

Chapter 6

- 6:1 And it came to pass,
when men began to multiply on the face of the earth,
and daughters were born unto them,
- 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair;
and they took them wives of all which they chose.
thought: sons of God: see 4:26, above
- 6:3 And the LORD said,
My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
thought: *This seems to indicate that, in their dealings with the daughters of men, the sons of God were going against the spirit of God. Thus; whereas, formerly, the sons of God called upon the name of the Lord; in this latter time, they had strayed away from God, in that, they started striving against the Spirit of God. As we read further, we will get a hint (in 6:5) that this may have been as a result of their long life spans, which allowed the sons of God to devise new, and ever more devious, ways to know evil and to perform it--even in their marriages.*
- 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them,
the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.
thought: *One possible reason for the giants coming from the seed of the sons of God was the preferable position in which they were, relative to the goods of the earth. Cain's offspring would have been put at a disadvantage in their development because they would not have been able to partake of the good things of God--that are, most likely, also the nutritious things--as a result of the message given to Cain about the limitations of his potential, as was the consequence of him murdering Abel.*
Also, keep this in mind: with the rapid development of mankind--that is, individuals bearing children for 500 years or more--there was more than ample reproductive exercises for there to have been some 'naturally selected' giants among the crowd of mankind, just as there are giants in the land today (well, that is, from my perspective of being only 5'8" tall).
Nephilim - (Genesis 6:4; Numbers 13:33, R.V.), 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 Genesis 6:4, "mighty men."
- 6:5 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.
- 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
thought: *God does not make mistakes; nor does God, ever, feel that something He has done has gone wrong. Thus, the concept, here, is this: God, having given mankind a space for it to develop in a godly fashion, and having opened up man's mind to the presence of Himself, also set forth an image of repentance. Wherefore, to provide for repentance from mankind, the LORD God attached a consequence to those early actions; because mankind set the collective mind toward going against what is best for it. Moreover, rather than allow the sociological environment of the world to continue its descent, another solution is needed.*
- 6:7 And the LORD said,
I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
thought: *... thus, God saw that, in order to save mankind, He had to 'clean house'. It made no sense to leave mankind in a state wherein it would never advance beyond the primitive state that it had settled into, in drifting away from God. So, with some, what we might say is, sadness; God planned the process of elimination of many thousands of lives,*

along with the beasts that they have been given as components of their support system, which would no longer be either needed or sustainable.

- 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
- 6:9 These are the generations of Noah:
Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.
- 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.
- 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.
- 6:13 And God said unto Noah,
The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.
- 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.
- 6:15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.
- 6:16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.
- 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth,
to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven;
and every thing that is in the earth shall die.
- 6:18 But with thee will I establish my covenant;
and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.
thought: . . . however, instead of total destruction, God planned that it was time to give mankind a fresh start. It was very grievous to know that, mankind did not yet fully possess love, either for itself, or, especially, for God. For that reason, a reversal was needed, to allow mankind to develop from a seed that honored God. Sure, because of free will, some would again slip out of grace with God; but, it is always better to start with a clean plate, than to try to continue eating from a dirty dish.
So, this is where mankind would be given its second chance.
- 6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.
thought: God, in His wisdom, also planned a leveling of the playing field. Yes, it was possible for Him to wipe out all mankind and leave the animals intact, but this would have produced an unmanageable environment for Noah. As with Adam, where all life on the earth was brought to him for naming, and to establish his dominion over the collection of them; so, too, was done with Noah. The animals in the ark would come to know Noah as their 'master', and this would secure his dominion over them, as was done with Adam.
- 6:20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.
- 6:21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.
thought: God even considered the preservation of those plants that are drowned by too much water--for, in the collection that Noah had gathered, he would have ample seed for replanting these types of plants, once the flood was over.
- 6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.