

## The Inscrutable Question: Disobedience & Sequestering of Antediluvian Demons in Tartarus, 1 Pet 3:19-20; Jude 6; 2 Pet 2:4; 120 Years of Grace, Gen 6:3

- 19) We know from certain appearances of angels in Scripture that they can take on the appearance of men, for example the Lord's two angelic staff officers in Genesis 18-19.
- 20) We know according to Matthew 22:30 that angels do not marry, indicating that they do not procreate among themselves, therefore an interesting question arises as to how they were able to do so with another creature such as human women.
- 21) We find a clue in two New Testament passages where these fallen angels are said to have been "disobedient" by leaving their "first estate."

**1 Peter 3:19** - By the personal agency of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ also went and made proclamation to the demons now in prison [ **Tartarus** ],

**v. 20** - who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark ...

**Jude 6** - The angels who did not maintain their own domain [ "keep their first estate": **KJV** ] but abandoned their status quo, Jesus Christ has kept in eternal chains of darkness for the judgment of the great day [ **Great White Throne** ].

- 22) Thus, by abandoning their own domain and becoming disobedient we conclude that prior to the flood angels and human women were *capable* of cohabitating with each other but were restricted from doing so by divine mandate.
- 23) Violation of this mandate was considered a capital crime and for these demons it resulted in a court martial. Their continued involvement in the Invisible War was terminated.
- 24) They were incarcerated in the Tartarus compartment of Hades before the flood and have remained so to this hour, not to be released until after human history is over.

**2 Peter 2:4** - For if God did not spare the angels [ **bene ha Elohim of Genesis 6** ] when they sinned, and He did not, but sequestered them down to Tartarus by means of chains of darkness, and delivered them over to be guarded for future judgment [ **Great White Throne** ];

- 25) These demons are held in "chains of darkness": **σειρά ζόφος / seira zophos** /. Since the angelic body is composed of light, removal of all sources of light results in instant immobilization.
- 26) The prison in which they are chained by means of darkness is referred to by the Greek verb: **ταρταρώω / tartaroo** / - "He sequestered them down to Tartarus"
- 27) Since this is not a permanent imprisonment the best word to describe their sentence is "sequester." They will be held in this compartment of Hades until human history is over. The noun form of the verb provides us with the name for this compartment:

**Τάρταρος / Tartaros** / - Tartarus

- 28) The removal of these demons from the angelic conflict plus the fact that following the flood all angels both elect and fallen have been disembodied, means that cohabitation of this form is no longer possible.
- 29) The evil and corrupting result of this sexual assault is the subject of the next two verses:



**Genesis 6:3** - Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever in his going astray. He is still flesh; therefore, his days will be 120 years.

- 1) While the human species is being steadily corrupted over the 120-year period, Noah is presenting the gospel. The Holy Spirit will be patient for that long and no longer.
- 2) It is helpful to keep in mind that when the 120-year period started the world was populated by Homo sapiens only. The demonic corruption of true humanity occurred during that time and continued unabated until the flood. By the time the ark was completed the only eight members of the human race left alive were Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, and their wives. All others were half-breed Nephilim, half angel, half man.