

**Vicarious Sacrifice: Addendum: The Mystery of the Nephilim: the “Giants” of Gen 6:4 cf. Those of Num 13:33; the Antediluvian Corruption of the Human Species by Fallen Angels: Intervention of the Nephilim; the Historicity of the Nephilim Revealed in Scripture: Gen 6:4 cf. Mt 12:40; 1 Pet 3:18–19; 2 Pet 2:4; & Jude 6; Paternal Demons Incarcerated in Tartarus; Grace before Judgment: Global Population Offered 120 years to Believe; All Creatures Drowned in the Flood; Line of Christ Preserved, Gen 3:15**

### Addendum: The Mystery of the Nephilim:

**Genesis 6:4** - There were giants [ נפילים ] (*nephilim*): giants ] in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God [ בְּנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים (*bene ha 'Elohim*): Fallen angels of the Luciferian rebellion (see Rev 12:4) ] came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men who were of old, men of renown [ Titans of classical mythology ]. (KJV)

**Number 13:33** - There we saw the giants, the sons of Anak,<sup>1</sup> who come of the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. (KJV)

1. During our study of the Lord’s activities during the three days and nights His body was in the tomb, we noted His trip to Hades.
2. He entered its compartment of Tartarus to inform a certain group of demons about His victorious work on the cross thus signaling their ultimate defeat in the Angelic Conflict.
3. These demons are incarcerated there because of their attack on the human species in Genesis 6. In that passage these angels, referred to as the “sons of God,” cohabited with human women producing a group of half-breeds referred to in the Hebrew text as nephilim, which means “giants.”

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<sup>1</sup> “The spies of Numbers 13:33 compared them to the Nephilim or “giants” of Genesis 6:4. Joshua cut off the Anakim in Joshua 11:21–22 with remnants of them being left in Philistine cities of Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod. As compared with the Israelites, they were tall like giants, and it would therefore seem that the “giant” Goliath and his family were of their race” (A. H. Sayce, “Anakim,” in *The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*, gen. ed. James Orr [Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1956], 1:128).

4. This word is also used in Numbers 13:33 as part of the majority report to Moses by representatives of eleven of the 12 tribes of Israel who were tasked to reconnoiter Canaan.
5. Caleb, of the tribe of Judah, recommended that the Israelites attack while the other eleven expressed fear of the groups living there, especially those who were sons of Anak whom they referred to a “giants” or nephilim.
6. A review of the details regarding the nephilim is advised in order to distinguish between the “giants” in Genesis and those in Numbers.
7. Jesus indicated to the scribes and Pharisees that the “Son of Man” would fulfill the “sign of Jonah”:
 

**Matthew 12:40** - “Just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish for three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth [ ἄδης (*Háidēs*): Hades: Paradise, Torments, Tartarus, & the Abyss; Hebrew: שְׁאוֹל (*She’ol*) ] for three days and three nights.” (NET)
8. Jesus also assured the criminal crucified alongside Him that he would join Him that day in Paradise:
 

**Luke 23:42** - He [ the believing criminal ] said, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom.”

**v. 43** - And Jesus said to him, “I am telling you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” (NET)
9. Peter informs us that the Lord will also pay a call on another compartment of Hades in:
 

**1 Peter 3:18** - Because Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, to bring you to God, by being put to death in the flesh but by being made alive in the Spirit.

**v. 19** - In it [ the Holy Spirit ] He went and preached to the spirits [ demons ] in prison,

**v. 20** - after they were disobedient long ago when God patiently waited in the days of Noah as an ark was being constructed. In the ark a few, that is eight souls, were delivered through water.

10. Who these “spirits” are and the identification of their “prison” are answered by Peter in:

**2 Peter 2:4** - If God did not spare the angels who sinned, but threw them into hell [ **ταρταρόω (tartarōō) Tartarus** ] and locked them up in chains in utter darkness, to be kept until judgment.

11. By comparing Peter’s remarks in 1 Peter 3:20 with 2 Peter 2:4, we are able to conclude that the “angels who sinned” are the ones described in Genesis 6.
12. In this passage, the population of the earth had grown progressively and exceedingly negative toward the gospel of Jesus Christ.
13. As a result the usual things began to occur. We noted several in recent studies about the satanic process of mental conditioning that results in volitional assent to demonism.
14. Part of this process is involvement in sexual perversions and in this case a segment of fallen angels presented themselves as male prostitutes for human women.
15. It is apparent that during the building of the ark, it was Noah’s duty to explain to the people that a divinely initiated disaster of global proportions would eventually destroy all earthly life.
16. Noah’s ministry ran concurrently with his construction of the ark for a period of 120 years. All the while things grew more and more perverse.

17. The details of the angelic involvement with human women are the subject of Genesis 6:1-7.
- Genesis 6:1** - Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,
- v. 2** - that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. (NASB)
18. “Sons of God” (בְּנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים [*bene-ha-Elohim*]) is a term that is always used in Scripture to describe angels. Yet there are two categories of angels, the elect, who have remained loyal to God since their creation, and fallen, who were participants in the angelic rebellion led by Lucifer in Isaiah 14:13-14.
19. We are able to detect that this group is among the fallen angels from three New Testament passages. We have just noted two in 1 Peter 3:20 and 2 Peter 2:4; the third is found in:
- Jude 6** - Angels who did not keep within their proper domain, but abandoned their own place of residence, He has kept in eternal chains in utter darkness [ **Tartarus** ] for the judgment of the great day [ **Great White Throne** ].
20. Both Peter and Jude provide us with these essential facts about the *bene-ha Elohim*: (1) they were disobedient, (2) which was classified as a sin, (3) for which they were imprisoned in Tartarus, (4) because they strayed from their assigned domain thus violating the rules of engagement for the Angelic Conflict, and (5) for which they will be judged at the Great White Throne.
21. In Genesis 6:1 it is noted that there was a population explosion on earth that produced a high percentage of women.
22. Consequently, there were not enough men to go around so the fallen angels came up with the idea of accommodating the ladies awaiting.

23. The cohabitation of angels with female Homo sapiens produced a species unique to both races. This offspring was half-angelic and half-human.
24. It is apparent that the union between the fallen angels and the human women resulted in children of great height causing them to be described as “giants,” or as in the Hebrew language *nephilim*.
25. The King James Version translates נְפִילִים (*nephilim*), which is plural, with the word “giants,” while the NIV, NASB, and NET Bibles each transliterates the Hebrew with “nephilim.”
26. The key to understanding the difference between the word *nephilim* in Genesis 6 and in Numbers 13 is to understand it is a metonymy: “a figure of speech that replaces the name of one thing with the name of something else closely associated with it.”<sup>2</sup>
27. This is, in fact, brought out in the Genesis passage and some analysis is needed:

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**v. 2** - that the sons of God [ *bene ha 'Elohim* ] saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. (NASB)

1. Verse 1 reports that a population explosion occurred that resulted in an overwhelming number of female births.
2. Eventually, the abundance of nubile women who were apparently quite beautiful, attracted the attention of the “sons of God” (*bene ha 'Elohim*), a large contingent of fallen angels.

<sup>2</sup> Chris Baldick, *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990), 135.

3. The term “sons of God” is what allows us to interpret this as fallen angels since God created the entire angelic population. After the Luciferian rebellion, these angels began to function under the authority of Lucifer.
4. The large population of human women caught Lucifer’s attention and he developed a plan to capitalize on the situation.
5. His strategy was to contaminate the human race with a race of half-angel, half-human offspring that over time would cut off the line of Messiah which required that He be true humanity.

**Genesis 3:15** - I will put hostility between you [ Lucifer ] and the woman, and between your seed [ demons ] and her seed [ Messiah ]; He [ Messiah ] shall bruise your head [ seize his authority ], but you shall bruise His heel [ the Passion and crucifixion ].

6. Lucifer understood the divine strategy for the introduction of the Messiah through procreation. He strategized to use the same process to corrupt the genetic line of Messiah which is what he executes in Genesis 6.
7. Understanding the planned assault, God’s counterattack is described in:

**Genesis 6:3** - Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive [ ׀׀׀ (diyyn): “to plead a case” ] with man forever. He is flesh yet his days are numbered and shall be one hundred and twenty years.