

GENESIS –Lesson 19

Learn: But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the LORD as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night: in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with a fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. II Peter 3:8-10

Read: Genesis 6:1-7

1. What happened when men began to multiply upon the earth? vv1, 2
2. According to the following scriptures, what is meant by “sons of God” as used in Genesis 6:2, 4? Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7

The actual phrase is “bene elohim” translated “sons of God.”

There is no doubt at all that, in the above passages, the meaning applies exclusively to angels. The term “sons of the mighty,” “mighty” referring to God, is “bene elim.” It is used in Psalm 89:6 referring to angels. Though some have interpreted the term “sons of God” to mean the ungodly line which then married women of the godly line, there seems to be no reasonable doubt, that as far as the language itself is concerned, that in the phrase “sons of God,” the intent of the writer was to convey the thought of angels –fallen angels, no doubt, since they were acting in opposition to God’s will.

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3. The usage of the phrase “sons of God” is different in the New Testament than it is in the Old Testament. What does the term refer to in the New Testament?
John 1:12; Romans 8:14
4. What was the result of the “sons of God” marrying the daughters of men? vv 2, 4
5. What did these ungodly relationships bring upon the earth? v 5

6. There are three New Testament passages that strongly imply that what we read in Genesis concerning the “sons of God” is to be understood as fallen angels. What is recorded in each?

Jude 6

I Peter 3:19, 20

II Peter 2:4-6

This difficult passage is best understood by the fearful phenomenon of demonic “taking” and “habitation” of human bodies as has often been repeated since that time in Genesis 6. The particular Satanic angels in Genesis 6 are no longer allowed to roam the earth as other demons, but are kept in chains at this time. Many such cases of demon possession are recorded in the scripture, and missionaries still testify to its common occurrence in heathen lands today. Spiritism, witchcraft, and other forms of occult belief and practice, are captivating the minds and bodies of multitudes today, even in what were once considered Christian lands. –Dr. Henry Morris

7. This phenomenon is closely related to what people call UFO’s and other unexplained appearances. What do the following passages tell us?

Ephesians 6:11, 12

Ephesians 2:2

II Corinthians 11:14, 15

8. What spirit will not always strive (struggle or contend) with man? v 3

9. What is the struggle that the Holy Spirit has with man? John 16:7-11

10. How did the Lord strive with man at the time of Genesis 6?
II Peter 2:5; Jude 14, 15
11. How does the Lord strive with man today? I Corinthians 1:18, 21; Acts 10:42, 43
12. How long did God give the people of the antediluvian world to repent before His judgment came? How long did God strive with them? v 3
13. Through the ages and up until today, God does not give us a specific amount of time as He did to the pre-flood world. Sometimes we wonder why God allows evil to continue for so long. What was the Lord tell us about His coming judgment and why it does not happen sooner? II Peter 3:8-10
14. When should a person quit striving with God's Spirit and believe what He says?
II Corinthians 6:2
15. What warning is given to those people who choose to wait until another day to trust in God? Genesis 6:3; Luke 12:16-21
16. What type of people came from the union of the "sons of God" with the daughters of men? v 4

There were giants "also after that," in the days of the Canaanites, and these were likewise known as, among other things, the Nephilim- the Hebrew word for giants (Numbers

13:33). Humanly speaking, the later giants were descended from Anak, and so were also known as the Anakim. These people were, of course, known to Moses. These “mighty men of old, men of renown,” were men whose exploits of strength and violence had made them famous in song and fable in all nations in the ages following the Flood. To rebellious men of later times, they were revered as great heroes; but in God’s sight they were merely ungodly men of violence and evil.

17. What was the Lord’s response when he looked at how His perfect creation had been destroyed by man’s wickedness? vv5-6

18. What was the Lord going to do about the wickedness of those on the earth? v 7