

QUESTION: Do you think the Nephilim were half demon and half human, and do you think they all died in the flood, or are there any alive today? Is Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones a nephilim?

ANSWER: No, they were not half demon and half human. "Nephilim" is just the Hebrew word for GIANTS, with the particular meaning of powerful, strong men, and also bullies or tyrants. They were **NOT** necessarily 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, and yes, they were all destroyed in the flood. 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Definition: "The GIANTS were on the earth in those days" - When God originally made man, he was perfect, and only the curse of sin has brought sickness, aging, and death.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, and conditions on earth were drastically changed after the Flood, causing men to live shorter lives and not grow as tall.

The Bible mentions some "giants" existing even up to the time of David and Goliath (approx. 1,000 BC - about 1,400 years after the Flood). 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 (many skeletons of these have been found also). Another Hebrew word used for "giants" is Rephaim, and again it simply means **a giant or very strong man**. We know that there was nothing supernatural about these giants, because David was able to kill one with his slingshot, and later they were killed in very normal

human fashion during war. As for giants today, we see some groups and occasional individuals who have the DNA for great height, although not as tall as ten or twelve feet.

- **I Samuel 17:4** "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span (almost ten feet)."
- **II Samuel 21:16-22** "Then Ishi-benob, who was among the **descendants of the GIANT**, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of bronze in weight, was girded with a new sword, and he intended to kill David. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him.....Now it came about after this that there was war again with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was among **the descendants of the GIANT** and there was war at Gath again, and where there was **a man of great stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot**, twenty-four in number, and he also had been born to **the GIANT**. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, struck him down. These four were born to the GIANT in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants."
- **I Chronicles 20:6** "And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot; and he also was **the son of the GIANT**."
- **Numbers 13:33** "There also we saw **the Nephilim** (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."
- **Deuteronomy 2:10-11** "The Emim lived there formerly, **a people as great, numerous, and TALL** as the Anakim. Like the Anakim, they are also regarded as **Rephaim (giants)** , but the Moabites call them Emim."
- **Deuteronomy 3:11** "For only Og king of Bashan **remained of the remnant of GIANTS** (Rephaim); behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron.....nine cubits was the length thereof (over thirteen feet long)....."
- **Joshua 12:4** "And the coast of Og king of Bashan, who was of **the remnant of the GIANTS**, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei..."
- **Joshua 13:12** "All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, **who remained of the remnant of the GIANTS**; for these did Moses smite (kill), and cast them out."

Now, let's look at the two schools of thought about who the "**sons of God**" are in these verses. If the "sons of God" are the descendants of Seth, it would be that **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. Deut. 14:1, Deut. 32:5, Psalm 73:15, Hosea 1:10

Angels are called "sons of God" in Job 1:6 & 2:1, Job 38:7, Psalm 29:1, and Psalm 89:6. If we believe the "sons of God" were angels, then they would be **disobedient angels**, who later are referred to as demons (those who rebelled with Lucifer). Jude 6 speaks about "ANGELS who did NOT keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode," so this may refer to the unnatural act of angels mating with humans. 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, corrupted 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 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**.

- **Genesis 6:9-12** "These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; **for all flesh has corrupted his way upon the earth.**"
- **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."
- **Job 1:6** "Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to **present themselves before the Lord, Satan also came** among them."
- **Job 2:1** "Again there was a day when the **sons of God** came to **present themselves before the Lord**, and **Satan came also** among them **to present himself** before the Lord."
- **Job 38:4-7** "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth! Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who set its measurements, since you know? Or who stretched the line on it? On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and **all the sons of God** shouted for joy?"
- **Psalms 89:6** "For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord? Who among **the sons of the Mighty** is like the Lord.....?"

The last part of the question is "are there any alive today? Is Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones a nephilim?" I do not believe that the Bible gives us any reason to believe that a mixed race of human and demon still exists, or can happen again. Two of the most evil people in the Bible are called the "son of perdition." Judas Iscariot, as evil as he was, was only indwelt by Satan at the time of the Last Supper. He was not born part demon, and therefore was evil. The other is the Anti-Christ, who is yet to come, but it also never mentions that he is already part demon or part Satan. Revelation tells us that the "Beast" or Anti-Christ will be under the control of Satan, and that he and his false prophet both **will have demonic powers** to work false miracles. Certainly, if there could be a person who was born part Satanic (as in movies such as "Rosemary's Baby"), the Bible would mention such a thing. It does not. In fact, in Ephesians 6:12, we are told that our battle is NOT against any human enemy ("flesh and blood"), but against spiritual powers. As for Keith Richards and the Rolling Stones, they have most certainly given themselves over to the devil, but **they are fully human**. Satan is willing to give his followers wealth and power as long as it suits him, and groups such as the Rolling Stones, who have admitted they have pledged their lives to Satan, are proof of that. Many of the rock groups today are serving Satan, either willingly and openly, or as his pawns. Countless young people have committed suicide while under the influence of **saturnally-inspired music and lyrics**. This is one of Satan's goals - to take as many people to hell with him as he can, and to have them commit suicide while young, and before they have made a commitment to Christ, is one way to do it. As for rock stars and other celebrities that worship or serve Satan, the Book of Revelation tells us what their ultimate fate will be - the Lake of Fire!

- **Revelation 9:20-21** "And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, **so as NOT to WORSHIP DEMONS and the idols of gold and of silver** and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders nor of their SORCERIES nor of their immorality nor of their thefts."
- **Revelation 21:8** "But the cowardly, **unbelieving, abominable**, murderers, **sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters**, and all liars shall have their part in **the LAKE which burns with FIRE** and brimstone, which is the second death."
- **John 17:12** "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and **NONE of them is LOST except the SON of PERDITION**, that the Scripture might be fulfilled."

- **II Thessalonians 2:3-4 & 9** "Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and **the MAN of SIN is revealed, the SON of PERDITION**, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." "The coming of **the lawless one** is according to **the WORKING of SATAN**, with all power, signs, and lying (false) wonders."

Definition: "NONE of them is LOST except the SON of PERDITION" - Perdition means damnation - being lost and going to hell. Jesus is referring to Judas, who will betray Him. The only other person in the Bible who is given such a title is the Anti-Christ (II Thessalonians 2:3). The reason that both the Anti-Christ and Judas the betrayer of Jesus are called "sons of perdition" is because **they both are indwelt by Satan while doing their wicked works**. In Revelation 13:1-8, the Anti-Christ, who is also called "the beast" is given his power and authority by Satan. Then it says he is mortally wounded, but brought back to life, and it is believed that **at that time** he will be actually indwelt by Satan for the remainder of the Great Tribulation.

- **John 13:2** "And supper being ended, **the DEVIL** having already PUT it into the HEART of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him....."
- **Luke 22:3** "**Then SATAN entered Judas**, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve."
- **John 13:27** "Now **after the piece of bread, SATAN entered him** (Judas). Then Jesus said to him, 'What you do, do quickly.'"

Definition: "The DEVIL having already PUT IT INTO the HEART" - Judas Iscariot was OPEN to **allowing Satan to enter and possess him**, because he had first of all ACCEPTED Satan's suggestions. We, as Christians, cannot be POSSESSED by the devil or demons, but we can **open our lives to demonic INFLUENCE** if we entertain and accept **wrong thoughts** and suggestions ("the fiery darts of the evil one" - Eph. 6:16). Some examples of Satanic influence of believers are in I Chronicles 21:1-8 and Acts 5:1-10. In I Chron. 21:1-8 it says that "Satan MOVED David" to disobey God. In David's case, it was **his PRIDE that opened the door for Satan** to make his suggestion, and David took the bait. In Acts 5:1-10, it was probably pride and greed both that opened the door to Satanic influence in the lives of Ananias and Sapphira. The difference with Judas is that **he was NEVER a true believer**, and he opened the door all the way to be possessed by Satan.

- **John 6:64** "'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were **who did not believe, and who would betray Him.**"
- **Acts 5:3** "But Peter said, 'Ananias, **why has Satan filled your heart** to lie to the Holy Spirit, and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?'"

Definition: "Why has SATAN FILLED your HEART?" - The word for "filled" in the Greek is the **same word for being "filled" with the Holy Spirit**. There is a warning here for Christians. You have the ability, with your free will, to submit yourself to either **the Holy Spirit, and be under His control**, or to an unholy spirit, such as Satan or one of his demons. These satanic suggestions are called "the fiery darts of the evil one" in Ephesians 6:16, and you must ward them off by putting up the "shield of faith." This same shield of FAITH is referred to in I John 5:4-5, as it says our FAITH in Jesus is what **gives us the VICTORY** to OVERCOME the world and all its temptations. Also, in Ephesians 5:18, Paul contrasts being DRUNK with being FILLED with the Spirit. Instead of being drunk, which is to be "UNDER the INFLUENCE" of alcohol, we are to be "UNDER the INFLUENCE", or CONTROLLED by the **Holy Spirit**. Being filled with the Spirit is NOT a ONE-TIME experience, but a continuous YIELDING of ourselves to the Holy Spirit's control in our lives. The literal Greek is "keep being filled" with the Spirit.

- **Ephesians 5:18-19** "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **BE FILLED with the Spirit**, speaking to one another psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."
- **I John 5:4-5** "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And **this is the VICTORY that has overcome the world-our FAITH**. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"