#### AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

This study is a spin-off of one of Steve's study a few weeks ago...

1 Peter 3: 18-20: "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water."

This passage led to 2 Peter 2:4-5: "For if God did not spare <u>angels</u> when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and <u>did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah</u>, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly."

Which then took us to Gen 6:1-9, "Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the LORD said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.' The Nephilim were 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. Then the LORD saw the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. The LORD said, 'I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.' But Noah found favor in the eyes of LORD. These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God."

#### **Review:**

Steve did a good job of connecting the dots between "the spirits now in prison" of 1 Peter, the "angels" of 2 Peter, and "the sons of God" of Gen. 6. These are 3 different terms for the same entities, and all 3 passages are dealing with the same time frame – the days of Noah. Peter helps us to understand that the sons of God in Gen. 6 are Fallen Angels, and that they and the ancient world paid a devastating price for their treachery.

## **Building upon the interpretation of Fallen Angels in Gen. 6:**

Following the study, I began searching for clues concerning the Sons of God and the Nephilim. In the process, I was struck by the reference to Noah in the Gospels and the end of time.

"Matthew 24:37: "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah."

"Luke 17:26 "And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man."

I began wondering, what part of Noah's world is being compared to the end of days? Is it only the Flood that destroyed the world that is being compared? First by Water? Last by Fire?

There seemed to be more... The rest of the Mat. 24 passage reads in verses 38 and 39: "For as in those days <u>BEFORE</u> 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."

Notice that the people from Noah's day are being compared to the people of the end times. "For as in those days <u>BEFORE</u> the flood they were [DOING THINGS]..." Jesus seems to be calling our attention to the days preceding the flood, not necessarily the flood itself. The emphasis appears to be on the activity of the men and women, not only on the activity of water. What were the days of Noah like? The Sons of God were marrying the daughters of men, and producing children; and the wickedness of man was great on the earth.

### Personal action and some observations:

As some of you may know, I have a lot of friends that I converse with online that are about the furthest away from Christ as you can possibly be. At least, it appears so to me based on how they respond and what they post. On the other hand, there are those that listen, and some listen intently.

I'm always surprised who ends up where on the scale of openness. Regardless where they fall on the scale, I am always respectful to them, and I listen to what they have to say patiently.

Most all my friends are caught up to one degree or another in what I call <u>Alienology</u>. Alienology is equivalent to Angelology and Demonology, but very few in the field like to admit it. I did an Internet interview on this topic a few months ago and used non-Christian sources to try to open the door to this concept.

There is a lot of evidence to show based on research even by non-Christians, that aliens, UFOs, and close encounters are <u>identical to demonology</u>. Only it is demonology dressed up in

a sophisticated Space Religion. Don't forget (according to 2 Co. 11:14-15) that fallen angels have the ability to Shape Shift – to appear to whomever in whatever form that most appeals to the person being seduced.

There is also evidence to show that Alienology is a burgeoning belief growing larger every day in terms of impact on society. Let me make a note here. No matter where you personally fall on the scale of belief in UFOs or non-belief or somewhere in-between, there is something we should realize. The seeds of the alien mythology are being sown nevertheless in cultures all over the globe. Even if we snicker and shake our heads <u>now</u> at such belief, the mythology is programming minds on a global scale waiting the day of Disclosure. So if perhaps one day the skies shall be darkened with supernatural (I like to call them paraphysical) craft from above, guess what everyone to a person including the great skeptics like Stephen Hawking will conclude? They will conclude based on the "evidence" that UFOs are real and that their pilots have been visiting our earth from days of old, even from the beginning as in Gen. 6. And they won't say they are fallen angels.

### Two extremes of Gen. 6:

The space religionists regard Gen. 6 as alien beings from other stars cohabitating with earth women in order to produce hybrid children. This is the thesis of many including the popular series on the History Channel called Ancient Aliens.

On the other extreme, the church has demythologized Gen. 6 to say that only humans are present in the form of the godly line of Seth (the sons of God) marrying the carnal line of Cain (the daughters of men). One quick observation I make of this interpretation is why does Moses (the writer of Genesis) call the daughters "the daughters of men"? What other kinds of daughters do we have but daughters of men? That sounds like a redundant phrase. Unless Moses is doing something else: unless he is contrasting the <a href="https://example.com/human\_daughters">human\_daughters</a> of men with the <a href="https://example.com/human\_daughters">angelic Sons of God. That interpretation makes all the difference in the world in terms of understanding why God destroyed the ancient world with a global flood. What is more diabolical than humanity marrying and physically joining with the satanic angels to produce abnormally powerful children?

Meanwhile, both extreme interpretations of Alienology and the church majority play into the hands of the most diabolical creature the Cosmos has ever known - one whose ultimate endgame is to destroy man and to replace the throne of God with his own throne.

## **Orchestration of Big Events?**

Are the Big Events on earth like that of Gen. 6 simply the work of the 3-dimensional realm of man and woman? Or do they reflect a paraphysical hand masterminding a final ultimate evil

strategy? Does Satan just throw together an ad-hoc haphazard plan, reacting to whatever situation is given him? Or is he orchestrating something much more sinister behind the scenes in the extradimensional realm – a master doomsday plan?

We for the most part are uncomfortable with these kinds of questions. Because it is far easier to deal with flesh and blood, to deal with things our 5 senses can measure. When it comes to things of <u>spiritual discernment</u>, the church's track record isn't that good.

Eph. 6 says: "For we wrestle <u>NOT</u> against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

The heart and soul of the Christian life is the spiritual warfare, but we have forgotten. (I took a course in seminary called Spiritual Life, and the devil was never mentioned. I confronted the professor gently at the end of the semester to point out the deficit. He said something like; yes I will have to add something about that next time).

### **Survey of Big Events**

Is there more to what's happening in our world than meets the eye? I chose a list of Big Events in the Bible that will give us a chance to peer through the looking glass to observe who is lurking in the shadows. Is it only the machinations of human evil? Or is there more (much more)?

We are going to look at these events beginning from the end moving backward in time to Gen. 6.

# (1) Who is the Beast (Rev. 13:1-10)?

"And the DRAGON gave him his power and his throne and great authority."

"And they worshiped the DRAGON, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

"And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to act forty two months [1260 days or 3.5 years] was given him."

"And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven."

Jump to "the king" in Dan. 11:36 – "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god, and will speak MONSTROUS THINGS against the God of

gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done."

## (2) Who is the second Beast (Rev. 13:11-18)?

"And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a DRAGON."

"And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed."

"And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men."

"And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life."

"And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed."

# (3) Who is the Dragon? (Rev. 12:7-12)

"And the great DRAGON was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and HIS ANGELS were thrown down with him."

"Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time."

## (4) Son of Destruction (2 Thes. 2:1-12)

"Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the SON OF DESTRUCTION."

"That is, the one whose coming is IN ACCORD WITH THE ACTIVITY OF SATAN, with all power and signs and false wonders."

# (5) Passover Plot (Lk. 22:52-33)

What is the Passover Plot? It is the Jewish leadership's conspiracy to murder Jesus, and put a legal spin on it to make it look just and right.

"And Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber? While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but THIS HOUR AND THE POWER OF DARKNESS are yours."

## (6) Jesus' Betrayal (Lk. 22:3-6)

"And SATAN ENTERED INTO JUDAS who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. And he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the multitude."

(7) Devil attempted to make Jesus worship Him (Mat. 4:1-11 and Lk. 4:1-13)

"And the devil said to Him, 'I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.' And Jesus answered and said to him, 'It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'"

"And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time."

(8) Herod murdered all male children 2 years and under in and around Bethlehem in attempt to destroy the Child Jesus (Mat. 2:13-18)

"Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise and take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

Jump to Rev. 12:1-5 -

"And the DRAGON stood before the Woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child."

"And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne."

(9) The Book of the Law is Lost until Hilkiah under good King Josiah (2 Kng 22:8-13)

"Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord." "Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, 'Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.' And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king. And it came about when the king heard the words of the book of the law, that he tore his clothes."

"Go, inquire of the Lord for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found for great is the wrath of the Lord that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

The question arises: how did the Book get lost in the first place? The answer is that for close to 60 years evil king Manasseh erected altars to Baal inside the house of the Lord.

"He erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them."

"And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, 'In Jerusalem I will put My name."

"And he made his son pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and used divination, and dealt with mediums and spiritists."

"Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, having done wickedly more than all the Amorites did who were before him..."

"Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Behold I am bringing such calamity on Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle."

"Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another."

Another question needs answered: What is an idol?

Jump to 1 Co.10:19-21 -

"What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons."

All of the idolatry of Manasseh was demonic, and Manasseh's name became associated with being even worse than the Amorite who were the ones who introduced Israel to Baal worship.

(10) All David's Royal line is murdered except one baby Joash by queen Athaliah (2 Kngs 11:1-3)

"When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and destroyed all the royal offspring."

"But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the bedroom. So they hid him from Athaliah, and he was not put to death."

"So he was hidden with her in the house of the Lord six years, while Athaliah was reigning over the land."

Athaliah was the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel. She married king Jehoram of Judah. Their son was Ahaziah. When king Ahaziah died, she murdered all the heirs to David's throne so she could reign. Or so she thought she had eradicated all the royal line; but there was one baby Joash left who later becomes a boy king. Joash was a good king.

Athaliah too like her dad and mother was a Baal worshiper.

<u>Did Satan inspire Queen Athaliah to murder the royal line of David as he inspired Herod and the Jewish rulers to try to kill Jesus?</u>

(11) Canaan the Land of Promise is under the iniquity of the Amorite (Gen. 15:12-16)

Abraham is promised that he shall have descendants as numerous as the stars (Gen 15:5).

And he is promised the land (Gen 15:7).

"Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold terror and great darkness fell upon him. And God said to Abram, 'Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. But I will also judge the nations whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out with many possessions. And as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age."

"Then in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the <u>iniquity of the Amorite</u> is not yet complete."

"They so predominated there that the term "Amorite" could be used to refer to the whole population of Canaan, whose wickedness in Gods eyes received early biblical mention (Gn 15:16)." Quote from Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible

Jump to Amos 2:9,10 -

"Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, though his height was like the height of cedars and he was strong as the oaks; I even destroyed his fruit above and his root below. It was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt, and I led you in the wilderness forty years that you might take possession of the land of the Amorite."

The iniquity of the Amorite is the satanic hold on the land of Canaan.

Jump to *Deut. 18:9ff* -

"When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire..."

### **Summary**

From the satanic hold on the Land of Promise to the end of days when the Dragon shall have global dominion for a time, we can see the extradimensional hand of evil working behind the scenes trying to thwart the prophecy of the Lord.

In light of the Big Events, Genesis 6 then is no different. When the sons of God married the daughters of men, it was for the same purpose - to try to destroy Prophecy.

The promise of the seed of Eve in Gen. 3:15 set up this spiritual warfare from the very beginning.

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her see; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

In the case of Gen. 6, it seems reasonable to conclude that Satan was trying to eliminate the seed of Eve by contaminating the entire human race. This failing after God wipes the polluted human gene pool off the earth with a global flood; Satan tries on a more limited scale in the land of Canaan. He moves then to murder the house of David and hide the Book. Messiah himself becomes the target with the birth and death of Jesus. But Satan didn't count on the victorious resurrection of Christ. The enemy hasn't given up hope however in changing Prophecy! The Dragon will make his last push during the Tribulation period, and all his efforts are bent on this final Big Event.