

# GENESIS

## THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S RELENTLESS PLAN

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### Genesis 6:1-10

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

#### Four Theories on the Identity of the Sons of God

1. **Angels** (*Job 1:6 and Job 2:1; problem text: Matthew 22:30*)
2. **Godly men from the line of Seth** (*Seth was born to Adam and Eve after Abel died -Genesis 4:25*)
3. **Fallen angels from pre-creation** (*Job 38:1-7, Ezekiel 28:11-19, Isaiah 14:12-17*)
4. **Demon possessed, evil men**

**My Opinion:** I don't know, but because of Jude 1:6-7 and 2 Peter 2:4-9, I would lean toward theory 3. But then again, I don't know... and neither do you!

<sup>3</sup>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."

<sup>4</sup>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.

**Question:** Are the heroes of a broken culture still heroes?

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

**This culture was defined by:**

Sexual perversion

Pervasive wickedness

Widespread corruption

Violence (only evil all the time)

<sup>7</sup> 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.”

**The issue in this culture was the conscious choosing  
of the ungodly over the godly.**

*(Romans 8:5-17, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 4:29-32)*

**The definition of a real hero:**

<sup>8</sup> But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. <sup>10</sup> Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

**Small Group Questions**

- 1) How did you spend the Fourth of July?
- 2) It's a strange story in Genesis 6. What are your honest thoughts after reading the account for yourself? What are your questions?
- 3) Who is your modern-day hero? What criteria do you use to choose that hero?
- 4) Do you see any parallels between Noah's culture and our current culture? What response do you have to the parallels — fear, urgency, passion, prayer, other?
- 5) Have you ever regretted the creation of something you made? Do you believe God was justified with his decision to destroy what he made?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?