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We have just entered into Genesis chapter six—but that's not the only thing we've entered into.

We've also entered into one of the most controversial portions of Scripture in the Bible.

The whole controversy revolves around just who are the *'sons of God'* and the *'daughters of men'*?

There are two main views each held by very sound, well respected Bible teachers.

1. 'Sons of God' is a reference to the godly line of Seth (believers) and 'daughters of men' is a reference to the ungodly line of Cain (unbelievers)—and so what's in view here is believers marrying unbelievers.

2. 'Sons of God' is a reference to angels and 'daughters of men' is a reference to human women—and so what's in view here is fallen angels co-habiting with earthly women.

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Those who hold to the interpretation that 'sons of God' is a reference to believers and 'daughters of men' a reference to unbelievers point out that Genesis 4 dealt with the descendants of Cain and chapter 5 with the descendants of Seth—

And so the context of Genesis 6:1-4 describes the intermarriage of these two lines—something God specifically prohibits (Deuteronomy 7:1–4, 2 Corinthians 6:14).

Further they point out that the term 'sons of God' is used in the N.T. for believers so to apply that term to the passage in Genesis 6 and interpret the meaning as talking about believers marrying unbelievers is biblical.

There are several problems with that.

First of all why were only the sons of Seth believers and only the daughters of Cain unbelievers?

What about the daughters of Seth and the sons of Cain?

Also why would a marriage between a believer and unbeliever produce unnatural children—

Genesis 6:4 (NKJV)
[4] There were giants 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…

Furthermore why would believers marrying unbelievers make God angry enough to wipe out almost all the earth's population except for eight people?

The second problem with the *believers* marrying *unbelievers* view is that while it's true that the term 'sons of God' is used in the N.T. for believers —<u>it is never used in the O.T. for believers</u>.

That phrase 'sons of God' only appears in three other places in the O.T.— in Job 1:6; 2:1; and 38:7.

In each of these passages the phrase 'sons of God' is a clear reference to angels—so much so that the NIV simply drops the 'sons of God' phrase in favor of the word 'angels'—*"One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them" (Job1:6)* (New International Version)

Those that hold to the view that 'sons of God' refers to people and not angels will point to Luke 3:38 where Adam himself is called *'the son of God'.*

But rather than prove their point this verse helps to refute it—how?

What do Adam and angels have in common?—they were all created directly by God.

Angels weren't born and neither was Adam—they were the direct creations of God—look at Luke 3:38—

Luke 3:38 (NKJV)
[38] *the son* of Enos, *the son* of Seth, *the son* of Adam, *the son* of God. (Explain)

Why are believers in the N.T. (men and women) called the 'sons of God'—it's because they are the direct creation of God through the new birth.

Believers in Christ are born of the Spirit ('born from above') and as such, as Paul puts it, are now *'new creations in Christ'*—old things have passed away and all things have become new.

So you may have guessed that I hold to the second view of this passage—

2. 'Sons of God' is a reference to angels and 'daughters of men' is a reference to human women

The first reason I hold to this view is because, as we've already seen, the term 'sons of God' in the O.T. always refers to angels.

However this in and of itself wouldn't be enough to convince me that Genesis 6:1-4 is talking about fallen angels or demons coming down to the earth to cohabitate with human women.

What really drives this view home to me is that this incident is mentioned not once but three times in the N.T.—Jude mentions it once and Peter twice, once in each of his two epistles.

Jude 1:6-7 (NKJV)
[6] And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; [7] as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

And the point Jude is making is that fallen angels left heaven ('their proper domain'; 'their own home') and came to the earth to commit sexual immorality by going after strange flesh.

He uses Sodom and Gomorrah to define what it is he's referring to—just like homosexual sex is unnatural so is sex between fallen angels and human women.

Those that disagree with this interpretation claim that angels are spirit beings and therefore sexless which means they are incapable of having sex with women let alone producing children with them.

Well we know that angels can take human form—and did so many times in the O.T.—Genesis 18 being one example. (Explain)

And how about this verse in Hebrews 13:2—

Hebrews 13:2 (NLT)
2 Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

To say that angels are incapable of having sex with women is something the Bible never says and history refutes.

There are many documented accounts of women in the occult that have had sex with demons—

"Are you telling me they had children by these demons?"

Well Genesis 6:4 says so—

Genesis 6:4 (NKJV)
4 There were giants 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…

In the book of 1Enoch which is not inspired scripture, but may still contain some accurate and historical information we read—

"And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children … [They] took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments … And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants … And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways."

And once again those who don't believe Genesis 6 is talking about fallen angels getting married to and having sex with human women point to what Jesus said in Matthew 22:30—

Matthew 22:30 (NKJV)
[30] For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

They say that right here Jesus is saying that angels are sexless and never marry so Genesis 6:1-2 can't be talking about angels marrying human women.

However Jesus never said angels were sexless in Matt.22:30 nor did He say they never marry—He was speaking about faithful angels (*angels of God in heaven*), not rebellious ones.

Henry M. Morris says with regard to this,
"When Jesus said that the angels in heaven do not marry, this does not necessarily mean that those who have been cast out of heaven were incapable of doing so."

It is significant that when the angels are referred to in Scripture it is always with the masculine pronoun "he," and they are always described as men—that's why they are called the 'sons of God'.

Getting back to our text in Genesis—

Genesis 6:1-4 (NKJV)
[1] Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, [2] that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. [3] And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." [4] There were giants 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…

The word 'giants' in verse 4 is "nephilim" and is a word that literally means 'fallen ones'.

I personally believe that these were half human, half demon hybrid creatures—Genesis 6:4 goes on to says—

Genesis 6:4 (NKJV)
[4] There were giants 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.**

We are told in Scripture that these giants were on the earth before and <u>after</u> the Flood.

These would include Goliath and his brothers (the Bible tells us they had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot).

This group would include the Anakim and the Emim—people that lived in the land of Canaan.

Deuteronomy 1:28 (NKJV)
[28] Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, "The people *are* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there." '

Deuteronomy 2:10 (NKJV)
10 (The Emim had dwelt there in times past, a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim.

This, I believe, is one of the reasons God told Joshua and the children of Israel to utterly wipe out the people living in Canaan—because the people of the land had become corrupted with demon seed.

And that is exactly what I believe is going on in Genesis 6—

Satan had his angels come down to the earth to try to comingle and corrupt the human race with demon seed to keep the Deliverer from coming to crush Satan's head (authority) and free the earth from his control (Genesis 3:15).

If Satan was successful there would be no way a Messiah could deliver the world who was himself half demon—and this plan of Satan's almost succeeded—

Genesis 6:7-11 (NKJV)
7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Noah was a **just** (righteous) man because of his faith—and as a result he lived a righteous life on the earth at a time when it says in verse 5—

Genesis 6:5 (NKJV)
5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

But it also says in verse 9 that Noah **"was perfect in his generations".**

The word 'perfect' comes from a Hebrew root that means 'uncontaminated'.

Noah and his family may have been the only ones left on the earth still pure and uncontaminated by demonic inbreeding—which would explain the Flood.

"That's ridiculous to believe that God brought the Flood to purge the earth of demon half-breeds".

1 Peter 3:18-20 (NKJV)
[18] For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, [19] by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, [20] who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. (Comment)

2 Peter 2:4-5 (NKJV)
[4] For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; [5] and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of* eight *people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; (Comment)

I'm going to take it a step further—I don't believe this demonic contamination was limited to the human race I believe it involved the animals on the earth as well.

And if that's true it explains why God completely wiped out everything He had made—everything that lived on land including man—all except for Noah and his family.

He wiped them all out because Satan had corrupted (contaminated) animals and people with demon seed—

Genesis 6:9-12 (NKJV)
[9] This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect [uncontaminated] **in his generations. Noah walked with God. [10] And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. [11] The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. [12] So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt [contaminated]; for <u>all</u> flesh [animals and man] had corrupted their way on the earth.**

There are many ancient myths, stories, legends—whatever you want to call them of demigods on the earth that were half-man and half-animal that may be rooted in fact.

In fact it could be that this came about as a result of genetic manipulation as mankind opened doors more and more to the demonic in their cultures and the demons used willing women as hosts splicing their DNA with animal DNA and fertilizing their eggs to produce half-human, half-animal creatures.

In the seventh chapter of the Book of Enoch it says that the fallen angels also 'sinned' against the animals as well as against people.

In another non-inspired book, the book of Jasher we read in chapter 4:18, *"Then the sons of men [began teaching] the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord"*

God had said of His creation that every kind (species) would only produce after its kind.

The devil taught the human race to play God through genetic engineering or what some have called the "transgenic modification" of species—this brought upon these fallen angels God's judgment—

Jude 1:6 (NKJV)
[6] And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness <u>for the judgment of the great day</u>…

And this practice eventually brought the judgment of God on everything the Lord had created that lived on the earth by destroying it in the Flood.

In an article that appeared in an online periodical in 2003 called "Giants in the Earth" it said,

"The Nephilim were genetically manufactured beings created from the genetic material of various pre-existing animal species…The fallen angels did not personally interbreed with the daughters of men, but used their god-like intellect to delve into the secrets of YHWH's creation and manipulate it to their own purposes. And the key to creating or recreating man, as we have discovered in the twentieth century, is the human genome—DNA".

Tom Horn in his book 'Apollyon Rising 2012' adds to this,

"This manipulation of living tissue by the fallen angels led to an unusual body made up of human, [and] animal genetics known as Nephilim—an 'earth-born' facsimile or 'fit extension' into which they (fallen angels) could incarnate. What's more, the long history of demonological phenomenon related to manipulation of biological matter suggests that versions of this curious activity have been ongoing ever since."

One of the hottest fields in genetics today is *transhumanism*.

One online dictionary defines transhumanism this way—

"It is an international cultural and intellectual movement with an eventual goal of fundamentally transforming the human condition by developing and making widely available technologies to greatly enhance human intellectual, physical, and psychological capacities."

I have seen this pursued in two main ways—genetically and technologically.

- Scientists have had some success with human-animal hybrid experiments. In 2003, Chinese scientists at the Shanghai Second Medical University fused human cells with rabbit embryos, according to National Geographic News. The embryos were given several days to develop before the scientists destroyed them to harvest stem cells.

- According to the report, researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota were able to create pigs with human blood flowing through their bodies in 2004.

- The Post reported Stanford University biologist Irving Weissman helped other scientists make hybrid rodents, including mice that have up to 1 percent human brain cells in their skulls.

- Also, a researcher at the University of Nevada at Reno, Esmail Zanjani, successfully grew mostly human livers in sheep. His goal was to make the humanized livers available for transplant in people.

- In 2008, British scientists produced human-animal hybrid embryos by inserting human DNA from a skin cell into a hollowed-out cow embryo. An electric shock then induced the hybrid embryo to grow," London's Guardian reported. "The embryo, 99.9 percent human and 0.1 percent other animal, grew for three days, until it had 32 cells."

This has caused numerous states to pass legislation forbidding the splicing of human DNA with animal DNA—the Federal Government has passed nothing yet with regard to these practices.

Even with these advances, conventional wisdom holds that the mortal body itself can only be kept alive a finite number of years, frustrating the dream of immortality.

"To try to overcome this obstacle, people are researching the idea of melding man and machine to keep one's consciousness alive in perpetuity. This concept is called transhumanism"…

"Transhumanists envision a day when technology will allow humanity to become so advanced that sickness, disease, poverty and war will essentially be eradicated.

They believe that merging with machines will permit us to become trillions of times more intelligent than we are today, and they also believe that radical life extension technologies will make it possible for humanity to actually achieve immortality.

One way they are seeking to accomplish this is by searching for a method that will enable them to store the human mind on a computer. If your entire consciousness could be "uploaded" into a computer, it could conceivably later be downloaded into a futuristic avatar of some sort once that technology has been developed. (Just like in the movie "Avatar")"

But transhumanists don't just stop there—they believe that eventually we will possess such superhuman powers and will enjoy such radical life extension technologies that we will essentially be like God.

Transhumanist Mark Pesce…openly states that he believes that transhumanism will allow us *"to become as gods"...*

The following is what one participant stated at a recent conference about transhumanism and religion…*'Transhumanism is a thrust toward transcendence'.*

Remember the statue/image that the Antichrist and False Prophet put into the Holy of Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem—a statue they have the power to give life to? (Revelation 13:12-15)

Could this be some kind of machine or computer or robot that they are able to infuse with human consciousness and intelligence?

And if so could this be the prototype of a super race that will have incredible power and intelligence—

A race of people that will be the perfect combination of machine and human consciousness who will live forever as gods upon the earth—or at least that's what they've been led to believe by the Antichrist?

I don't believe the Lord will allow this to get that far—

He stopped it back in Noah's day with a flood and He'll stop it in our day with world-wide judgment as well.

God will not allow man to play God—in whatever way, shape or form it takes. (Explain)