

Genesis

Chapter 5:28 - 6:13

✠ **Gen 5:28-32** *Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed." After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died. And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

Lamech named his son Noah which means, "rest".

Lamech said, *"This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed."*

Lamech was thinking that the rest would be for them from working for their food and possibly thinking that God would restore the earth to its original state before Adam & Eve sinned.

Remember back in chapter 2

† **Gen 2:15** *Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*

To keep and tend means that he was the overseer of the garden, he took care of it. Like we do with our gardens. We take care of them with love and pride, enjoying the fruits of our gardens or enjoying the beauty of them. This is how it was before the fall of Adam.

But then after the fall it wasn't the same.

† **Gen 3:17-19** *Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."*

No longer was the food provided for man, but now he had to work for it. This is what Lamech thought Noah would deliver the people from. But God would not deliver the people from work, but from the sin on the earth.

Lamech died 5 years prior to the flood, and as we saw last week Methuselah died the year of the flood.

Noah was 500 years old and begot his sons, The flood happened when was Noah was 600 years old. It was about 100 years from when God told Noah to build the ark to when the flood occurred.

Lamech and Methuselah (Noah's dad and granddad) were around when Noah was building the flood. We will look at this more next week.

✠ **Gen 6:1-2** *Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.*

Sons of God? Who were these men? Some believe that they are possibly fallen angels.

The plural, "sons of God," is used (Gen 6:2, 4) to denote the godly descendants of Seth. In Job 1:6; Job 38:7 this name is applied to the angels.

✠ **Job 1:6** *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.*

✠ **Job 38:7** *When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

✠ **Jude 1:6** *And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;*

✠ **2 Peter 2:4** *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

If you read the word reserved or delivered you would think that they were in hell. But the meanings of these words are "to save". Like making or saving a reservation in a hotel. You're not there yet, but a room is saved for you, or a place in hell for them.

Others say the sons of God may be from the descendants of Seth. Either way, it was a wicked time on the earth, but that wickedness would emerge again here on earth in the last days.

✠ **Matt 24:36-39** *But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

Eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, doesn't that sound just like today? We have our excuses for doing them.

"I really need a drink after this week, if you only knew how tough it was you would agree with me."

Or

“My wife/husband just wont do what I want them to, or he/she is not the same person I married, I just can’t live with this person anymore.”

What excuses are you using right now to rebel against the Lord? We don’t think about that part, do we? But that’s just what we are doing, and we don’t even think twice about it because the world does it and we just get used to it. But that is an awful thing that has happened to the church today. We have allowed the ways of the world to dictate how we live our lives and not God.

God says that divorce is wrong, and being a drunkard is wrong to, along with sexual immorality, homosexuality, murder and hatred, and... We need to as Christian get back to the ways of God and not allow the world to tell us what is right or wrong. This is how it was in the days of Noah, and the church is a part of it today.

Also they didn’t know, although Noah was witnessing about what was going to happen.

✠ **2 Peter 2:4-5** *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly,*

Noah was a preacher “A messenger of the Gospel”. We are also preachers, we should be proclaiming the gospel to others. And as we saw in Matthew they will not believe. So we shouldn’t be shocked when they don’t. They just don’t realize that they are fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus when they reject Him.

✠ **Gen 6:3-4** *And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." There were giants 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.*

Verse 3 seems to have been stuck there; it doesn’t seem to belong there at all. The word “Spirit” means breath, remember when God created man. In Gen 2:7 it says that God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and then man became a living being. If you read this from the NLT:

✠ **Gen 6:3 (NLT)** *Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh. In the future, they will live no more than 120 years."*

God knew the wickedness of man, and what he had already done to the earth by destroying it like we do today. So man would not live as long, because of his sinful living and how he was destroying the earth. So this verse is not there by accident, but God making a statement about how man’s sinful nature is destroying him.

We now come to the word Giants

Giants = Heb. *nephilim*, meaning "violent" or "causing to fall".

These were the violent tyrants of those days, those who fell upon others. The word may also be derived from a root signifying "wonder," and hence "monsters" or "prodigies." In Num 13:33 this name is given to a Canaanitish tribe, a race of large stature, "the sons of Anak." The Revised Version, in these passages, simply transliterates the original, and reads "Nephilim."

Giants, the Hebrew word left untranslated by the Revisers, the name of one of the Canaanitish tribes. The Revisers have, however, translated the Hebrew gibborim, in Gen 6:4, "mighty men."

† **Num 13:33** *"There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."*

✠ **Gen 6:5-8** *Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in 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. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

The Lord was sorry He made man on earth. There are other instances of God being sorry or grieved at His people. Here is just one case, but if you do a word study of "sorry" or "grieved" you will find others.

† **Ex 32:9-10** *And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."*

Even today we see the wickedness of man, we are still in awe of God's patience towards the world. But I'm glad He is patient because if He wasn't, I would be destined for hell.

God was so sorry that He was willing to destroy the animals also. But in the end we see God's grace and His love for the people, we see His servant, Noah.

✠ **Gen 6:9-12** *This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.*

Noah wasn't perfect. We know the word says that

† **Romans 3:23** *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Just = *righteous*

Perfect = *blameless*

Noah was a righteous and blameless man who walked with God. But he wasn't without sin. Think of Pastor Chuck Smith or Billy Graham or your own pastor, they are righteous and blameless, but they are not without sin.

"All flesh had corrupted their way".

People want to blame God for everything, wars, murder, and violence. They say if God is such a loving God, how could He allow these things to happen? They see Satan's evil in the world and want to blame it on God, Satan has them right where he wants them, blaming God so they will reject God.

But we have to remember that if there were no sin in the world there would be no free choice. If I said you have a choice of an orange or an apple, but only put out two apples you wouldn't really have a choice. It's the same with serving God, if there wasn't another choice there wouldn't really be a choice, we would all be like programmed robots.

† **Matt 6:24** *No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

† **Luke 4:8** *And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"*

✠ **Gen 6:13** *And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth."*

What if God had come to you and told you this today, what would your response be?