

Angelic Rebellion Series

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**The Divine
Council
*Angelic
Rebellion,*
Part 12**

**The Genetic
Attack by the
“Sons of God”
in Genesis 6**

What Could Cause This?



Gen. 6:1, “Now it came about, when men [*Adam*—“mankind, the human race”] began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,”

Four Views

- 1) The “sons of God” are descendants of Seth and the daughters are the descendants of Cain.**
- 2) The “sons of God” are kings (rulers or judges) and the daughters are common women.**
- 3) The “sons of God” are fallen angels and the daughters are human women.**
- 4) The “sons of God” refer to demon-possessed tyrants and the daughters are human women.**

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בְּנֵי-הָאֱלֹהִים *bene haElohim*

“sons of God”

**a term for angelic
creation, fallen and holy**

There are three interpretations offered for understanding this episode.

Apostates

The terms “sons of god” and “daughters of men” relate to two classifications of human beings—spiritual and apostate.

Sethites = Believers

Cainites = Unbelievers

Apostate View: Weak Evidence

1. A “one way” problem: only saved men marrying unsaved women.
2. Context suggests only 8 survive, by the time of the Flood there were only 8 believers, i.e., “sons of God” and everyone else on the planet would have been a daughter of men.
3. “Daughters” is made to refer to descendants of Cain, but contextually, daughters were never mentioned in that line; though there were daughters, daughters are only mentioned in the Seth line, and they are mentioned 9×.
4. “Sonship” terminology outside of Genesis relates to the privileged position of Israel as a theocratic, covenant nation.

Autocrats

The second option given is that the “sons of God” stands for dynastic dictators, or autocrats, that forced these young, beautiful maidens to marry them and developed huge harems.

Problems with the Autocrat View

1. The terms “sons of God” isn’t used for tyrants.
2. In the alleged support for this view, the judge is a representative of God, but in Gen. 6 they want to make this represent a Cainite, reprobate ruler.

To get around this they try to make it a genitive of description for a class, but then they also want to use *Elohim* in a positive sense. It is one or the other, not both.

Problems with the Apostate and Autocrat Views

Two problems neither interpretation 1 or 2 seeks to address:

- Why, in either case, is it necessary to wipe out almost the entire human race?

And

- This ignores the evidence from the epistles of Peter and Jude.

The Angel View



Angels

The third view is the view that “Sons of God” is a technical term for angels, in this case fallen angels or demons, who seduced these young women and married them and produce a genetically defiled offspring.

Matt. 22:30, “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.”

Mark 12:24, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?

Mark 12:25, “ ‘For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.’ ”

Luke 20:34, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.

Luke 20:35, “ ‘But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;

Luke 20:36, “ ‘nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.’ ”

Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.”

Job 2:1, “Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord.”

Job 38:7,

**“When the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for
joy?”**

Psa. 29:1, “Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones [*bene elim*], give unto the LORD glory and strength.”

Psa. 89:6, “For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty [*bene elim*] can be likened to the LORD?”

**Psalm 89:5, “The heavens will praise
Your wonders, O Lord;
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the holy ones. (*qadshim*—“holy ones”—
here, angels)**

**Psalm 89:6, “For who in the skies is
comparable to the Lord? Who among the
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Elim*] is like the Lord,”**

Psalm 89:7, “A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him? [all those who encircle or surround him]

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Gen. 6:4, “There were giants [*nephilim*] on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”

***nephilim* All *nephilim* were giants, but not all giants were *nephilim*.**

Num. 13:33, “There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” ~NKJV

Num. 13:33, “There also we saw the *Nephilim* (the sons of Anak are part of the *Nephilim*); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” ~NASB95

Deut. 32:5, “They have corrupted themselves; They are not His children, because of their blemish: A perverse and crooked generation.”

Doesn't "sons of God" indicate God's people or believers?

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2 Peter 2:4, “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell [tartarus] and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;”

SHEOL, HADES

Luke 16:19–25

**ABRAHAM'S
BOSOM**

“PARADISE”

**Old Testament
Believers**

**To third heaven
2 Cor. 12:1–4**

**Impassable
barrier**

TORMENTS

**Unbelievers
From all
dispensations**

TARTARUS

“chains of darkness”

ABYSS

“The fallen angels that are bound, on the other hand, are those described by Peter and Jude, as ostensibly guilty of such enormous wickedness as no longer allowed them to roam the heavenlies with their leader Satan and the other evil angels, but plunged them down to the strictest and severest confinement in Tartarus.”

~Merrill Unger, *Biblical Demonology*, 53

2 Peter 2:5, “and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;”

1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;”

1 Peter 3:19, “in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison,”

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**οἰκητήριον *oikētērion*
“habitation or dwelling
place”**

**Jude 7, “just as Sodom and Gomorrah
and the cities around **them** [fem. pl.],
since **they** [the cities] in the same way as
these [masc. pl. angels] indulged in
gross immorality and went after strange
flesh, are exhibited as an example in
undergoing the punishment of eternal
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