a race of giants and induced them to cohabit with each other. A third theory is that the giants were simply the result of normal genetic variability within a society. Whatever the origin of the Rephaim, it is certain that a race of “giants”—strong, tall people—did exist at one time, and many cultures had dealings with them. Even today, there are people who grow to extreme sizes, whether through genetic disorders like gigantism or through normal heredity.

- **Back to pre-flood:** The bottom line, is that men and women were inviting fallen angels into relationship with them, presumably to foster a race of evil superhumans “to be like God”.
- We don’t know if the same kinds of things were happening post-flood to produce a race of giants (the bible doesn’t say).
- We do know that it was all rebellion against God
 - Satan’s original lie is that by engaging with him, obeying him, we can become like God
 - *1 Cor 10:19-21, ¹⁹ What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.*
- **Jude describes exactly what is happening here:**
 - *Jude 6-7, ⁶ And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, ⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after ^[a]strange flesh, are exhibited as an ^[b]example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.*
 - Q? What was the sin of Genesis 6? Going after strange flesh. Destruction by water
 - Q? What was the sin of Sodom? Going after strange flesh. Destruction by fire.
 - When a society condones and celebrates gross immorality, the time is short
- God only puts up with so much, and then passes judgment
 - *Rom 1:24-32, ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. ²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for ^[a]a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed ^[a]forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is ^[d]unnatural, ²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing ^[s]indecent acts and receiving*

in ^[t]their own persons the due penalty of their error.²⁸ And just as they did not see fit ^[u]to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, ^[v]haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

- QUESTION? What's the symbol of the gay pride movement? Rainbow
 - QUESTION? Why has the gay pride movement chosen the rainbow?
 - This is sinful man basically being defiant in the face of God
 - The symbol God uses to promise he will never again flood the earth has been coopted by the very people that God will one day punish with fire.
 - Not only have they adopted God's covenant symbol of His grace to represent blatant immorality, but they also want everyone else to participate and approve of their sin as well.
- Notice God passes judgment on men, and not on the demons that came down to men
- QUESTION? Why is God judging man for something fallen angels did?
 - Genesis is the story of man, and God already has judgment planned for fallen angels
 - *Gen 6:3, Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not ^[t]strive with man forever, ^[c]because he also is flesh; ^[d]nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."*
 - The implication is that men and women had a choice, and chose wickedness.
- **What is the meaning of 120 years? Two views:**
 - Perhaps that's how many years mankind had left before the flood came upon the earth
 - *Gen 5:32, Noah was 500 years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth*
 - *Gen 7:6, Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth Gen 7:6*
 - *Gen 11:10, These are the records of the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old, and ^[a]became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood (So Shem was 98 when the flood occurred.)*
 - So probably, the flood came within 120 years of God's decree to wipe out the earth
 - Perhaps it's how many years God decrees that man will live after the flood
 - After the flood, lifespans steadily decreased until there is no biblical record of anyone living past 120 years after Moses
 - Moses was exactly 120 years old when he died!
 - *Deu 34:7, ⁷ Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.*
 - Or both! Years to the flood and lifespan of man
 - Again we see the patience and grace of God during the time just before the flood.
 - Noah was preaching the whole time he was building!
 - *2 Pet 2:4-10, ⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a ^[a]preacher of*

righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; ⁷ and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men ⁸ (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), ⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from ^[b]temptation (actually trials, or testing), and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰ and especially those who ^[c]indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

- This verse is also compelling support for a pre-Tribulation rapture of the church

- **Gen 6:5, ⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

- **God SAW** Man's Wickedness

- **was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved ^[a]in His heart.**

- **God FELT** sorry and was grieved

- Wickedness-Raah: Evil, misery, distress, violence, disaster

- QUESTION? Did God just now happen to notice?

- *Heb 4:13 (NLT), ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.*

- Sin compounded by intentional demonic involvement

- Man's "every intent of the thoughts" were nothing but evil continually

- Every-(kol) all

- Intention-construction, framework, purpose

- Thoughts-inventions, designs, schemes

- Heart--inner man, mind, will, emotions

- Only-altogether without exception, nothing but

- Evil-bad, evil

- Continually-(kol-yom) all, always, "all day long", "every day", 24/7

- **Gen 6:6, ⁶ The LORD** QUESTION? Why would God feel sadness? What is God's heart about this?

- The NLT renders it this way: "It broke his heart".

- *Ez 33:11, ¹¹ As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live. Turn! Turn from your wickedness, O people of Israel! Why should you die?*

- *Mat 23:37, ³⁷ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.*

- **Gen 6:7, ⁷ The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the ^[a]sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."**

- **God DECIDED** to do something

- QUESTION? Why does God have to do something?

- It says He will "blot out" (Heb. "maha"), means to completely erase without a trace, to abolish, destroy, to rub off any evidence of what was

- QUESTION? How would a global flood accomplish this purpose?
- QUESTION? Why aren't there billions of people fossilized in the geologic record?
 - Fossils only form under a very specific set of conditions
 - Instant burial in water
 - High pressure
 - Lack of oxygen (oxygen quickly destroys organic matter)
 - Mineralization of organic materials
 - Scientific studies of the fossil record have shown the following:
 - 95% of all fossils are marine shellfish, oysters, clams, trilobites,
 - 95% of the remaining 5% are algae and plants (oil and coal)
 - 95% of the remain 5% are other invertebrates, insects
 - That leaves 0.0125% of all fossils, 95% of which are mostly fish, and a few dinosaurs
 - The remaining 5% or so are mammals (mammoths, sabretooth tigers) (about 0.000625% - six ten-thousandths of a percent)
 - Of that six-ten-thousandth of a percent, human fossils are virtually non-existent, and are usually pieced together from single scattered bones or bone fragments
 - "Lucy" is perhaps the most famous fossil, and she's not even human, but rather what is known as a "hominid", or a bi-ped tree-dweller.
 - *"Lucy was found by Donald Johanson and Tom Gray on November 24, 1974, at the site of Hadar in Ethiopia. They had taken a Land Rover out that day to map in another locality. After a long, hot morning of mapping and surveying for fossils, they decided to head back to the vehicle. Johanson suggested taking an alternate route back to the Land Rover, through a nearby gully. Within moments, he spotted a right proximal ulna (forearm bone) and quickly identified it as a hominid. Shortly thereafter, he saw an occipital (skull) bone, then a femur, some ribs, a pelvis, and the lower jaw. Two weeks later, after many hours of excavation, screening, and sorting, several hundred fragments of bone had been recovered, representing 40 percent of a single hominid skeleton." – The Institute of Human Origins*
 - *"Lucy, discovered almost half a century ago, was the most complete skeleton of the earliest hominid ever found at the time. She changed our understanding of human evolution. There's little doubt Lucy walked on two feet like a modern human, or that she climbed trees to sleep, avoid predators or gather food. Some scientists — including some involved in this study — even think she died after a fall from one. But just how much time she spent in trees has been a subject of contention because interpretations of her ancient skeletal clues are hard to prove. For the latest study, researchers looked at the ways bones can grow stronger or weaker with everyday use. And by examining the internal structure of Lucy's upper right arm and*

leg bones and comparing them with the bones of around 100 chimpanzees and 1,000 modern humans, they concluded that climbing trees wasn't just some trivial task. Lucy did it enough that the ratio of strength between her arms and legs is slightly more chimpish than human." -The New York Times

- ANSWER:
 - God said he would wipe humans off the face of the earth
 - The tendency of dead mammals to “bloat and float”
 - Mammals would try to swim on the surface
 - Humans would look for higher ground or jump in a boat to try to survive – they would also end up on the surface
- **Gen 6:8-12, ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.⁹ These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, ^[a]blameless in his ^[b]time; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ Noah ^[c]became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.**
 - QUESTION? What do we notice about these verses?
 - **Noah was righteous, blameless, and walked with God**
 - QUESTION? Does the bible say Noah was sinless?
 - No. Gen 9:21 says Noah planted a vineyard and got drunk!
 - How is Noah made righteous?
 - By faith!
 - *Heb 11:7, ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, ^[a]in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*
 - *John 1:29, ²⁹ The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*
 - *Rev 13:8b, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.*
 - **The earth was corrupt**
 - Evolution teaches that humans have been “improving”
 - **Gen 6:13-22, ¹³ Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall ^[a]cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred ^[a]cubits, its breadth fifty ^[a]cubits, and its height thirty ^[a]cubits. ¹⁶ You shall make a ^[a]window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from ^[a]the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. ²¹ As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them.” ²² Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.**

- QUESTION? Did this really happen?
 - Those who don't believe in Noah's flood also don't believe the words of Jesus
 - *The words of Jesus: Luke 17:26-30, ²⁶ And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ [a] It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and [b]brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰ It will be [c]just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.*
- The end of all flesh is before me, an expression, the matter is decided.
- Ark (tebah) – A box! Or a basket, only other usage is the reed basket that saved Moses
- Different from Ark of the Covenant (aron), a chest, as opposed to a box -Ex 25:10
- QUESTION? How many decks did the ark have?
- The ark was about 45-50 feet tall, 75-80 feet wide, and 450-500 feet long
 - QUESTION? Were these dimensions important?
 - Yes, for the sheer size that was needed to hold all the animals
 - The ratio of LxWxH has been proved over the centuries to lead to the most stable vessels
 - This design could tip more than 90 degrees and still not capsize
 - Length x Width of all modern freighters is between 6:1 and 8:1
 - The volume is the equivalent of 522 boxcars
 - Estimates are that it could hold over 125,000 mid-sized animals (sheep sized)
 - But the average animal is smaller than this
 - Plus we didn't have so much variation in the species back then
 - Large enough to carry two of every species of air-breathing land creatures on the earth today, with room to spare!
 - The rest of the space was for housing the family and for food.
- QUESTION? How did Noah collect all those creatures?
- QUESTION? Did Noah speak at all during this passage?
- QUESTION? What does the bible say that Noah did?