The Nephilim-(Giants)

Genesis 6:4 says "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days and also afterward, when the sons of God went into the daughters of men and had children by them." --(the Nephilim were the offspring of the sons of God and daughters of men. But why Nephilim?-

**v-1 & 2- says** “ the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful and they married any of them they chose”-(the wives didn’t have any choice !)

-(now note the verbage in this verse-=="the daughters of men—and the Sons of God”).

Now before we examine these verses—I want us to think about something- it’s called –**Avoiding the Truth**---it’s the principle of condemnation which is condemnation before investigation.

**Proverbs 18:13-** says “he that answers a matter before he hears it—it is folly and shame to him”-

Now first there are two schools of thought—that the daughters of men are the daughters of Cain’s lineage, which are sinful unbelievers, and the Sons of God which belong to Seth’s lineage and are believers.

So lets examine this:

**1. Sons of God**—

--Adam was a Son of God—(he was created in the likeness of God-without sin)-but his children were sons of Adam, not of God, in other words they were born in depravity with a nature prone to sin. Nowhere else in scripture is man referred to as a Son of God.

Seth who replaced Abel is not a Son of God, he is a son of Adam born with a sin nature as all of Adam’s children were.

**Romans 5:18 says** “just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men.”

-(everyone after Adam was a sinner. Those who became justified were those who looked to the Messiah, (the prophecy of a Messiah, Gen 3:15), and had faith in God but were never called the Sons of God. -once again-the term only is mentioned of Angels.)

.In the N.T. the K.J translates **John 1:12-** ‘yet to all who received Him –He gave the power to become the sons of God”—but the word for sons is really ‘children’in the Greek. -(in other words we are all children of Adam, we are all going to die. ) Sons of God is a different term, it refers to a direct creation.

**2.** Everywhere the term ‘Sons of God’ is mentioned in the O.T. – which is Job 1:6, 2:1, and 38:7—it refers to Angels.

**3.** Lk 20:36 –refers to those who are of the resurrection—(meaning believers)\_ will be like the Angels—(God’s children)\_

**4.** The historical Book of Enoch—refers to them as Angels.

**5.** The Septuagint (LXX)- the Greek translation of the O.T.by the Jewish Scholars – translates the Sons of God in this passage as Angels—and remember—Greek is much more precise than Hebrew.

**6**. The testimony of the twelve patriarchs refers to them as angels.

7. Josephus—the Jewish historical scholar refers to them as angels.

**8.** Traditional Jewish literature refers to them as angels.

**2. The daughters of men.**

1. the verse says ‘the daughters of men’- or Adam (man means Adam).
2. If these daughters are of Cain—or unbelievers--- where are the daughters of God—(believers)?—there is no mention—so the grammatical antithesis is ignored.!

**3. Angels-**

Angels are divided into two groups: the exalted Angels who do the work of God—and the fallen angels, or demons, Lucifer was an exalted angel-who led a rebellion against God in heaven. When he fell and became the devil, Revelation 12 tells us one third of the angelic host joined his rebellion and became demons.

1. Angels can appear in human form. The angels who assisted Lot to leave Sodom appeared as men, and the men of Sodom wanted to have sex with them.
2. Angels spoke like men—they ate with men.
3. They are capable of physical contact with man—they slew 185,000 Syrians.
4. Angels are always masculine.

**Jude 6 & 7** says ‘the angels which kept not their first estate-(they left their own habitation.-their home)-these these He has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day-& in a **similar way,** Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion.”--(this refers to these Angels having committed a perversion of sexual immorality.)

**2 Peter 2: 4 & 5-** says “God did not spare the Angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell –(should be Tartarus—a Greek term which means a dark abode of woe—a **pit of darkness** in the unseen world)-putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment. If He did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness.

So theses angels crossed the line.

**v-4- says** “the Nephilim ( means ‘fallen ones’)-it’s translated giants in some texts—they were on the earth and afterwards when the Sons of God went into the daughters of men and had children with them—(these fallen ones-were the children born to the Sons of God—and daughters of men).

=Now if these Sons of God were humans—why would their children be ‘fallen ones’?—They would not. So here we have ‘hybrids’-called 'Nephilim'.

**v-4 goes on to say** “these were the heroes of old, men of renown”-(in every culture after this we see these giants).

The Greeks called them Titans (another name for Satan by the way)-they were supposed to be partly terrestrial and partly celestial and they were defeated by Zeus and condemned to Tartarus.)

Zeus, Hercules, Atlas, were all Nephilim.

Other cultures referred to these men—Persia, India & Bolivia.

Today science has discovered a gene in mice called GDF-8-that when disrupted, yields supermice—3x bigger than ordinary.—it’s a mutation.

Leviticus 20: 15 & 16 gives a death penalty for trying to cross the genetic lines of humans with animals. It says “ if a man or woman has sex with animal- both the animal and the human are to be put to death”-not just the human but the animal as well.

So lets summarize to this point.

There is no daughters of Seth and daughters of Cain, they are all daughters of Adam. There are no humans called Sons of God except Adam.

**v-5-7—**sa**ys** ‘God saw how great man’s wickedness had become and he was continually evil all the time'.

--(if this is true where are the Sons of God, the righteous line of Seth? If that’s what some would call them?- they are nowhere to be found !)

**v-8 says** “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord”

--(Noah was the only one who was righteous and even he was not called a Son of God for even he was born with a sin nature after Adam.

--(If the Seth linage were the sons of God where are they?-there is none, all men were condemned.)

**v-9 says** “Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God”

--(Noah is the only one in the bloodline from Adam without spot or impairment).

**v-11says** “ the whole earth was corrupt in God’s sight and full of violence”

--(if the Sethites were the good line where are they?-why did they perish?)

Remember Enosh was Seth’s son who initiated the defiance of God.?

Matthew 24:37Jesus answered his disciples and gave the clue of His return. He said it would be like the days of Noah.- (now a lot of people think there would be just everybody turning to themselves and sinning—and this is true—but I think it means more than that—I believe there will be a gross sexual perversion –and that’s where we’re headed today---our society says we have a good economy- life is fairly good—we’re eating good—having pleasure- in other words==everything is fine—but underneath the surface lurks a strong current of sexual behavior that eventually will sink us.

**Man of the church fathers believed the Sons of God were angels:**

They are Philo of Alexander, Irenaneus, Justin Martyr, Athenagoras, Tertullian, Lactantius, Ambrose, Julian.

Modern day Scholars:

G.H. Pember, M.R. DeHaan, C.H. McIntosh, F. Delitzsch, A.C. Gaebelein, A.W. Pink, Donald Barnhouse, Henry Morris, Merrill Unger, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, ( a great Jewish Scholar)—Hal Lindsey, Chuck Smith-and most recently Tim LaHaye—( who used to not believe it- but now has said the evidence is overwhelming.)

Now one who didn’t believe it was Augustine--- the great Catholic theologian who shaped Catholic theology—and so the Catholic church taught the view that the line of Seth was the Sons of God and the line of Cain was the sinners and when the Reformation occurred in the seventeenth century—the church continued to teach this view—and seminaries taught it as well.—until scholars started examining the text and totally reversed their thinking to coincide with Sons of God being Angels.

**Now why would the Angels want to marry humans??—Satan’ stratagey.**

1. To corrupt the blood line thereby destroying the possibility of a Messiah from ever appearing—the Seed of the Woman (Gen 3:15-which would destroy him.)-
2. Satan again tried to wipe out the male line of the Jews-(Ex 1)
3. Pharaoh's pursuit to wipe them out after they left Egypt.(Ex 14)
4. Populating Canaan with Nephilim to prevent the Jews from coming in (Gen 12:6)
5. Tried to wipe out David’s line to stop the Messiah (2 Sam 7)
6. Haman tried to wipe out the Jews (Esther 3)
7. Herod’s **attempt** to kill Jesus when a baby ( Mt 2)
8. The Cross-
9. The Holocaust.
10. The Tribulation period—using the Muslims- to wipe them out. (Rev.)

**v-17** -The Lord says "I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it" -(the Lord wiped out the human race except Noah 's family.)

And so all the hybrids and sinful mankind was eradicated except Noah who was told to repopulate the earth. -(in other words, start over with a clean slate). But it wasn't long before we see the Nephilim appear again. They were in the land of Canaan. Satan had planted them there to keep the Israelites from inhabiting the land.-(remember in Genesis 6:4 it said Nephilim were on the earth in those days (before the flood), and afterwards, (after the flood).

The Lord had given the land of Canaan to Abraham in Genesis 17:8 and his descendants after him, passed on through his son Isaac and then Jacob. This was a covenant made by the Lord to Abraham and his descendants in 17:7. -(Satan knew the story and to wipe out the Israelites he planted the Nephilim there and he had 400 years to populate the land before Moses sent out the spies in Numbers 13:2 in preparation to enter the land.)

Numbers 13:8 says that when the spies returned to Moses with their report of the land of Canaan, they said they saw descendants of Anak. -(these were giants-Nephilim). Later on they discovered the Rephaim, Emim, Horim Zamsummim, Ogites, Bashanites, Arba, the Goliath brothers.--(these were giants noted between 9 feet and 13 feet tall.)

Numbers 14:33,34 tells us because the people rejected the Lord's admonition to enter the land of Canaan that they would wander in the desert for 40 years, one year for each day they had spied out the land, and not one of their generation would enter the land except Caleb and Joshua, the two who favored the Lord's word to enter the land.

After Moses died the Lord raised up Joshua who became victorious in entering and conquering a good portion of the land, but never did conquer all of it that was promised to Abraham. -(thus the covenant the Lord made with Abraham remains unfulfilled. However, the Lord will fulfill his promise, because we see in Revelation 19 that He returns to His people the Jews who accept Him as Messiah and He brings them into the land that He conquers for them.) Thus, they inherit the land given to Abraham. This is called the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

It appears that Joshua had wiped out most all of the giants except the Goliath family which David finished off.

And so the Lord was victorious in wiping out Nephilim with the flood and then He raised up His people through Abraham, whose descendants, Joshua and David wiped out Nephilim in the land of Canaan.