

Genesis 6:1-7 - Lesson 15

Before the Flood

1. 6:1-5 - Before the Flood

- a. "Cain's wife?" Answer: Gen 6:1. Pop. would be millions/billions by year 1656.
- b. They were eating and drinking and marrying - Matt 24:37-39, Luke 17:26-30
- c. God gave man his breathe/ spirit (not holy Spirit) - Gen 2:7, Ecc 12:7, Psa 104:29
- d. Man is spirit and flesh, God will not contend forever - Isa 57:16, Psa 103:9-18
- e. "yet his days..." - Not their age, but how much time he has left.
- f. They were advanced, mighty men, renown, but greatly wicked - Psa 10:3
- g. "heart was only evil" - the darkening of man's heart: Ecc 9:3, Pro 6:18, Ro 1:21, Jud 4
- h. God saw wickedness and no longer goodness - Gen 1:31

2. 6:6-7 - God Repents

- a. Repent *def.* - change your mind, often with grief (not a turning from sins)
- b. God does not repent (change who he is) - Heb 13:8, Num 23:19
- c. God does not change, but his instructions, actions, responses change.
- d. God responds toward us, based on how we respond toward him (God was first).
- e. God made the first move, we the second - Ro 1:17, 1Jo 4:19, Ti 3:4, 2 Cor 5:14
- f. "I will destroy man" - because they sinned, they compromised, they were wicked.
- g. "But Noah..." - was a preacher of righteousness - 1 Pet 3:20, 2 Pet 2

3. Sons of God and Giants

- a. The theories from the commentaries:
 - i. 1) Fallen angels crossbred with women to birth *nephilim*, to cause the flood
 - ii. 2) Seth's children married Cain's children and corrupted the "godly line".
 - iii. 3) The "sons of God" were rulers who corrupted themselves with women
- b. People love the fantastical, otherworldly, and fable. Bible belief is not fable belief.
- c. Pseudepigrapha, Jewish fables, Greek myth, LXX, Aronofsky say they are angels
- d. **What we can learn from the Bible:**
 - i. Satan and his angels fell after Gen 1:31(2:3) and before Gen 3:1.
 - ii. Angels are a topic of fables & legends - Col 2:18, Ti 1:14, 1 Tim 1:4
 - iii. Angels are called angels/host/spirits in the Bible - Gen 19:1, 28:12, 32:1
 - iv. Fallen angels (devils) can possess unsaved men - Matt 8:16
 - v. Sons of God are men in the NT - John 1:12, Rom 8:14, 8:19, 1 John 3:1-2
 - vi. Men of God, gods, God's sons - Exo 4:16, 7:1, 22:28; Isa 45:11, Hos 1:10
 - vii. The offspring were men, mighty men, even if giant men - Gen 6:4
 - viii. Giants were also after the flood - Num 13:33, De 2:10, 20, 3:11, Gen 14:5
 - ix. Corrupt powerful rulers in the Bible taking wives "of all which they chose"
 1. Phraoah Gen 12:10-12; David: 2 Sam 11; Solomon: 1 Kings 11:1-5
 - x. Sons of God are not to be unequally yoked - 2 Cor 6:14-18
 - xi. Who they married was important until Paul - Gen 24:3, 27:46, 34:1-2
- e. Men were wicked. God judged the world in a flood for the wickedness of men.