

GENESIS 6:1-13

1 WAS NOT GOD'S INTENTION TO SAVE
NO INVITATION TO ENTER PARK - SAVE TO NOAH + FAMILY
• GEN 7:1 'COME THOU + ALL THY HOUSE'...

IT IS TRUE THAT NOAH PREACHED

- 2PET 3:5 'NOAH... a preacher of r/ness
- 1PET 3:18-20 Christ, by THIS, preached (through Noah) while the ark was being prepared
 - unto - spirits (of men + women) who are now in prison
 - who were disobedient in Noah's day

THERE WAS NO INVITATION BECAUSE

- v. 6 It repented - LORD that HE had made man on the earth
(God repenting = God being grieved)
- v. 7 I will destroy men
(God's stated intention)
- v. 13 The end of all flesh is come before me...
I will destroy them

WAS NOT GOSPEL PREACHING! A PREACHER OF R/NESS
• RIGHTEOUS STANDARDS

- A UNIQUE JUDGMENT, BECAUSE OF
- A UNIQUE EVIL IN THAT DAY

2 THERE WAS USUAL, GENERAL WICKEDNESS

- v. 5 Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually
- v. 11 The earth also was corrupt before God... and was filled with violence

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CHARACTERISTICS OF PRE-FLOOD WORLD

1. Pre-occupation with physical appetites
 - they ate • they drank

2. Rapid advances in technology

- GEN 4:22 Tubal-cain: an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron
(~~4:21 Jubal: father of musicians~~)

3. Grossly materialistic attitudes + interests

- LUKE 17:28 they bought · sold · planted · builded

4. Uniformitarian philosophies

- HEB 11:7 '... things not seen as yet ...'

5. Inordinate devotion to pleasure + comfort

- GEN 4:21 Jubal: father of musicians

6. No concern for God in either belief or conduct

- 2 PET 2:5 'the world of ungodly'
- JUDE 14-15 'ungodly' - Enoch's prophecy

7. Disregard for sacredness of marriage

- Mt 24:38 Eating: drinking:
marrying: giving in marriage

8. Rejection of God's breathed-out word

- 1 PET 3:19 spirits now in prison were disobedient

9. Population explosion

- GEN 6:1 men began to multiply
6:11 earth filled with violence

10. Widespread violence GEN 6:11, 13

1. Corruption throughout society (his)
 - Gen 6:12 All flesh had corrupted God's way upon the earth
2. Pre-occupation w. illicit sexual activity
 - Gen 4:19 polygamy - Lamech - 2 wives
 - 6:2 Sons of God / daughters of men
3. Widespread thoughts and words of blasphemy
 - Jude 15 • ungodly speeches • deeds
14. Organised satanic activity
 - Gen 6:1-4
 - more in a moment
15. Promulgation of systems of and movements of abnormal depravity
 - Gen 6:5 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
 - Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the earth and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth

(From The Genesis Record)

- 3** THERE WAS ALSO STRANGE WICKEDNESS
Point 14 above
 • 'organised satanic activity'

LEADS TO QUESTION AS TO ID OF SONS OF GOD

- (1) In early OT literature phrase used of angels
 • Job 1; 2, 38 1:8 presented themselves before JHVH
2:1 ...
38:7 ... all the sons of God shouted for joy

2. Some fallen angels

• free

- Satan and angels which fell with him
- oppose God and us
- accuse us
- administer present age Eph 6
 - world rulers
 - unlike world to come

• bound

2 Pet 2:4 For if God spared not - angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (tartarus) and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgment

(Tartarus: not sheol - hades - hell but a distinct place of confinement where they are reserved to judgment)

- special judgment for men + women
- and for angels)

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day

4 IN GENESIS 6 THERE WAS CLEARLY CATAclysmic EVIL AND WICKEDNESS

NOT ORDINARY

- before Noah - Giants
 - and before sons of God acted as they did
- afterwards - after union of sons of God and - daughters of men
 - mighty men of renown
 - had a peculiar fame for might

Jude provides key as to what happened

v. 6. The angels which kept not their first estate but left their own habitation...

v. 7. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah... giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire

Let's unravel this

ANGELS linked by Peter to the flood

• ~~2 Pet 2:4 Angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own~~

• 2 Pet. 2:4 God spared not angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgment

And spared not the old world but saved Noah

Jude speaks only of the angels but Peter of the angels and the flood.

KEPT NOT THEIR FIRST ESTATE - arche - principality

• place of service (?)

LEFT THEIR OWN HABITATION - oiketerion - house

• chose to live among men

• acted as if they were men on earth

• is not the case with Satan and those who fell with him

NOW RESERVED - as Peter also says

IN EV. CHAINS UNDER DARKNESS

• 2 Pet 2:4 'chains of darkness'

UNTO (final) JUDGMENT

IF PETER LINKS THEM W. THE FLOOD - chronologically
JUDE LINKS THEM W. SODOM + GOM - morally

v. 7. '(Even) as' = 'in that manner'

• A parallel is drawn between behaviour of angels and Sodom + Gomorrah

- gave themselves up to fornication
 - implication of excessive indulgence
- going after strange flesh
 - heteros - sigs generic distinction
 - diff. in character
 - strange in that it is against nature
 - and God's law - to have same sex intimacy
 - remember that in Sodom
 - homosexual practice
 - men desired angels

In NOAH'S DAY angels sought women

In LOT'S DAY men desired 'to know' angels - who appeared as men

ACCORDINGLY, in Gen. 6

'The bounds of creation were wickedly traversed by certain angels' (W.K.)

ANGELS INTRODUCED INTO THE WORLD

- peculiarly evil corruption
- so that evil grew apace
- resulting in climax of evil in 6:1-4

SOME SAY:

- was only one fall of angels
 - fell with Satan
 - who then used them (directly or via males) to corrupt the seed of + woman
- and that as angels are SEXLESS it must have been by way of possessing males' bodies
 - these say it is impossible for angels to procreate

BUT

- angels appear as men in Sodom
 - had previously eaten + drunk w. Abraham

- When LJC spoke of angels of God as neither marrying nor being given in marriage ~~it~~ he specifically said 'angels of God in heaven' (Mt. 22:30)

And if Peter and Jude are so clear who are we to question it?

4 OTHER POSSIBILITIES?

SONS OF GOD WERE

• LINE OF SETH

• Who intermarried with daughters of Cain
BUT 'daughters of men' too wide an expression to mean 'daughters of Cain'

BUT sin of only some of Seth's line led to unique, universal judgment?

- hardly feasible
- and for intermarriage? Not possible

• PRINCES OR RULERS

BUT THIS has no foundation.

The total destruction of Adam's race, apart from Noah, must have been as a result of sin with 'devastating consequences'

5 WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS BY SATAN TO DEFEAT GEN. 3:15 AND TO CLAIM FOR HIMSELF WHAT WAS CHRIST'S

'I will put enmity between thee and a woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel.'

- Eden
- Days of Noah
- Patriarchs
- Pharaoh + innocents
- Athaliah + seed royal
- Herod + innocents
- Your hour...
- Psslm 2

6 THREE FURTHER MATTERS

1. THIS STRIVING, 6:3

- Xt, by THS, in Noah, preached to the spirits now in prison, 1 Pet 3:19
- - long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared, 1 Pet 3:20
- 120 years was the term of God's patience in which His spirit strove

Is 6:3 a gospel verse?

- only by careful application
- distinguish 'sanctification of the Spirit'

2. NOAH FOUND GRACE

- grace in such a world
- saved him from that world's corruption
- and then, in - ark, from that world 1 Pet 3

3. THE PROMISE OF A PROTO-EVANGELIUM WAS PRESERVED

- Gen. 3:15
- all attempts to thwart it failed

By His death

- He bought the field
- Secured divine purpose
- Heir of all things will take His inheritance

And remember 1 Pet 3.

- baptism + flood linked
- are corresponding types of
- death • burial • resn
- Noah separated from man by water, going through death to new life
- As is baptism