

# Lessons from Genesis-part three

## Sons of God, Daughters of Men, And One Hundred and Twenty Years

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Cain “went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod [5113, *wandering*], on the **east** of Eden” (Genesis 4:16). To wander means 1: *to move about aimlessly or without a fixed course or goal*. 2: *to go astray in conduct or thought*. By leaving the presence of God, Cain was going in the way of the flesh, “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the **flesh cannot please God**” (Romans 8:7, 8). The flesh is called “...**sinful flesh**...” (v.3).

God’s law is our guide that keeps us from wandering aimlessly, if we use it. “For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light; and reproofs [8433, *correction*] of instruction [4148, *doctrine, admonition*] **are the way of life**” (Proverbs 6:23).

The genealogical line of Cain represents the way of this world, which is contrary to the way of the Eternal. “Love not the world, neither the things in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him**. For all that is in the world, the lust of the **flesh**, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” (1 John 2:15, 16). What were the results of the people following in the way of Cain?

“And 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 [430, *Gods, gods, magistrates, judges*] saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. There were giants [5303, *a bully. A tyrant*] in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men [1368, *strong, impetuous, a chief, a military leader*] which were of old [5769, *from long ago*], men of renown [8034, *name, fame*]. And God saw that the **wickedness of man** was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:1, 2, 4, 5).

Who are the sons of God and the daughters of men? Are the “sons of God” fallen angels who cohabited with human females and produced a super race of people? Did fallen angels, who are fully spirit, marry the daughters of men, who are flesh and blood? Was this even possible? Was it because of the wickedness of the fallen angels that **human beings** were condemned to die in the flood? God said, “...I will destroy **man** whom I have created from off the face of the earth...” (v. 7).

The Eternal gave man “...a hundred and twenty years” (v.3) before he was to be destroyed. What is the great meaning of the number one hundred and twenty in God’s plan?

### **Did Fallen Angels Cohabit with the Daughters of Men?**

What does the Word teach about the angels being able to reproduce? Jesus, in a discussion with the Sadducees about the resurrection said, “...You do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, **but are as the angels of God in heaven**” (Matthew 22:29-30). The counter argument is that Jesus said that they do not, not that they could not or did not. Does that make any sense?

At the resurrection, when "...this mortal shall have put on immortality..." (1 Corinthians 15:54), the resurrected saints will be fully spirit, and they will **not** be able to reproduce themselves. That is what Jesus said. Why won't they be able to reproduce?

God never gave the angels, or any other spirit being, the ability to reproduce, because spirits do not die as mortals do; therefore they have no need to be able to reproduce. God gave physical creatures the ability to reproduce after their own **kind**; otherwise, they would have died out. A human being **cannot** give birth to any other creature other than another human being.

Likewise with all of the other physical creatures that God has created. God ordained that kind would reproduce after its own kind, **period** (Genesis 1:21, 28). Apes do not give birth to horses, nor do birds give birth to fish, or cows to tortoises, etc., etc. Angels and humans are **not of the same kind**, for man was made "...a little lower than the angels..." (Hebrews 2:7); hence the two different kinds cannot reproduce together. If they could, then would the result be a half human/half spirit? That sounds like the nonsense that evolutionists would come up with.

Angels are incapable of having sex because the Creator did not design them with that ability, which makes it impossible for angels to mate with humans. Some have argued that angels have appeared as men, and therefore they could have sex just like human beings. The plain truth is that when they appeared as men they were still spirits—they were not human beings. Therefore they could not have sex with humans.

But didn't some angels leave their proper place? Yes, they did. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation [3613, *dwelling, abode*], He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness to the judgment of the great day" (Jude 1:6). The angels rebelled against God, which was leaving their proper place, and were placed in bonds awaiting their final judgment. It does not say that they left their proper estate by having sex with humans.

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### Who are the Sons of God?

Does the phrase "sons of God" refer to angels? Yes, it can. "Now there was a day when the **sons of God** [430] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them" (Job 1:6). Job 2:1 has a similar rendering: "Again there was a day when the **sons of God** [430] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD." Satan is the Adversary, but it does not say that the "sons of God" were the fallen angels that had followed Satan.

In both instances, Satan is mentioned as coming in among the sons of God, but it is as though Satan was not one of them, but rather he came in as an interloper. Again in Job 38:7, it says, "When the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of God** [430] shouted for joy?" Here "sons of God" is referring to angels that worship their Creator—not the fallen angels who do not worship Him.

"Give to the LORD, O **sons of the mighty** [410, *God, god, strong, mighty, the Almighty*], give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory due to His name; **worship** the LORD in His glorious sanctuary" (Psalm 29:1, 2). "For who in the heaven can be compared to the LORD? Who among the **sons of the mighty** [410] can be likened to the LORD? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints [6918, *holy ones*], and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him" (Psalm 89:6, 7). In these verses the sons of God are those who worship Him.

Sons of God can also refer to God's people. "...[I]n the place where it was said to them, You are not My people, it shall be said to them, You are the **sons of the living God** [410]"

(Hosea 1:10). Sons of God and sons of the living God mean the same thing. The apostle John wrote, “Beloved, now are we **the sons of God**...” (1 John 3:2). The apostle Paul wrote, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the **sons of God**” (Romans 8:14).

In Hebrew, the phrase “sons of God [430]” is בְּנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים, and it has a numerical value of 153. The number 153 is found in John 21:11. This is the account of Peter and six other disciples of Jesus who were fishing, but were unable to catch fish. Jesus told them to “...Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and you shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it in for the multitude of fishes” (v. 6). The number of fish in the net was “...a hundred and fifty, and three...” (v. 11).

Jesus had said to His disciples, “...Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17). The fish symbolize people. The right side of the ship is significant, because this refers to those who will be saved. At the judgment Jesus will “...set the sheep on His **right hand**, but the goats on the **left**. Then the King shall say to those on His **right hand**, Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...Then He shall say also to them on the **left hand**, Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:33, 34, 41).

At the judgment, “He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and **he shall be My Son**. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Revelation 21:7, 8).

A son of God is one who worships God, whether he is a man or a spirit. The fallen angels and their leader do not worship God, and therefore have been removed from being sons of God. Those who will die in the lake of fire are not called “sons of God.”

### **The Messianic Line of Seth**

“And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth [8352, *substituted*]” (Genesis 5:3). Seth was a substitute for the righteous Abel, whom Cain had murdered. Seth’s line is the line from which the Messiah descended (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38). The line of Seth represents those who seek after God, which is the exact opposite of the line of Cain.

A son was born to Seth, “...and he called his name Enosh [583, *mortal, frail*]: then began men to **call upon the name of the LORD**” (Genesis 4:26). To call upon the name of the Eternal means to worship Him. Abram journeyed “...to the place of the altar, which he had made...and there Abram **called on the name of the LORD**” (Genesis 13:4). Again, “...Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and **called there on the name of the LORD**, the everlasting God” (Genesis 21:33). Those who worshipped God were from the line of Seth.

The life of Enosh overlapped the lives of Enoch and Noah. Enoch “walked with God” (Genesis 5:22), and “Noah walked with God” (Genesis 6:9). Both Enoch and Noah preached the Word of God, which they no doubt had learned from their predecessors.

“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard words which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him” (Jude 14-15). Noah was also “...a preacher of righteousness...” (2 Peter 2:5). The Word of God was being preached to mankind, but apparently with little noticeable effect on man’s behavior.

## The Sons of God and Daughters of Men

The “sons of God” and “daughters of men” are a distinction between the line of Cain and the line of Seth. Women are often used as types of false religion, through which men are seduced. All of this world’s religions have descended from “Mystery, Babylon the Great, the **Mother of Harlots** and Abominations of the Earth” (Revelation 17:5). The religions of this world are called prostitutes. All of mankind has been seduced by “...the great whore that sits upon many waters” (v.1). The waters “...where the whore sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” (v. 15).

The “...sons of God [*line of Seth*] saw the daughters of men [*line of Cain*] that they were fair [2896, *beautiful*]; and they took them wives of all which they chose” (Genesis 6:2). The sons of God lusted after women because of their beauty. Covetousness “...is idolatry” (Colossians 3:5). The “...kings of the earth have committed fornication”—with the great whore—“and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication” (Revelation 17:2). Fornication, as used in these verses, symbolizes spiritual infidelity, which is idolatry.

Throughout the Word of God there are warnings about intermarriage between those who do worship God, and those who do not. “Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness?...Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate...and I will receive you, and will be a Father to you, and **you shall be My sons and daughters**, says the Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:14, 17, 18).

## The Fallen Ones

“There were giants [5303, *a bully, a tyrant, a giant*] in the earth in those days; and also **after that, when the sons of God came into the daughters of men, and they bare children to them**, the same became mighty men [1368, *powerful, warrior, tyrant*] which were of old [5769, *long ago, ancient*], men [582, *a mortal, i.e. frail*] of renown [8034, *honor, authority*]” (Genesis 6:4).

Notice that there were giants in the earth **before** the daughters of men bore children to the sons of God. Therefore those giants could not have come from the union of the sons of God and the daughters of men. Also, note that the “mighty men,” i.e. the powerful tyrants, were mortal, frail human beings, subject to death. A giant can, but does not have to, refer to physical stature. It can also refer to one of great fame, a man of power and authority. In our day, some individuals have been called the “giants of industry,” such as: John D. Rockefeller, Henry Ford, Andrew Carnegie, and many others, because of the influence they have had in industry, and culture.

The root of the word for giant is 5307, which means “*to fall*.” It is used in a variety of applications. “The transgression of the wicked says within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flatters himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he has **left off to be wise, and to do good**. He devises mischief upon his bed; he sets himself in a way that is **not** good; he abhors **not** evil....There are the workers of iniquity **fallen** [5307]: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise” (Psalm 36:1-4, 12).

The fallen ones are from the line of Seth who knew the truth, but because of their lust for the daughters of men, they fell from the truth. “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD...Noah was a just [6662, *righteous*] man, and perfect [8549, *morally sound, complete*,

*whole*] in his generations [1755, *age, period, circuit*], and Noah walked with God” (Genesis 6:8, 9). Noah kept himself pure by not marrying the daughters of men from the line of Cain.

### **One Hundred and Twenty Years and the Salvation of Man**

The Eternal God said, “My spirit shall not always [5769, *for eternity*] strive [1777, *contend with, battle*] with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a **hundred and twenty years**” (Genesis 6:3). What is the great significance of one hundred and twenty?

An obvious consideration would be that God had determined that man had one hundred and twenty years to repent before the flood. God “...spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a **preacher of righteousness**, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly” (2 Peter 2:5).

Noah preached the Word of God to a world that was not interested in the truth. “For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, **until the day that Noah entered into the ark**, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of man be” (Matthew 24:38, 39).

Another idea is that of one hundred and twenty jubilees. ( $120 \times 50 = 6,000$ .) Six thousand years have been allotted to man, and then Christ returns to establish the Kingdom of God on the earth. The jubilee years are calculated from the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 25:9, 10). Jesus will return to the earth to establish the Kingdom of God on the Day of Atonement, and it will be on the one hundred and twentieth jubilee from creation. God’s timing is always perfect.

The number one hundred and twenty divided by three equals forty. The number forty represents a period of salvation. The Eternal God “led you these **forty** years in the wilderness, to humble you, and to prove [5354, *to test, assay*] you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments, or no. And He humbled you” (Deuteronomy 8:2). At the end of forty years Israel entered the Promised Land, which was a type of entering into the Kingdom of God.

The forty years in the wilderness symbolizes the life of a believer who is being sanctified by the Word of God in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus “...loved the [*congregation*], and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious [*congregation*], not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:25-27).

There are three forties in one hundred and twenty, and each of them represents a period of salvation. The first is the six thousand years from the creation to the first resurrection. This period is one hundred and twenty jubilees. The second period is the millennial period, when Christ will return on the Day of Atonement to establish the Kingdom of God on the earth. The third period of salvation will be the second resurrection, which is pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot).

Now we will break one hundred and twenty into two numbers. The number one hundred is the number of inheritance. The entrance into the Most Holy Place is one hundred cubits ( $10 \times 10$ ). The Most Holy Place is the only cube in scripture. In the tabernacle it was  $10^3$ , and in the temple it was  $20^3$ , and the New Jerusalem is  $12,000^3$  (Revelation 21:16).

The number twenty is the number of a servant. We have ten digits on our hands, which represent our works, and ten digits on our feet, which represent the way in which we walk. “LORD, who shall abide in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Your holy hill? He that **walks uprightly**, and **works righteousness**, and speaks the **truth in his heart**” (Psalm 15:1, 2).

Only those who choose to serve God will enter into the New Jerusalem. “And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His **servants shall serve Him**. And they shall see His face; and **His name shall be in their foreheads**...and they shall reign forever and ever” (Revelation 22:3-5).

Those “...who overcome [3528, *conquer, vanquish, subdue*] shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son” (Revelation 21:7). **They will be sons of God!**

The Spirit of God will no longer contend with man, because all of mankind will either have been created in the image of God, and be in His family, or they will die “...in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8).

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