

A Biblical View OF THE END TIMES

A HISTORY OF HERESY, PART 1

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A. Review of what we've learned...

1. This lesson is called “A History of Heresy, Part 1.”

NOTE: It's going to take a couple of lessons to get through some more things that are also foundational to our study in Biblical prophecy.

- Next week we'll have **Part 2 of “A History of Heresy”** and you will find the picture looking forward from that point will start to gain some sharp focus.
- Again – it is SO important to properly understand the details of the past if we are going to properly understand the details about the future.
- The things we are learning now are directly connected to some of the most debated and misunderstood things we will learn about the future!

2. We saw that after Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, that sin was no longer confined to the spiritual realm. It had now invaded the physical realm.

- Remember, Satan's fall happened at a point PRIOR to the literal six-day Creation. Satan showed up in the Garden of Eden, and he was already evil.
- God pronounced judgements on Satan in **Genesis 3:15**. We saw these pronouncements were prophetic – God said several things would come to pass:
 - The woman's **physical** seed would be at ongoing enmity with Satan's **physical** seed, and vice versa.
 - A singular individual would – at some point - emerge from the woman's pure genetic lineage to 'crush' Satan.
 - By comparison, Satan would do little more to this future individual, than figuratively 'bruise His heel.'

NOTE: We know – from the full counsel of God's Word – that this was a prophecy of the Messiah to come, Jesus Christ, and of Satan's eventual total destruction by Christ.

- So, in this very first prophecy in **Genesis 3:15** – aka the 'protoevangelium' - the basic framework of all Bible prophecy was set in place.

NOTE: But what about that 'seed' thing? How could Satan – a fallen angel – have genetic progeny? How could any fallen angel reproduce in this manner?

3. That led us to the next step in this prophetic equation. We studied the meaning of the Hebrew term, ***b'nai Elohim*** (translated ‘sons of God’ in our English Bibles) as this term relates to the account of ***Genesis 6:1-4***.

- Because it is vital to discern the original Biblical meaning, we paid particular attention to the original construct of this term.
 - We saw that ***b'nai Elohim*** is defined in Hebrew as meaning ‘heavenly beings.’
 - We also saw that the term meant beings that are ‘supernaturally created by God.’
- Because it is important to align with other passages on the same subject, we looked at this term’s use and derivatives in other parts of Scripture.
- We affirmed its consistent application and meaning. We saw that ***b'nai Elohim*** is ALWAYS used in the OT to refer to angels.
- We saw how it is only AFTER the death and resurrection of Christ that believers are similarly defined as ‘sons of God’ in several NT passages.
 - But that fact underscores the exclusive supernatural process of our salvation, an act which is based on God’s sovereign will and power.
 - But no humans are called ***b'nai Elohim*** (or the NT Greek equivalent) before this point.
 - The sole exception is Adam who was not a natural human. He was uniquely and supernaturally created by God.

4. Again, this reinforces that ***b'nai Elohim*** in the OT can only refer to angels – both fallen and righteous.

- It was here that we stepped back a pace or two last week, and we reminded ourselves of a few things from Scripture:
 - Angels were created with the ability to manifest and function in physical form, and to interact with mankind and other earthly elements (***Cf. Gen. 3:24; Gen. 6:1-4; Gen. 18:8; Heb. 13:2, Et al.***).
 - We saw righteous angels stay within the boundaries of God’s divine order according to ***Matt. 22:30***; that is why they are ‘righteous.’
 - But it’s also clear that unrighteous angels violated those terms (***Cf. Gen. 6:1-4; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6***).
 - Considering the consistency of the arguments, our lesson last week affirmed that it is irresponsible to believe the phrase ‘sons of God’ in ***Genesis 6:1-4*** refers to any sort of human definition.
 - The basic protocols of proper Biblical interpretation do not support this choice.

5. We ended last week’s lesson by underscoring the ONLY responsible conclusions that we could. ***Genesis 6:1-4*** is stating a series of things very plainly:

- First, **fallen** angels entered the visible physical sphere of humanity and directly interacted with mankind before the flood.

- They lusted after human women and – in fact – had sexual relations with them.
- They ‘married any of them they chose.’ This may have been a forced arrangement as much as not. Remember, these are fallen angels.
- As a result, they blended their ‘seed’ (Hebrew: Zera) with human ‘seed’ (Zera). This conforms to **exactly** what **Gen. 3:15** stated would happen.
- These illicit relationships produced descendants. The Bible calls these progenies “Nephilim” or “giants.” They were massive and they were legendary.
- These Nephilim were not fully human or fully angelic – they were partly both. They were a hybrid of two different orders of entities.
- Most churches, pastors, seminaries, and Christian leaders REFUSE to see any of this for what it is - - but THIS is what the Bible plainly teaches.
- THIS is what the three rules of responsible Biblical interpretation tell us.

B. I want to pick up from this point and move into the main intentions of this week’s lesson.

NOTE: I want to touch on a few points in this transition:

1. First, I want to comment on the word, “Nephilim.”

- The word Nephilim (נָפִילִים) comes from the root Hebrew verb ‘naphal’ (נָפַל), which means “to fall, to lie, or to abandon or dash down.”
- This leads to translations which say things like "fallen ones" or "those who cause falling" - - and the association is evident with the fallen angels.
- Some ancient translations (i.e. Septuagint, Vulgate) rendered this term directly as ‘giants’ (from the word ‘Gigantes’).
- Some scholars link the word ‘nephilim’ to an Aramaic term which also suggests meanings like "powerful ones" or "those who attack."
- However, I think, when we consider the dominant Hebrew constituency of the OT, it’s probably best to conclude a Hebrew origin for the term ‘Nephilim.’
- But the bottom line is Scripture tells us these “Nephilim” were fallen entities – they were corrupt in their very nature.
- They were a product of deception and abandonment. And as we will learn, they were UNREDEEMABLE.
- They were a violation of God’s created order. They did not have ‘souls’ the same way God created humans to have.
- And of course, we see these things emphasized in the Bible:
 - It’s clear from **Genesis 6:1-4** that fallen angels violated God’s design.
 - It’s also clear from **Jude 1:6** that these fallen angels “abandoned their estate” - - in other words, they stepped outside of God’s divine order of things, and they engaged in this corrupt behavior.
- And as some of your translations read, these Nephilim were ‘giants’ (they were huge, imposing, and very tall).

2. **Question: Just how big were these giants?** (we'll look at four Scripture reference points):

- FIRST, in **Num. 13:33** – the spies that scouted out the Promised Land returned and reported that they saw “*the Nephilim there....the sons of Anak.*”
 - We are going to study the lineage (the family history) of these giants in an upcoming lesson.
 - You will see how the Bible traces the generations of the Nephilim very carefully - - here they are called “*the sons of Anak*” and we will see that to be true.
 - But for now, let's consider that the spies reported they themselves were like grasshoppers by comparison to these giants.
 - We don't have specific dimensions given here, but we do see language that suggests a vast chasm of differences. The giants that were in the land of Canaan were massive.
- SECOND, in **Amos 2:9** – there is provided a narrative where God reminds Israel of the way He went before them as they entered the Promised land.
- God says, “*And I have destroyed the Amorite from before them, whose height [is] as the height of cedars, And he [is] strong as the oaks, And I destroyed his fruit from above, And his roots from beneath.*”
 - Here is another reference to another genetic lineage, and here the giants are called ‘*the Amorites*’.
 - Again, we will see specifically in an upcoming lesson that this was a Nephilim tribe.
 - But **Amos 2:9** says their height was ‘*as the height of cedar trees and their strength like oak trees.*’
 - It's worth noting that skeletons have been found of giants that were over 30 feet tall. This evidence has been found the world over - - and we will learn why we see this dispersion.
 - This sort of height and strength certainly aligns with comparisons to cedar trees and oak trees.
- THIRD, there was King Og of Bashan in **Deut. 3:3-11** that the Israelites defeated on their way to the Promised Land. The Bible reports him as:
 -an Amorite (so - - here is another connection to the tribe known as the Amorites. Again, this is one of the Nephilim tribes)
 - King Og's bed was recorded in Scripture as being roughly 14 feet long and 6 feet wide (basically, King Og was the height of TWO basketball players)
 - Remember, the Bible doesn't waste details. Everything has an intent. There is a reason these details are recorded so carefully as they are.
- FOURTH, most of us are familiar with Goliath whom David fought.

- Goliath is recorded in **1 Sam. 17:4** as being “six cubits and a span” in height. That is roughly 9 ½ - 10 feet tall.
- Goliath is also recorded in **2 Sam. 21:15-22** as having relatives. Some scholars conclude these were brothers; others say one brother and three nephews. It doesn’t really matter...
- What matters is these four relatives are recorded as giants. And one of them is noted as having six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot.
- It is very likely that David knew about these other four relatives of Goliath when he picked up five smooth stones for his sling.
- Slings are lethal in the hands of an experienced person, and the Bible tells us David killed lions and bears with his sling.
- I think chances are strong David felt confident he would kill Goliath, and he probably wondered if he’d need to contend with Goliath’s relatives after that too.

NOTE: The information about six fingers and toes is a detail the Scriptures provide that we should not quickly dismiss. This is a physical feature that appears often in the skeletons of giants.

- It is claimed by some early American explorers in their various writings that the reason for the classic Indian greeting where one holds up their hand was to clearly and quickly show **only five digits**.
- The truth is there have been hundreds of giant skeletons found in the Americas, with many of those being 12 feet tall or more, and multiple of these skeletons have 6 fingers and toes – as well as double rows of teeth. A lot of older newspaper articles have photos and details.
- Here is an interesting excerpt from Buffalo Bill Cody’s Autobiography. I’m going to read it to you in Buffalo Bill’s own words:

“While we were in the sand-hills, scouting the Niobrara country, the Pawnee Indians brought into camp, one night, some very large bones, one of which a surgeon of the expedition pronounced to be the thigh bone of a human being. The Indians claimed that the bones they had found were those of a person belonging to a race of people who a long time ago lived in this country. There once was a race of men on the earth whose size was about three times that of an ordinary man, and they were so swift and powerful that they could run alongside of a buffalo, and taking the animal in one arm, could tear off a leg and eat the meat as they walked. These giants denied the existence of a Great Spirit, and when they heard the thunder or saw the lightning, they laughed at it and said that they were greater than either. This so displeased the Great Spirit that he caused a great rain storm to come, and the water kept rising higher and higher so that it drove those proud and conceited giants from the low grounds to the hills, and thence to the mountains, but at last even the mountain tops were submerged, and then those mammoth men were all drowned. After the flood had subsided, the Great Spirit came to the conclusion that he had made man too large and powerful, and that he would therefore correct the mistake by creating a race of men of smaller size and less

strength. This is the reason, say the Indians, that modern men are small and not like the giants of old, and they claim that this story is a matter of Indian history which has been handed down among them from time immemorial. As we had no wagons with us at the time this large and heavy bone was found, we were obliged to leave it."

- BTW, the Niobrara country is around Lusk and Douglas, WYO. Not that far north of us.
- It's interesting here to note the similar account as The Great Flood of the Bible. Many ancient cultures have stories very similar to the Biblical Great Flood.
- But I want to point out one more historical feature related to the six fingers issue. Some of you have been down to the four corners / Mesa Verde site, or perhaps on down to Chaco Canyon in northwestern New Mexico.
 - Throughout these parts are thousands of Petroglyphs (rock etchings) where unusually large figures are drawn alongside normal figures.
 - These larger figures sometimes clearly show six fingers and six toes. Some of them seem to be shown with longer necks, elongated skulls, and larger eyes too – distinctly different features than the human renderings show.
 - Many ancient cultures record giants, and nearly always, the record shows these giants as bloodthirsty, cannibalistic, and totally evil.
 - I would suggest to you that the Indians of the Four Corners area built their houses high in the clefts and overhangs of cliffs to protect themselves from giants which they encountered, and that they were likely exterminated by the giants as well (or they fled to escape them).

NOTE: I want to make a comment here about the disappearance of all these skeletons and of the various archeological records.

- Since the Smithsonian's founding in 1846, officials from that institution have nearly always swooped in and taken possession of whatever bones and artifacts are found. It doesn't matter if the discoveries are on private property. This always happens – it is well documented.
- What they do with these items is largely unknown. There are several reports of these bones being dumped far out at sea. But the fact remains the Smithsonian does not want the evidence of these skeletons known.
- Why? It counters the evolution theory that Darwin first published in 1859. The record of the giants confirms the Biblical narrative. The attack against truth has been around a lot longer than just the past few years (ironic that the evolutionists and many churches today are allies on these matters).
- And as we are going to see, it's the Nephilim element of the past that will tie into the Nephilim element of the future.
- Whatever the government and official bodies can do to steer the narrative the way they wish, or however they can distract from the truth - they will do that....every time.

C. Back to *Genesis 6:1-4* where I want to unpack a couple of other details as well.

1. The first detail is the closing part of **vs. 6** which reads “*....These were the heroes of old, men of renown.*”
 - It’s important at this juncture to recognize the legends of this time which ancient cultures **all over the world** have similarly recorded.
 - Most of us studied Greek Mythology in school. It used to be part of most classic curriculums at some point. I don’t think it is now.
 - But the themes of Greek mythology are about ‘gods’ and demigods who interacted with humanity, who performed amazing feats of strength and valor, and who were often evil, wicked, and corrupt.
 - Think Apollo, Hercules, and Perseus as examples.
 - These ‘gods’ and superhumans were put into two categories: those who descended from the sky or from some divine place or mountain, and those who were products of these ‘gods’ and humans.
 - Here you see the clear parallels between fallen angels and the Nephilim.
 - This is known in ancient Greek culture as ‘the golden age.’ It is when great civilizations like Atlantis were built, and when knowledge and technology exploded.
 - These ancient civilizations built profoundly complex and enormous cities and edifices using technology that we still cannot duplicate or understand today.
 - Massive cities of amazing design and construction have been found under the oceans in various parts of the world. There is much effort to cover up this evidence.
 - The Bible is not only the divinely inspired Word of God which points us to the Gospel and the person and work of Jesus Christ, but it also provides a historical record that is accurate and very specific.
 - We can see various interesting close parallels here. And we can clearly see efforts throughout history to suppress all this truth.
2. Here’s another detail that is related to this matter of “heroes of old, etc.” We read in Greek Mythology about other creatures that were not as creatures and animals are today.
 - For example, there were horses with wings, human figures that were partly fish (mermaids), figures that were half-human and half-goat (fauns) or half-human and half-horse (centaurs), etc. etc.
 - It’s easy to write all this off as fantasy and fiction. But I, for one, do not subscribe to that view. I think there were these sorts of creatures pre-flood, though I have no opinion on what forms they might have taken.
 - I draw my conclusion from two positions:

- **The first** is the Bible: **Cf. Gen. 6:12** (reading from Young's Literal Translation); it says: *"And God seeth the earth, and lo, it hath been corrupted, for ALL flesh hath corrupted its way on the earth."*
- Multiple translations reinforce this same point. What happened before the flood was GENETIC corruption NOT ONLY of the human race, but apparently of many other creatures too.
- NOTE: The Bible states – as we've learned already – that animals and plants were to reproduce “after their own kind” (that was God's plan – but that plan was corrupted by Satan, and we see that underscored here in **Gen. 6:12**).
- **The second point from which I draw my conclusion** is found in the Book of Enoch which also describes how the fallen angels corrupted the animal kingdom and produced hybrid human-animal entities (think mermaid, fauns, and so on).
- This is also recorded in the ancient text known as the Book of Giants (NOTE: Fragments of both the Book of Enoch and the Book of Giants were found with the Dead Sea Scrolls – these documents are not inspired canon, but they are quoted in Scripture as being historically significant).
- **Remember**, God saved the animal kingdom on the ark too. His instructions to Noah in **Gen. 6:20** were to preserve ‘two of every kind’ of animal.
- This is similar language to that seen in **Gen. 1:24** when God created the animal kingdom and ordained it to reproduce ‘*after their kind*’.
- God created and ordained a system that was in conformity to His design and intentions.
- I believe the fallen angels corrupted this system too, and I think that is still going on today with various cryptids we know of.

D. So, let's step back a pace or two and try to grasp the bigger picture of what's happening in Gen. 6:1-4. This was the passage we focused on last week.

NOTE: There is a very logical and sequential series of events taking place, and each step of this process is supported by Scripture.

1. Satan deceives Eve in the Garden of Eden, and part of that deception is Satan tells her in **Gen. 3:5** that mankind “....will be like God.”
2. From that point to now – and **especially** in times to come – humanity will seek to do away with God, to replace God, to claim God has nothing to do with this created earth --- and will, in fact, try to “BE God.”
 - It's one of the most basic expressions of original sin: “God has nothing to do with why we are here, and mankind is in full control of his own destiny.”
3. As a result of the entry of sin into the world, God pronounces judgment on Adam, on Eve, and on Satan.
4. God specifically tells Satan that there is coming a future figure from “the seed of the woman” that will utterly destroy Satan.

5. Satan knows his destruction is certain unless he can do something to derail God's plans.
6. So we see how God said Satan's physical seed ('Zera') will be at ongoing enmity or hostility with the woman's physical seed (also 'Zera')
 - That is to say, there will be basic genetic warfare from that point forward.
 - Satan knows – as a result of God's prophetic announcement – that his own demise is guaranteed if the human genome remains pure.
 - Satan knows a Messiah will be born of the unadulterated "seed of the woman."
7. Not knowing any more than this, Satan's first target is humanity in general.
 - He picks up the proverbial shotgun and levels a broad blast against the entire genome of humanity.
 - He feels if he can comprehensively corrupt the genetics of mankind, and if he can create races of entities that will also be violent against humanity, then he can prevent the arrival of Jesus Christ – the one who will ultimately 'crush' him.
 - Satan can only go on what information he has acquired to this point. He doesn't know anything more specific than this.
 - So his initial efforts are to contaminate the entire globe of humanity by invading it with a hybrid race.
 - This hybrid race of beings (the Nephilim) will outbreed the regular human species. It will also kill it, destroy it, cannibalize it, and so on.
 - All these patterns with giants have been documented through the ages, from ancient history to more recent centuries.
 - Other human-animal hybrids will be violent against the human race too - - and, BTW, we will see this fact re-emerging in future times. The Bible records this (more on that later).

E. All of that brings us to the reason for The Great Flood, and we find an important insight in Genesis 6:9 - - just a few verses later.

1. It's here that we are introduced to a man called Noah, and it reads as follows:

"And these are the generations of Noah. Noah was a just man; being perfect in his generations, Noah was well-pleasing to God."

- We need to be careful here that we do not superimpose a meaning into this verse that it does not intend to communicate.
- Here is where ALL the rules of proper Biblical interpretation come into play at once: we need to understand the original language and its meaning, we need to keep our conclusions in harmony with other passages on the same issue, and we need to make sure our interpretations conform to the development of the context.

- Most pastors, teachers, and churches try to say at this point that Noah was somehow perfect in his conduct and his choices.
- But nothing could be further from the truth.
 - It is clear from reading about Noah's behaviors AFTER the Great Flood that he was far from having perfect behaviors.
 - Moreover, it is clear from **Rom. 5:12** that Noah's human constitution was no different than you and me. That passage reads:

*"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because **ALL** sinned—"*

- That means Noah was a sinner just like you and me. He wasn't somehow spiritually unique or different.
- Something else is being said in **Gen. 6:9** instead. And indeed, that is the case.

2. The Hebrew word for the phrase *"perfect in his generations"* in **Gen. 6:9** is **"tamiym"** and it is used elsewhere in Scripture to describe PHYSICAL integrity or wholesomeness.

- It is used multiple times in the books of **Genesis** through **Numbers** to describe an animal sacrifice **without physical blemish or physical imperfections**.
- **Leviticus 22:21** is just one such example. It reads:

"When anyone brings from the herd or flock a fellowship offering to the LORD to fulfill a special vow or as a freewill offering, it must be without defect or blemish to be acceptable."

- Again – the word is **"tamiym"** and its focus is not on some standard of spiritual constitution – but on physical integrity and physical wholesomeness.
- What the Bible is saying is Noah had remained genetically unpolluted. That is why it is said he was found to be 'perfect in his generations.'
- This is a physical assessment of Noah that is being made in **Gen. 6:9** and not a spiritual assessment.

NOTE: Within the greater details of **Genesis chapter 6**, we find Satan's plan to genetically corrupt the human race was masterfully executed.

- God's omniscience and omnipotence was NOT remotely in question here - but in strictly human terms, we can see the situation had become dire.
- Satan had made his chess moves to corrupt the human genome so the Messiah would be prevented from arriving through the seed of the woman.
- The Nephilim had nearly taken over the entire new earth. In fact – it was so bad that the Bible says in **Gen. 6:12** that *"all flesh had become corrupted."*
- Violence and corruption had peaked, and there was very little left of God's original order of things.

- But Noah was found to be “physically unblemished” – he and his wife and his three sons: Ham, Shem, and Japeth.
- Satan had played his best cards, and the situation had become grim.

3. Now it was God’s turn to make a chess move. Enter the great worldwide flood.

- Those who paint God as becoming so frustrated with man’s sinful condition that in a brash and unguarded moment He chose to drown everyone like a bunch of rats, have got it all wrong.
- They have subordinated Almighty God and His immutable (unchanging) character to a status no better than the pagan gods of any heathen culture.
- This is a heretical assumption. It makes no sense.
 - “*You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness*” (**Cf. Psalm 86:15**).
 - Jonah prayed in **Jonah 4:2**, “...you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.”
 - Many passages in Scripture – including the OT - make it clear that God is not only UNCHANGING, but He is also not measured by the limitations of human understanding.
 - We cannot put God in a box just so we are more comfortable with the way the situation looks TO US!
 - God is the same “...yesterday, today, and forever” (**Cf. Heb. 13:8**).
 - This is an unwavering truth which shatters any argument that God had a momentary lapse of character and reason way back at the time of The Great Flood.
 - God was not MORE upset with sin and corruption THEN than He is NOW.
 - There must have been another motive for this global flood. And there was!
 - Noah’s “zera” had remained genetically secure – unadulterated by the corrupt invasion of fallen angelic “zera” into the sphere of humanity.
 - The Great Flood was God’s way of protecting Noah and his family in order to preserve the Messianic promise of **Gen. 3:15**.
 - Putting that another way, the Great Flood was **necessary for our salvation**.
 - Satan’s seed was now at war with the seed of humanity. It was all happening just as God had prophesied in **Gen. 3:15**, and Satan was seeking to prevent his own destruction.
 - In effect, God rebooted mankind in a boat. Noah went into the ark with his wife and his sons, and their wives.
 - Eight folks embarked on the world’s first Mediterranean cruise and everyone else was left outside to tread water.

- There were no survivors in the latter group as **Gen. 7:21-23** makes abundantly clear.

NEXT WEEK: The heresy of the Sons of Seth theory. Unfortunately - - this is what is taught by most pastors today, it is what is taught in many seminaries, and it is a heresy that often shows up in the commentary notes of your Bible.

But - - it's NOT Biblical in the least - - and it flies in the face of all truth, all evidence, and ALL proper protocols of Biblical interpretation.



Solid Bread Community was started with a passion to teach the truth of God's Word – every part of it, as it was divinely inspired to be understood.

The rules are simple. First, teach what IS there. Don't pretend the Bible is not saying what it is saying.



Second, don't teach what is NOT there. Don't force a passage to mean something it really doesn't.

And – number three, if the Bible states it plainly, we should too.

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