



Genesis - Beginnings and Foundations

Chapter 6A – Gen 6:1-8
Jan 26, 2025

Module 5, Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ **Jan 5, 2025** - **Genesis Ch 3**
- ✓ **Jan 7, 2025.** - **Manor Lake – Daniel Ch 5**
- ✓ **Jan 12, 2025** - **Genesis Ch 4**
- ✓ **Jan 19, 2025** - **Genesis Ch 5**
- ✓ **Jan 21, 2025** - **Manor Lake Daniel Ch 6**
- ✓ **Jan 26, 2025** - **Genesis Ch 6A**
- **Feb 2, 2025** - **Gen Ch 6B**
- **Feb 9, 2025** - **Gen Ch 7**

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- *4 more Hostages Released – So far, the ceasefire is holding in Gaza, but Israel claims Hamas is violating terms of agreement. Delay in civilian release.*
- *Withdrawal date for Lebanon in flux due to Lebanese Army inability to fulfill its requirements under the treaty – Talks taking place*
- *Movement on Saudi normalization with Israel in positive direction. Saudi Arabia making overtures to the new US Administration*
- *Israel moving hard against Jihadi activities in Judea and Samaria*

US/World

- *Trump is new President, and is taking dramatic action on many fronts*
 - *Supporters cheering, detractors crying.*
 - *Huge progress on border situation*
 - *Senate (Dems) is slow-walking cabinet votes. Some Republican senators wavering on key votes, but not enough to derail outcomes.*
- *New Admin making waves at UN, WHO, and WEF, Green New Deal*
- *Pressure to begin on Russia/ Ukraine war, and China re: many issues*

Hostage Deal Details...Three Phases

*Phase one of the hostage deal spans **42 days: (Six weeks)***

- ✓ *Day 1 - 3 hostages released*
- ✓ *Day 7 - 4 hostages released*
- *Day 14 - 3 hostages released*
- *Day 21 - 3 hostages released*
- *Day 28 - 3 hostages released*
- *Day 35 - 3 hostages released*
- *The last week - 12 hostages released*

The principles for releasing the hostages: first the living women, then the remaining alive hostages. In the sixth week, those who are not alive will be released.

Release keys:

- *For the kidnapped women, children, and adults over the age of 50 who are alive - 30 terrorists for each kidnapped woman.*
- *For the nine sick and injured hostages on the list - the release of 110 terrorists (proportionally, according to those who are alive).*
- *For the female soldiers - 50 terrorists will be released for each one.*
- *For **Abra Mengistu** and **Hisham al-Sayed** - the release of 30 terrorists for each of them, and another 47 for both of them together. (Wandered over Gaza border)*
- *In exchange for the release of all the abductees who are not alive from Phase one, the Gazan detainees captured during the ground maneuver in the Strip (approximately 1,000 as stated) will be released proportionally*

These are agonizing weeks for the families of hostages as they wait to see who comes back alive.

Day 7 (today) – Second release of hostages. *All IDF*

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SEE YOU TOMORROW GOD WILLING! ❤️

From Adam To Noah – 10 generations (1100 years)

This makes the gap between the birth of Adam and the birth of Noah about 1100 years.

There are 10 generations:

- 1. Adam*** – name means: *Man (is)*
- 2. Seth*** – name means: ***Appointed***
- 3. Enosh*** – name means: *Mortal, frail*
- 4. Kenan*** – name means: *Sorrow*
- 5. Mahalalel*** – name means: ***Blessed God, praise God***
- 6. Jared*** – name means: ***Shall come down***
- 7. Enoch*** – name means: ***Commencement, teaching***
- 8. Methuselah*** – name means: ***His death shall bring***
- 9. Lamech*** – name means: *Lament, Lamentation, Despairing*
- 10. Noah*** – name means: ***Comfort or Rest***

Genesis Ch 5:18-24

¹⁸ When **Jared** had lived 162 years, he became the father of **Enoch**.

¹⁹ After he became the father of Enoch, **Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.**

²⁰ **Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.**

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of **Methuselah**.

²² After he became the father of Methuselah, **Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.**

²³ Altogether, Enoch lived a total of **365 years.**

²⁴ **Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.**

Genesis Ch 5:25-32 *The time until Noah...*

*²⁵ When **Methuselah** had lived 187 years, he became the father of **Lamech**.*

*²⁶ After he became the father of Lamech, **Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters.***

*²⁷ Altogether, **Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.***

*²⁸ When **Lamech** had lived 182 years, he had a son.*

*²⁹ He named him **Noah**/comfort and said, **“He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the Lord has cursed.”***

*³⁰ After Noah was born, **Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters.***

*³¹ Altogether, **Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.***

*³² After Noah was 500 years old, he became **the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth***

Gen Chapter 5...What does it mean?

- *In these verses, we see that **God selects both fathers (mothers) and sons to being us the genealogy of His plan and the one who is to come**. Why God chose these particular sons and not others is simply explained as His Divine Will and Choice.*
- *In the names we see a progression of faith until we come to Enoch who lived a righteous life and was **spared death and taken to be with the Lord**.*
- ***Enoch** lived the shortest time (365 years). Perhaps his time was short because he fulfilled what God wanted and was righteous all his days, **and the Lord took him to be with Him. (comment from Barry Hoover)***
- *In Methuselah, we see one whose **passing** was a **signal for something to come**, and we see Noah who will be a comfort and reassurance in the times ahead.*
- ***While Genealogies appear pretty drab and boring there are things that God wants us to know and think about. The Story and thread of God's plan is unfolding.***

This brings us to Genesis Chapter 6

Chapter 6 is a deeper dive into the time of Noah, and the conditions that were existent on the earth at that time. There are two distinct subjects in this chapter, and beyond.

- **Gen 6:1-8** Wickedness in the world, *but it is more than that...*
- **Gen 6:9- Gen Ch 8** – The Story of Noah and the Flood

Gen Ch 6:1-8 Wickedness in the Earth

*6 When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them,
2 the **sons of God** saw that the **daughters of humans were beautiful**, and **they married any of them they chose**.*

*3 **Then** the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; **their days will be a hundred and twenty years.**”*

*4 The **Nephilim** were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans **and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.***

*5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of **the human race** had become on the earth, and that **every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.***

*6 The Lord **regretted** that he had made human beings on the earth, and **his heart was deeply troubled.***

*7 So the Lord said, “**I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.**”*

*8 **But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.***


A Lot of Questions in these passages...

Let's take the first 2 verses and discuss them...

6 When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them,

- *This was the plan of God, **humans** procreating and filling the earth with other humans, but then...*

² the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose.

- *The women were not a focus in the genealogy earlier, but now they are...*
- *But there are some Questions: Something seems different*
 - *sons of God*
 - *daughters of humans.*

Who Are they?

Context is important to understanding...

Daughters of Humans – This one is says, these are the “normal” female offspring of the procreation process between humans. The fact that the text seems to make a point about them being “beautiful” is interesting and may be another thought to add.

Sons of God – This phrase is not so easy. The scripture does not say “sons of humans” so what does that mean? *It says, “sons of GOD”.*

Q: Does this imply anything in your mind about who these beings are?

Does the wording about the women been “seen” to be beautiful add any other thoughts?

Married any of them they chose? Add anything?

The understanding of this term casts a huge biblical controversy shadow, especially in the modern times where criticism of the Biblical text is so common.

*We get a sense of something beyond the normal activity of men and women populating the earth. **Q: Do you sense that?***

Gen 6:3-4 More things to think about

³ Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with (remain in) humans forever, for they are mortal (corrupt); their days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

Something seems to be happening that the Lord is tired of dealing with in humans, and He shortens our lifespans to 120 years. Striving seems to indicate a tension that is harmful between God’s Spirit and Man.

Is this verse a result of the ones before and in anticipation of the verses to come?

*⁴ The **Nephilim** were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.*

*Not only do we not understand who the “sons of God” might be, but now we have these beings called **Nephilim** to deal with.*

*The writer makes the point again about the sons of God “when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. **They were the heroes of old, men of renown.**”*

Q: Are the Nephilim the same as the “sons of God” mentioned earlier. It is not explicit...

- **Nephilim** is variously translated “giants” or “fallen ones”, but its **etymology** is unclear. The fact that it is used in both Genesis, and in **Numbers 13:33** proves the point of them existing both in Genesis and “afterward” and are the descendants of ANAK (Anakim) who was the progenitor of a tribe of Giants.
- **Are the Nephilim the same as the Anakim?** It is also not clear, but this we know.
 - **The Nephilim intermarried with human women and produced children of extraordinary capabilities.**

How can we sort all this out?

Most scholars lean into the following understandings:

- ***The sons of God are Angels** who have left their domain or **have fallen**. In this fallen state they took on the look of a man, even to the point of siring children with human women. This seems to fit the narrative of the Bible. These children were wicked but powerful and a pollution of the purity of human life. Of course, this procreation is a problem in our understanding of Angels and their capabilities to reproduce. The Bible is not definitive on this point but does indicate that when we get to heaven we will not reproduce, and we will be like Angels. It is silent on their capabilities as fallen angels on the earth. Most see the Nephilim as the same as the Sons of God, but not all.*
- ***Other scholars claim** that either the women or the men were **Sethites**, or **Cainites**, and this intermarriage was a sinful mixing of the chosen and not chosen humans. This solves the problem of procreation but does not seem to be supported by a natural reading of the text. *J Vernon McGee is a believer in this interpretation. (sons of God = Sethites, Beautiful daughters were Cainites). Generally, then the Nephilim were just giants but human**
- *Finally, the last area of interpretation is that human men became Demon possessed and took on the characteristics of this Angel hybrid and married human women. It seems this is a solution without any real Biblical underpinnings, but it does solve some of the issues in the other areas.*

Where do I come out on all this?

This is a tough one, but on the initial reading of the passages, I get the feeling that something is not natural about the sons of God, otherwise the wording would have been different. Special mention is made of the humanness of the women.

I think the point of these verses is to set the stage for what is to come in the balance of Chapter 6 regarding Noah and the Flood.

In this sense, the pollution of the seed of the woman with the seed of the sons of God, seems to create an intolerable problem that must be solved.

Although not dogmatic, I see the sons of God as fallen angels who have taken the form of men and produced a non- pure variation of humans. I see the Nephilim as Giants and I see the tie to the sons of God, since it has been brought up in this section of verses, when large and small humans were probably normal.

God decides the road ahead

⁵ *The Lord saw how great the wickedness of **the human race** had become on the earth, and that **every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.***

⁶ *The Lord **regretted (repented)** that he had made human beings on the earth, and **his heart was deeply troubled.***

⁷ *So the Lord said, **“I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.”***

⁸ ***But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.***

How do we understand this notion of regret or repentance by God for a previous action?

Another Preacher word---‘ **Anthropomorphism**’

<https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/6253/does-genesis-66-mean-that-god-made-a-mistake>

- *The Bible consistently uses human terms to describe a non-human God. Our arms are the body part that perform most of our work, so God's work God and done with God's "hands". Our eyes are what we use to observe and take in information, so God's observatory faculties are called "eyes". Our mouth is the body part we use to communicate, so God's words are regarded as coming out of his "mouth". Each of these body parts we understand not as literal descriptions of God, but as metaphorical - they do not apply to God in the same way they apply to humans. These are so-called "**anthropomorphisms**".*
- *We must interpret "repent/relent" the same way, as an anthropomorphism. When a human repents/relents/regret, he generally speaking changes a course of action that he has previously chosen - humans tend to do this because they admit to having made a mistake and want to correct it. However, when this term is applied anthropomorphically to God, we must understand it as we understood God's "arms" and "eyes" - **we must take what we know of God and apply the term to him in a way that fits the context.***

*In this case, I believe that "regret/relent" indicates that **God has decided to discontinue a course of action upon which he has started - he will destroy most of what he has created and sustained up to this point.***

Note we do the same things with Animals when we add human characteristics to Animals.

Why do we care about all this?

God saw mankind, and judged that mankind was wicked, not just some of the time, but all of the time, and every thought of the human heart. The time of Noah was a wicked time. Books have been written about the wickedness, and if you study the times...it is very much like the world of today.

- Why are people focused on this time today? Why do we care?

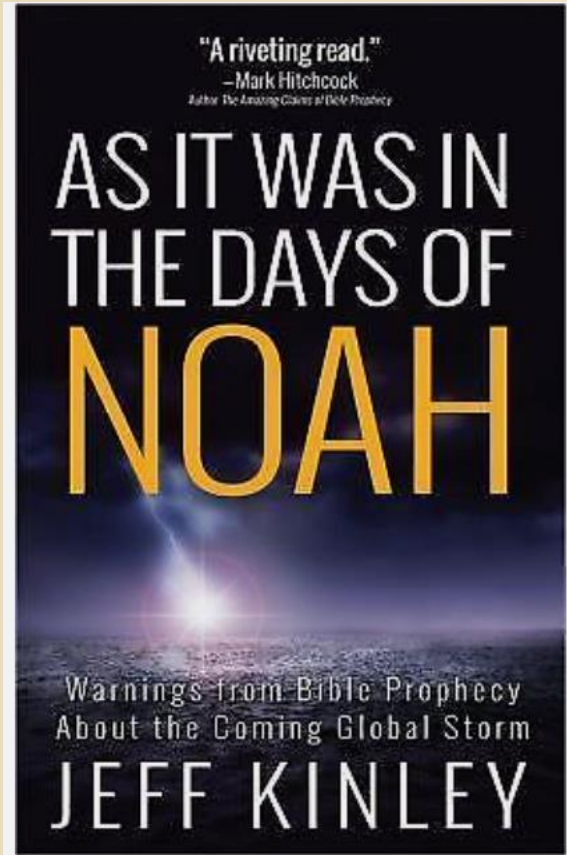
Matthew 24:37-39 NIV

37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;

39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

More Resources



- I have this book, and it brings all of the violence and degradation of Noah's time in front of us so we can see it plainly
- Correlates strongly with our world today
- We end today with hope from Gen 6:8
⁸ But Noah found favor(grace) in the eyes of the Lord.

Next time, we will Pickup at Gen Ch 6:9

- *We will study the time of Noah, and what happens that Noah was born to do.*
- *Pray for US/Israel, and the Peace of Jerusalem*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.*
- *Pray for each other earnestly and often*
- *Be thankful that God has placed you **in this day and time** and commit **your** will ...to doing **His** Will.*
- *Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fill the land*
- *Pray for the New Administration to follow what God has determined to be done.*