

Lesson Notes:

### **Sons of God in Genesis 6:1-4**

The reference to the Sons of God in **Genesis 6:1-4** has been interpreted in several ways. Some scholars say these are fallen angels referred to in **Revelation 12:4**. But most likely the Sons of God were descendants of Seth who took unholy brides from the descendants of Cain. Either way Jesus tells his disciples in **Matthew 24:37** that in the days of Noah so shall it be prior to his return. An examination of what was taking place in the days of Noah shows that the same sinfulness is widespread in our world today.

### **Scriptural Principles**

- 1) **Sons of God chose whomever they pleased** – We see in **Genesis 6:1-2** that the sons of God took for themselves wives from the daughters of men and took whomever they chose. The scripture indicates that it did not matter what the marital status was of the women they chose, nor age. They simply took themselves daughters of men for wives. This implies that they were choosing married women, under age girls; it did not matter to them. We live in a sinful world much like that today. Men have “relations” outside of marriage. They break up marriages. Almost daily we hear of sex offenders and pedophiles. Today men are much like the men who lived at the time of Noah.
- 2) **Gods Rules regarding “Relations”**. – In **Leviticus 18** God lays down the rules of relationships for the children of Israel. These rules were not obeyed by the Sons of God nor are many of them obeyed by the men of today.
- 3) **The Bejamites took wives by force** – In **Judges 21:22** we see that the men of the tribe of Benjamin took wives as the sons of God did and in **Judges 21:25** each man did as he felt was right in his own eye. Again, this is very similar with the ungodly men of today such as the Taliban.
- 4) **Sons of God gave rise to the Nephilim** – In **Genesis 6:4** we see that the sons of God gave rise to the Nephilim. Nephilim were giant men, men of renowned but ungodly men as were the Nephilim of **Numbers 13:32**. Just as Joshua and Caleb were not afraid of the Nephilim; David slew a Nephilim (Goliath) and today we are faced with Nephilim or giant challenges that we must overcome in our daily lives.
- 5) **God eventually Judges the men of Noah’s Time** – Just as God destroyed all unrighteous people in a flood in **Genesis 7:14-16**. In **2 Peter 3:10** we see that God will eventually destroy this world again to cleanse it of unrighteousness.