

Genesis 6:1-13

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Scriptures that refer to Noah as an historical person:

- I Chronicles 1:4
- Luke 3:36; 17:27
- Isaiah 54:9
- Hebrews 11:7
- Ezekiel 14:14,20
- I Peter 3:20
- Matthew 24:38-39
- II Peter 2:5

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Gen 4:16 "Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD"

- Genesis 4:26 "...Then men began to call upon the LORD."
- Genesis 5:4 "Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were 800 years, *and he had other sons and daughters.*"
- "he had other sons and daughters." vs.4,10,13,16,19,22,26,30
- Gen 5:32 "Noah was 500 years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth."

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Genesis 6:2 = what we can understand:

- "sons...saw that the daughters of men **were beautiful...**"
- = lust of the eyes
- "they took wives for themselves"
- = willful action
- "whomever they chose"
- = independent action

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Genesis 3:6 = Eve's sin

"When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate."

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- "The **Nephilim** were on the earth...*when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them...*"
- "Nephilim" = transliteration of the Hebrew
- "Nephilim" from NAPHAL = to attack, fall upon, or bully; may indicate violent, powerful warriors

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- Numbers 13:32-33 "...and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. 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 were we in their sight."
- Compare Joshua 11:22 and I Samuel 17:4

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Views of Genesis 6:2, "sons of God"

- View 1: "sons of God" = fallen angels who took human women as wives. (II Peter 2:4-5)
- View 2: "sons of God" = the godly line of Seth being corrupted.
- View 3: "sons of God" = despotic rulers viewing themselves as gods, given to corrupt, sexual perversion.
- View 4: "sons of God" = demonically possessed men who took women to satisfy satanic lusts and perverted occult practices.

Any of these views would have corrupted the whole human race and destroyed the line of Christ, the Savior to come (Gen 3:15).

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Genesis 3:15 = the “protoevangelium”

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel.”

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II Peter 2:4-5

“...God did not spare angels when they sinned...and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly...”

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Genesis 6:13

“the earth is filled with violence”

- Prov 3:31 “Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways.”
- Psalm 11:5 “The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, and the one who loves violence His soul hates.”
- Prov 6:16-19 = lists what the Lord hates, including: “hands that shed innocent blood”

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Is the account of Noah relevant today???

In Matthew 24:38-39 Jesus said,

“For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; ***so will the coming of the Son of Man be.***”

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Is the account of Noah relevant today???

II Peter 3:3-6 "Know this...that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking ...and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ... all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation. For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water."

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Lessons:

1. Don't let yourself become desensitized to the world's corruption and violence.
2. The example of Noah: Strive to be blameless in your generation.
3. Noah is an example of the difference one person can make.
4. The account of Noah is a reminder that the Lord Jesus is returning; this should be a motive for holy living today.

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