

## **QUESTION: Who are the "sons of God" mentioned in Genesis 6:1-6? Who are the "daughters of men" and were their offspring giants?**

**ANSWER:** First of all, the GIANTS ("Nephilim" in Hebrew) were **NOT** the offspring of the sons of God, because it says **they were ALREADY on the earth** before the flood and **AFTER the FLOOD**. The "men of renown" were the offspring of the sons of God and the daughters of men. There are two schools of thought or opinions here. The first is that the "sons of God" are the God-fearing descendants of Seth and the "daughters of men" are the daughters of the descendants of Cain. The second opinion is that the "sons of God" were angels who had sexual relations with human women, to produce a mixed race.

- **Genesis 6:1-6** "Now it came about, when **men began to multiply** on the face of the land, and **daughters were born to them**, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the Lord said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless, his days shall be one hundred and twenty years. **The Nephilim (GIANTS) were 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. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart."

**Definition: "The GIANTS were on the earth in those days"** - When God originally made man, he was perfect, and only the curse of sin has brought sickness, aging, and death. Man lived a much longer life span just after the Fall of Man and until AFTER the flood, and man was also BIGGER in stature. The Bible gives the life span of some men as being over nine hundred years before the Flood, but then rapidly decreasing AFTER THE FLOOD, until the average age would be 120 years. **Human skeletons have been found** all over the world that are **nine, ten, eleven and even twelve feet in height!** The conditions on the earth were different before the Flood: more oxygen, greater atmospheric pressure, and protection from harmful solar and cosmic rays because of the water canopy over the earth (see Genesis 1:6-7, Gen. 2:5-6). These conditions would cause people to live longer and grow bigger. The water canopy was destroyed, or "used up" by the 40 days and 40 nights of rain that caused the Flood. However, the Bible mentions some "giants" existing even up to the time of David and Goliath (approx. 1,000 BC). These would have been humans that had the DNA for extreme height, and according to the natural laws of genetics, these characteristics would appear every so often (See Joshua 11:21-22; I Samuel 17:4; Joshua 15:8; Numbers 13:33; II Samuel 21:18-22; I Chron. 20:4-8). Some translations leave the Hebrew name of Nephilim untranslated, but it simply means "giants." Some verses refer to the sons of Anak, descendants of Anak, or "Anakim" in Hebrew. Evidently, the line of Anak carried the DNA for this larger size, and also for six fingers and toes (skeletons of these have been found also).

### **Sons of God as Descendants of Seth**

Deut. 14:1, Deut. 32:5, Psalm 73:15, Hosea 1:10

The godly men, in covenant with God, began to look upon the women who were NOT godly, but were physically attractive. By intermarrying with them, the moral standards of the human race became more and more debased, until the time of Noah, when God saw that "every

imagination of their hearts was only evil continually." (Gen. 6:5) God later forbid intermarrying with the heathen nations, when He gave the law to Moses, for this very reason.

### **Sons of God as Angels**

Job 1:6, Job 2:1, Job 38:7, Psalm 29:1, Psalm 89:6

To hold this belief, we must assume that angels were able to take a physical form and procreate with humans (something which the Bible does not state, but possibly may refer to in Jude 6). **If that were possible**, it would have produced a mixed race, which God then had to destroy. Perhaps Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives were the only people left on the earth who did not have corrupted DNA, and therefore God chose them to repopulate the earth. Again, if that were possible, God must have punished those angels, and made it so this could not happen again (see Jude 6?). This is highly speculative, but many hold this theory, saying also that the Greek, Roman and Norse myths (the gods having children with humans, etc.) may have gotten their basis from these events, as the descendants of Noah would still have that memory to be passed down as folklore. The "men of old, men of renown" could mean the heroes of mythology.

- **Jude 6** "And ANGELS WHO DID NOT KEEP THEIR OWN DOMAIN, but abandoned their proper abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day."