

## The Sons of God and the Daughters of Man: An Introductory Study *Genesis 6:1-4*

“When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, (2) the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. (3) Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever (Heb. *olam*; basic meaning “most distant times”), for he is flesh; his days shall be 120 years.” (4) The *Nephilm* (giants, KJV; Heb. ‘fallen ones’) were on the earth in those days, and also afterward (i.e., after the flood), when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.”

Likely NT Parallels:

**Jude 6,7**; “The angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, He has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day - (7) just as **Sodom** and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which *likewise* indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.”

**2 Peter 2:4,5**; “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell (Gk. *Tartarus*, some: the lowest part of Sheol) and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; (5) if He did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness ...”

Pre-Flood

*“in those days”* (v.4)

Post-Flood

*“and afterward”* (v.4)

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*“The **Nephilim** were on earth”* (v.4) \

\ \*Numbers 13:33\*

*“Like the Anakim they are also / counted as **Rephaim**, ... Moabites / call them Emim.”* Deut. 2:10,11 also Deut. 1:28

The land we went to spy out ... *“all the people that we saw in it are of great height. (33) And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of **Anak**, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”*

[Other ref.: Genesis 14:5-6; Deut. 2:20,21; 3:11-13 (Og); Joshua 11:21,22]

Three *common* identifications to those in Genesis 6:1-4:

1. Kings or Great Ones and the daughters of man
2. Sethites and Cainites – Godly seed vs. ungodly seed
3. Angels (Spirit beings) and daughters of man – a demonic intrusion