

A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE END TIMES

Week 6: Tracing the Lineage of the Giants May 29, 2022

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I. Review

- A. By this point, we've set a strong foundation in our analysis of *Genesis 6:1-4.*
 - 1. A few of you are still wondering why we are spending so much time trying to understand this passage and its implications
 - 2. Trust me that will become very self-evident in the lessons ahead
 - 3. Meantime: "If we don't get this passage in *Genesis* right, as well as the first Bible prophecy in *Genesis 3:15*, then all other prophecies in Scripture from this point forward will rest on a shaky foundation"
 - a. Furthermore, Jesus said in *Matthew 24:37* "....as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."
 - b. In other words, to understand the prophecies that lie ahead of us, we must understand the prophecies that lie behind us.
 - c. The future is connected to the past. Therefore, we MUST understand *Genesis* well if we're going to get things right in *Revelation*.
 - 4. Last week's lesson spent some time unpacking the heresies which have sprung up around this passage.
 - a. We saw how some of the church fathers like Augustine, Luther, and Calvin have helped to actively promote a view of Scripture which goes against a responsible interpretation
 - b. This is why many churches today, particularly those of the Reformed denominations, do not have an accurate view of Bible prophecy.
 - c. They are leaning on shaky foundations from their own denominational origins and from those church leaders which they choose to venerate.
- B. We're staying focused on a proper interpretation in this class, and so we've learned that the *physical seed* of Satan will be at ongoing war with the *physical seed* of the woman.
 - 1. This is what God Himself stated when He pronounced His judgements in the in the Garden of Eden
 - 2. Satan knows his eventual destruction will come through one who has uncorrupted *human* genetics
 - 3. And so we see in *Genesis 6:1-4* that Satan and his fallen angels first set their sights on the human race as a whole
 - a. Not knowing any more than what God had declared in the Garden of Eden, Satan seeks to corrupt the genome of the entire pool of humanity (He used a scattergun approach to attack the biggest possible target).
 - b. However, the Bible states in *Genesis 6:9* that Noah was found to be 'perfect in his generations', which meant he was genetically untainted.

- c. Because he was a righteous man, he married a woman who was also genetically untainted; which means their three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, were untainted as well.
- d. In fact, we KNOW that all this to be the case because Jesus descends through the line of Shem, one of Noah's sons.
- e. At this time, nearly all of the rest of humanity had been corrupted by the fallen angelic genome (the 'zera' of *Genesis 3:15*).
- f. Things were so bad by this point that *Genesis 6:12* tells us "all flesh had become corrupted."
- g. We cannot underestimate how bad the situation had become.
- C. That's why God sent The Great Flood
 - 1. The worldwide flood was God's way of rebooting humanity and preserving the Messianic promise.
 - 2. It was God's countermove, if you will, against Satan's strategy to prevent his own prophesied destruction.
- II. IN THIS LESSON, WE ARE GOING TO LEARN HOW THE GIANTS, THE NEPHILIM, (THESE HYBRID ENTITIES THAT WERE PART FALLEN ANGEL AND PART HUMAN) RETURN AFTER THE GREAT FLOOD.

NOTE: Look at the first part of Genesis 6:4 - - "and also afterward..."

- A. Again, in the pursuit of proper Biblical interpretation, we have to evaluate the context of everything we read.
 - 1. This chapter in *Genesis* describes the cause and the onset of The Great Flood
 - a. The cause of The Great Flood, as we've seen, is the widespread corruption of human genetics by the fallen angels.
 - b. The cause is the preservation of the human genome, and the preservation of the Messianic promise.
 - c. In effect, the cause of The Great Flood was to keep intact God's plan for our salvation.
- A. Therefore, when we read that the Nephilim were on the earth 'after that' as well, we need to ask ourselves 'After what?'
 - 2. The context, both immediate and larger, connects the widespread entry of the Nephilim with God's decision to send The Great Flood.
 - 3. The two elements are in a direct relationship that's patently evident right here in *Genesis Ch. 6 and* it's also evident in *2 Peter 2:4-5* which reads:

"For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them deep into hell, placing them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, among the eight;"

4. The direct connections are made here:

- a. The Nephilim invade the earth and nearly take it over completely.
- b. God incarcerates the fallen angels who committed this heinous act that was in direct violation of His created order (more on this later).
- c. God sends The Great Flood to reboot humanity.
- d. God spares Noah and seven others in the process.
- B. So, an important question arises: "How can we explain the re-emergence of the Nephilim, the hybrid giants, AFTER The Great Flood?"
 - 1. Let's make sure we get TWO absolute truths down pat first:
 - a. Number one, the Nephilim returned AFTER The Great Flood (Genesis 6:4a makes that very clear as of course does the rest of Scripture. We see giants in several Biblical accounts AFTER The Great Flood).
 - b. **Number two,** The Great Flood destroyed everything on earth that was NOT in the ark **(Cf. Genesis 7:20-24)**
 - c. The Bible is painstakingly clear here. We cannot make any argument that anything outside of the ark survived The Great Flood.
- C. We are left with two possible answers to this question - only TWO!
 - 1. The first option is the fallen angels had another incursion into humanity after The Great Flood as they had done before it.
 - a. This is extremely unlikely since **2 Peter 2:4**, and **Jude 6** both make it clear that God severely punished this group of fallen angels and made an example of them
 - b. Furthermore, Satan had already tried to play that card and he failed.
 - c. Nowhere in the Bible does it state that fallen angels tried again to have relations with human women as they did in *Genesis 6:1-4*
 - d. While plenty of scholars and prophecy experts (LA Marzulli being one) go with this option. I think it is extremely unlikely, and it lacks Biblical support.
 - 2. The second option is there was a stowaway on the ark. The Nephilim gene somehow made it onto the ark, and it re-emerged in some way after The Great Flood.
 - a. This is not only the only logical option left for us to consider, but as we will see, it is the option which the Scriptures support
 - b. Various prophecy experts (like Ryan Pitterson) go with this option. So do I.
- D. So how did this happen?

NOTE: Again, let's get some logic and common sense thinking down pat here.

- 1. Jesus came from the lineage of Noah and his wife, which means Noah was genetically pure and so was his wife.
 - a. The fallen angel seed had not corrupted Noah or his wife. In fact, as we already learned, the Bible makes this quite clear: Noah was physically unblemished, "perfect in his generations."

- 2. That means Noah's three sons were also genetically uncorrupted.
 - a. We also know this to be true because Jesus Christ came from the lineage of Shem, one of Noah's three sons. If Jesus Christ Christ, was to be God in the flesh as was prophesied (and of course, we know He was), then He could not have any corrupted human genome in His bloodline.
- 3. That leaves only one option which is reasonable: one or more of the wives of Noah's sons was a carrier of the Nephilim gene.
 - a. She may not have physically manifested the outward evidence of this, but her genome had been, in some way, corrupted from her own lineage.
 - b. Again, we know it was not Shem's wife, because Jesus Christ came through that branch of the family tree.

III. Here's where things get interesting: The Bible shows very clearly it was the lineage of Ham that the Nephilim returned from.

NOTE: So, we can conclude from the facts at hand, that Ham's wife was the culprit carrier. **NOTE:** I encourage each of you to go to <u>beginningandend.com</u> and read their series on "The Bloodlines of the Nephilim." They go into this issue in great depth. I will do a surface review today.

- A. Right off the bat: We need to understand that when the Bible gives an emphasis to someone or something in a way it does not give to someone or something else similar, it is because God's Word wants us to take special notice.
 - 1. It's the Bible's way of saying, "something significant is happening here."
 - 2. And it does this with Ham in Genesis 9:18.
 - 3. Right away, as soon as the Bible introduces Ham after The Great Flood, he is mentioned as being "The Father of Canaan." His brothers get no such mention.
- B. As we will see, Canaan, Ham's son, clearly carried the Nephilim gene.
 - 1. Again, using logic here, this could only happen if Ham's wife was the carrier on the ark.
 - 2. We can figure out pretty quickly by looking at the Scriptures that Ham was wicked and did not follow God the same way his father and brothers did.
 - 3. Being the rebellious son that he was, it's not surprising that Ham took a wife from the pagan, fallen, hybrid Nephilim culture
 - 4. Again, this doesn't mean Ham's wife was a giantess, but she was, at some level, a carrier of a latent Nephilim gene.
- C. Noah, in fact, pronounced a curse on Canaan in a curious story found in *Genesis 9:20-26*.
 - 1. This is the story where Noah got drunk and naked after The Great Flood. (Proof, by the way, that Noah was not spiritually 'perfect').

- 2. Ham, out of some sort of evil intent, looked on his father's nakedness, and made it public.
- 3. Shem and Japheth, by contrast, respected their father and covered him up.
- 4. When Noah regained his proper frame of mind, he pronounced a curse, not on Ham, but on his son, Canaan.
- 5. I think, by this point, Noah knew things were not right with Ham's lineage. We can only guess as to what Noah suspected, but it was sufficient for him to pronounce a curse on Canaan *(Cf. Genesis 9:25-27).*
- 6. Noah makes Ham's lineage subordinate to the lineages of his brothers. An echo of what God had stated when He cursed Satan.
- D. From this point forward, the Bible calls out and gives special attention to the descendants of Ham, who precipitates the ongoing Nephilim curse, while the lineage of Jesus Christ comes through Shem.
 - More specifically, the lineage of the post-flood Nephilim can be traced specifically to three of Ham's sons, Cush, Mizraim and Canaan. Remember these names....
 - 2. Again, there is a special distinction. The first grandson of Ham who receives special distinction in *Genesis* 10:6-12 is Nimrod.
 - 3. Nimrod, like Ham and Canaan before him, gets some extra content. However, Nimrod gets even more, he is Cush's son.
- E. What do we know about Nimrod?
 - 1. He is the first Biblical type of the future and final antichrist.
 - 2. He was the first murderer and conqueror in the post-Flood world.
 - 3. He was the founder of the city of Babylon, which throughout the Scriptures is known as the center of satanic idolatry, and the origin of all pagan religions.
 - 4. Babylon was founded in the plains of Shinar, in that part of the world which became known as ancient Assyria.
 - a. The Bible also makes the case that this will be the region of origin for the future antichrist.
 - b. One such passage is *Micah 5:6-7* which presents Jesus Christ as Israel's future Messiah and conqueror OF the antichrist. It states:

"And He will be our peace when Assyria invades our land and tramples our citadels. We will raise against it seven shepherds, even eight leaders of men. And they will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod with the blade drawn. So He will deliver us when Assyria invades our land and marches into our borders...."

- 5. Notice: the Bible connects the future antichrist with the land and the person of Nimrod (More interesting information on these details in future lessons).
- 6. Nimrod led the effort to build the tower of Babel, which was a structure that was used in an attempt to access the fallen angelic realm once more through pagan ritual.

- 7. Nimrod was the first to try to establish a one-world governing system.
- 8. Nimrod himself was worshiped as a god, and he was known by other names in ancient cultures: Gilgamesh in the Sumerian culture, and Osiris in the Egyptian culture.
- 9. Nimrod shows up in the mythology of many ancient cultures; Hungarian, Greek, Arabic, Syrian, and Armenian legends.
- 10. There is considerable evidence that the Epic of Gilgamesh and the Greek myth, Hercules, both find their origins in Nimrod's life. In the Sumerian texts, Nimrod is described as 2/3 god and 1/3 man.
- 11. There are a few other interesting details about Nimrod, but I want to draw your attention to two of them in particular:
 - a. First, in *Genesis 10:9*, it says: "....he (Nimrod) began to be a mighty one in the earth."
 - The term for "mighty one", *gibborim*, is the same Hebrew phrase used to describe the Nephilim giants in Chapter 6 of Genesis who were also called "mighty men".
 - It is also the same term used to describe the giant Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:51.
 - ➤ In Matthew Henry's Bible Commentary, in other commentaries, and perhaps most importantly, in the Septuagint, the oldest translation of the OT it is stated that Nimrod BEGAN TO BE A GIANT UPON THE EARTH.
 - ➤ In the ancient myths, as well as in the apocryphal books, and even here in the Scriptures, the case is suggested that Nimrod, through some occultic means, transformed himself into a giant.
 - ➤ I believe this is the proper way to view this Biblical text, and it is part of the reason the Bible gives him so much special attention.
 - b. The second detail I want to draw your attention to is the structure of the tower of Babel.
 - The fanciful illustrations of many books have this structure all wrong. They imagine it to be an immensely tall tower, something that "reaches to the heavens" as Genesis 11:4 puts it.
 - That's not an accurate representation of the physical character of this edifice, nor is it an accurate representation of its purpose.
 - ➤ The physical structure was more like a terraced pyramid, also known as a ziggurat.
 - ➤ The purpose of it was to be a 'stargate,' a portal if you will - to be a focus of occultic activity with the ambition of allowing mankind access to the spiritual realm, and vice versa.
 - c. When God came down to see the city and tower they were building (Cf. Gen. 11:5), He said, "nothing they plan to do will be impossible for

- them." This was not a statement about mankind's architectural talents; it was a statement by God concerning mankind's efforts to revive the pre-flood knowledge and achievements (which were considerable, BTW)
- d. So, what did God do? He confused their languages. He scattered them all over the face of the earth *(Cf. Genesis 11:8)*
- e. As a result, what do we see in archeology all over the world?
 - ➤ Various forms of ziggurats (pyramids) - all of them associated with evil, with spiritual darkness, with accessing the 'gods' (They simply took Nimrod's ideas and goals with them wherever they went).
 - They also took with them in every part of the globe an account of The Great Flood, a story about Nimrod (renaming him as we've already seen), and the account that Nimrod was part 'god' and part man. All accounts make him to be a giant as well.
 - And all over the world, where these ziggurats are found, they are also known as occultic / UFO hotspots (more on this later).
 - ➤ It has remained the goal of the occultic community to finish the job that Nimrod didn't: to bring about a new "golden age" like they see the pre-Flood world, and to once again have the 'gods' come down and physically interface with mankind again.
 - You can see this precise objective in the artwork of your dollar bill. There is the unfinished pyramid with the all-seeing / occultic eye above it.
 - In truth, our modern world leaders greatly desire to become part-gods as Nimrod did, to return to a new 'golden age,' and to unite the world under one rule as Nimrod tried to.

IV. LETS LOOK CLOSER AT THE NEPHILIM LINEAGE: THE OTHER SONS OF HAM ARE NOTED IN THE BIBLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS LINEAGE AS WELL:

- A. Besides Cush, there is Mizraim...
 - 1. "And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim." (Cf. Genesis 10:13-14.)
 - 2. Here we see the origin of the Philistines, from which Goliath, a giant came.
 - 3. The Philistine nation, as the Bible later shows, was a hotbed for the Nephilim gene. They were profound opponents of Israel, and they were never fully conquered as God instructed Moses and Joshua to do.
 - 4. The area / territory they came from was Gath. We know that same area as Gaza today, which continues to be a problem for Israel even in our times.
- B. Let's keep going: "And Mizraim begat Ludim, And Canaan begat Sidon his first born, and Heth, And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite," (Cf. Genesis 10:14-16.)

- 1. The Jebusites, the Amorites and Gergashites, all cousins of Nimrod, are mentioned time and time again in the accounts of the Israelites capturing the Promised Land.
- 2. These tribes were usurpers in the Promised Land and they too carried the Nephilim gene.
- 3. This is why God had to deal mercilessly with these nations and tribes. It's not that He is a genocidal God, but rather that He was trying to scrub the Promised Land from the Nephilim curse.
- 4. The Nephilim threatened not only the existence of the human race itself before this point, but also the ability of an all-human Messiah to eventually be born in Israel as well.
- 5. This is why God gave specific instructions to Moses on how to battle and conquer the tribes and nations they would encounter in the Promised Land (Cf. Deut. 7:1-3).

"When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. —"

NOTE: God mentions the Nephilim nations by name, and we see those very nations in the lineage of Ham (The Bible traces this lineage very carefully because God wants us to pay attention to it).

NOTE: God describes these nations to Moses and to the Israelites as "greater and mightier than you."

- 6. The physical size and military advantage was clearly on the side of the Nephilim giants.
- 7. What God was reminding Moses of was that the **Lord Himself was going to supernaturally intervene** so these Nephilim could be defeated.
- 8. God was not going to permit these superhuman, powerful hybrids to dominate humanity and to prevent the Messiah from coming or Biblical prophecy from being fulfilled.
- 9. That's why God not only says to wipe out these nations and to destroy them completely, but He makes a specific point of prohibiting any marriage between them.

Now - - I've just scratched the surface of this issue of the bloodlines of the Nephilim.

But what I've shared is sufficient enough to show you that God is declaring, in His inspired Word, just how the enduring enmity between the two seeds of *Genesis 3:15* would play out.