

Sons of God and the Nephilim

What are the different views relative to who are the *sons of God* and the *Nephilim (giants)* identified in Genesis 6? Just who are these people has been debated since the Torah was given to mankind by YHWH.

Genesis 5:1-10 identifies by name some specific descendants of Adam and Eve from Seth to Noah, which covers a period of over 1500 years. Then Genesis 6:1-7 provides a summary of what occurred during this 1500 year period.

Genesis 6:1-10

- 1 *And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,*
- 2 *That the **sons of God** saw **the daughters of men** that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.*
- 3 *And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.*
- 4 *There were **giants [Nephilim]** in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the **sons of God** came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, **the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.***
- 5 *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*
- 6 *And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*
- 7 *And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.*
- 8 *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*
- 9 *These are the generations of Noah: **Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.***
- 10 *And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. KJV*

There are various views concerning the *sons of God* and the *Nephilim (giants)* and there are many disagreements about them. Typically what an individual believes about the *sons of God* will also affect what he believes about the *Nephilim (giants)*.

The various views are:

- I. ***Sons of God** were descendants of Seth.*
- II. ***Sons of God** were descendants of Adam and Eve.*
- III. ***Sons of God** were Fallen Angels.*
- IV. ***Sons of God** are individuals dedicated to God before and after the Fall.*

Views I - III all assume the *sons of God* and the *Nephilim (giants)* were present only after expulsion from the Garden of Eden as a result of the Fall.

View IV is the focus of this article and this view assumes the *sons of God* are the children, grand children, and descendants of Adam and Woman in the Garden of Eden before the Fall. After the Fall the *Nephilim (giants)* developed from the *sons of God* under the influence of self and Satan.

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I. *Sons of God* were descendants of Seth

The *sons of God* are godly descendants of Seth and the "*daughters of men*" are ungodly women descendants of Cain. Their offspring is believed to have produced powerful wicked children or "*nephilim*" who became evil rulers or "*men of renown*". Note both Seth and Cain were born after the Fall of mankind. This understanding does not necessarily reflect the size of the individual.

II. *Sons of God* were descendants of Adam and Eve.

The *sons of God* are descendants of Adam and Eve who think they are equal to God — like Cain. This view is similar to the previous view except the *sons of God* are not viewed strictly as descendants of Seth, but anyone after the Fall who was dedicated to God and then rebelled against God for personal power. These people became the "*nephilim*". In this view the "*nephilim*" is translated "*rulers*" or "*judges*". These tyrants were powerful people who did what they wanted to the common people including taking any of their wives and daughters for themselves. Also this view does not emphasize the size of the individual.

III. *Sons of God* were Fallen Angels

The Fallen Angel views the *sons of God* as heavenly beings that married women and had children with them. These children were the "*nephilim*", were "*mighty men*," "*men of renown*," and "*giants*". The question becomes that angels are spiritual beings so how can they have children with human women? This is particularly true in the light of Matthew 22:28-30.

Matthew 22:28-30

28 *Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.*

29 *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

30 *For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. KJV*

To overcome the issue that fallen angels cannot have children with human women an alternate possibility is typically proposed, which is the *sons of God* are fallen angles that have possessed human men who married and had offspring. Certainly a child of this couple would have an evil upbringing and could become an evil king, noble, or tyrant. However, this would not necessarily make him physically a giant. Although throughout history some individuals have been and are very tall.

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IV. *Sons of God* are individuals dedicated to God before and after the Fall

The term *sons of God* refers to pre-Fall or post-Fall individuals who are either **dead or alive** that were or are dedicated to God (YHWH). Being dedicated to YHWH means a person must place YHWH first in his life. This view was developed from the application of Quantitative Theology to the Holy Bible.

NOTE

Only individuals who are associated with a particular point that YHWH is making are identified by name in the Holy Bible.

- i. **0000 AM** - YHWH Created the Physical Universe with *Adam* and *Woman* both in His image.
- ii. **0000 AM** - First Command to *Adam* and *Woman* was be fruitful and multiply. The Holy Bible is silent about characteristics of child birth at this point in time. The term of a pregnancy may have been 3 months, 6 months, or some other period time. The pain associated child birth was probably minimal.
- iii. **0000 AM** - Second Command to *Adam* and *Woman* was do not eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- iv. **0000 AM to The Fall.** - *Adam* and *Woman* were obedient to the first command to be fruitful and multiply.
 1. *Woman* **must have had children prior to the Fall to know what child birth was like.**
 2. Failure to multiply a was not the cause of the Fall.
 3. *Adam, Woman* and their family members were *sons of God* in the Garden of Eden being faithful and obedient, which is being dedicated to God.
- v. **xxxx AM = 0000 OS** - The Fall or the **Original Sin 0000 (OS)** starts a new calendar for reconciling man's sin with YHWH. The Fall, Genesis 3, occurs when Satan tempts *Woman* and mankind's soul **gains the knowledge that each individual has free WILL**. However, there are consequences for disobedience to YHWH's WILL.
 1. **Satan** a beast of the field will move in the future on his belly. Satan is not the same KIND as man and thus he cannot have human seed (descendents).
 2. *Woman* **will now have difficult child birth and she will not be happy about it.** The term of pregnancy will now be 9 months and there will be labor pains associated child birth.
 3. Adam becomes responsible for Woman's activities so he cannot blame her in the future for his actions.
 4. Adam will work for food each day.
 5. Adam renames *Woman* to *Eve* in Genesis 3:20
Genesis 3:20
20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. KJV

Eve has given the Knowledge of good and evil to her entire family, all the living, who are the *sons of God* in the Garden of Eden. Every *son of God* ejected from the Garden of Eden knows he can decide to be obedient to YHWH (good) or not (evil).

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6. **Adam and Woman** in Genesis 3:7 tried to provide for themselves by making aprons of fig leaves to cover their nakedness, but YHWH in His mercy makes it clear that He will provide for them in the future in Genesis 3:21.

Genesis 3:21

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them. KJV

7. The **sons of God** and **Satan**, were expelled from the Garden of Eden and they all know they have the choice of obeying YHWH or not. The **sons of God** now must make a choice:

- Embrace **Eve's seed** obedience to YHWH.
- Embrace **Satan's seed** overthrow of YHWH.
- Embrace **Cain's seed** self is most important. (To be developed in Genesis 4)

8. After the **sons of God** and **Satan**, were expelled from the Garden of Eden they all are denied access to the **Tree of Life** and therefore must experience death per Genesis 3:22.

Genesis 3:22

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: KJV

It is not specifically stated in the Holy Bible that all the **sons of God** expelled from the Garden of Eden must bring a sacrifice or portion of their work to YHWH. However if this were not true, there would be no reason for Cain and Able to bring YHWH a sacrifice. **The sacrifice is unique because it is a direct measure of any soul's priority or love for YHWH.**

- vi. **Time unspecified, The Fall to The first murder** - Able brought his best sacrifice, but Cain did not as described in:

Genesis 4:1-5

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. [**Cain and Able are twins and this demonstrates that the mortal body has no influence on an individual's soul.**] And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also **brought of the firstlings of his flock** and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. KJV

Ancient Book of Jasher 1:16

16 And unto Cain his offering the Lord did not turn, and he did not incline to it, for he had brought from the **inferior fruit of the ground** before the Lord, and Cain was jealous against his brother Abel on account of this, and he sought a pretext to slay him.

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Cain murders Able sometime prior to 130 AM and loses his status as one of the *sons of God* and he no longer brings a sacrifice to YHWH. *Cain's seed* represents any individual who loves himself above all else and he is more important than YHWH, or any other person, or Satan.

- vii. **0130 AM** - Seth was born to Adam and Eve.
- viii. **0130 AM to 1536 AM** - All humans from the Garden of Eden began as *sons of God*, but once expelled each individual embraced one of the three Primary Soul Types.
 - *Eve's seed* — are *sons of God* - declaring and being obedient to YHWH.
 - *Cain's seed* — are *mighty men* or *men of renown* - self is most important.
 - *Satan's seed* — are *mighty men* or *men of renown* - overthrow of YHWH.

Satan's seed during the next 1500 years

Satan was ejected from the Garden of Eden and he is alive and recruiting *sons of God* to rebel against YHWH and join his team. Satan's knowledge probably aided his followers to develop very advanced society over the next 1500 years. They probably built Atlantis to challenge YHWH and the Garden of Eden. They probably attempted to develop science to overcome loss of access to the Tree of Life. They probably were able to fly. Eventually Satan probably attempted to form a One-World Government where he would be worshiped. This rebellion against YHWH is also supported in the Ancient Book of Jasher 4:4

Ancient Book of Jasher 4:4

4 But in the latter days of Methuselah, the sons of men turned from the Lord, they corrupted the earth, they robbed and plundered each other, and they rebelled against God and they transgressed, and they corrupted their ways, and would not hearken to the voice of Methuselah, but rebelled against him.

Cain's seed during the next 1500 years

Cain type souls represent individuals who feel they are equal to God and will do anything to get what they want. They typically want power to dominate over other people. They would not hesitate to support Satan if they felt it would be to their advantage.

Eve's seed During the next 1500 years

Eve's seed are those *sons of God* who remained true to YHWH after being ejected from the Garden of Eden. During this period of time Job was probably an example of a *son of God* at some point in time during the period of time after 0130 AM and before 1536 AM. The Book of Job also refers to the *sons of God*. The time when the book of Job was written and its author are both unknown. Job was a real person per Ezekiel and James.

Ezekiel 14:12-14

12 The word of the Lord came again to me, saying,

13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

14 Though these three men, Noah [Flood], Daniel [post-flood], and Job [pre-flood],

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[Noah, Daniel, and Job imply that YHWH is consistent throughout time.] *were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God. [Everyone is responsible for their own soul.]*

James 5:10-11

10 *Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.*

11 *Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the **patience [faith]** of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.*

Job was probably an example of a pre-flood **son of God**. Keep in mind that the only period of that Job, Satan, **sons of God** were all with mortal bodies was pre-flood.

Job 1:1-8

1 *There was a man in the land of Uz, **[East of the Garden of Eden?]** whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. **[Job meets the requirement to be a son of God.]***

2 *And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.*

3 *His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all **the men of the east. [East of the Garden of Eden?]***

4 *And his sons went and feasted in their houses, everyone his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.*

5 *And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.*

6 *Now there was **a day [a specific day or a period of time, like once per year.]** when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.*

[a. Cain and Able brought sacrifices before the Lord pre-flood.

b. Satan was physically present on earth pre-flood.

c. Those who have accepted Eve's seed are still sons of God.]

7 *And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

8 *And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*

KJV

Job 2:1

2 *Again there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord. KJV*

Job 2:11

11 *Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came everyone from his own place; **Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite:** for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. **[3 cities in the land of Uz that is East of the Garden of Eden?]** KJV*

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Job 32:1-3

- 1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.
- 2 Then was kindled the wrath of **Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, [Buz east of the Garden of Eden?]** of the kindred of **Ram [No direct connection to the post-flood Ram.]** : against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.
- 3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. KJV

Job 38:6-8

- 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;
- 7 When the **morning stars** sang together, and all the **sons of God [Those dead or alive who are dedicated to YHWH]** shouted for joy?
- 8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? KJV

- ix. **1536 AM** - YHWH declares the destruction of the society in Genesis 6:1-5.

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- 1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
- 2 That the **sons of God [Those ejected from the Garden of Eden]** saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
- 3 And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet **his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. [Noah's Flood 1656 AM - 120 yrs = 1536 AM]**
- 4 There were **giants [Ha-N-piliym OT:5303 lyp!n=nephiyl (nef-eel'); or nephil (nef-eel'); from OT:5307; properly, a feller, i.e. a bully or tyrant: KJV - giant. A giant can be either big or powerful or both.]** in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the **sons of God** came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became **mighty men** which were of old, **men of renown. [These men are evil dictators and rulers.]**
- 5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. KJV

This time period is also described in the Ancient Book of Jasher, which is the only book of 12 books referenced in the Holy Bible to exist today:

Ancient Book of Jasher 4:17-20

- 17 And every man made unto himself a god, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbor as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence.
- 18 And their **judges and rulers** went to the **daughters of men** and took their wives by force from their husbands according to their choice, and the **sons of men** in those days took from the cattle of the earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and taught the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord; and God saw the whole earth and it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon earth, all men and all animals.

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19 *And the Lord said, I will blot out man that I created from the face of the earth, yea from man to the birds of the air, together with cattle and beasts that are in the field for I repent that I made them.*

20 *And all men who walked in the ways of the Lord [sons of God], died in those days, before the Lord brought the evil upon man which he had declared, for this was from the Lord, that they should not see the evil which the Lord spoke of concerning the sons of men. [This verse is comparable to the Rapture in the in the Latter Days, 5993 OS.]*

1656 AM - Noah's Flood

Thus the *sons of God* are those individuals, dead or alive, who are dedicated followers of YHWH. This understanding is also affirmed in the New Testament.

John 1:12

12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the *sons of God*, even to them that believe on his name:*

Romans 8:14

14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the *sons of God*.*

Romans 8:19

19 *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the *sons of God*.*

Philippians 2:15

15 *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the *sons of God*, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*

1 John 3:1-2

1 *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the *sons of God*: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

2 *Beloved, now are we the *sons of God*, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. KJV*

Conclusion

The *sons of God* are those individuals, dead or alive, who are dedicated followers of YHWH. In

The *Nephilim (giants)* are those individuals who are powerful evil dictators, rulers, and/or are followers of Satan who are trying to destroy the *sons of God*.

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