



HIGHER GROUND  
CALVARY CHAPEL

# SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Class Four:  
The Nephilim

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Yes, I know...

This is an Old Testament Survey,  
and so I should have covered all  
five books of the Torah  
[Pentateuch] in one session

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So here I am beginning Class  
Four and we are only at Genesis  
Chapter Six

We have not even gotten to the  
Flood, yet

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Let me begin tonight's class by noting that this topic is controversial – very controversial  
Many refuse to teach on it because of the controversy  
I will not let fear keep me from searching for the truth

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I have never shied away from controversy  
I seek the Truth and sometimes the Truth can be controversial  
I want to know what the Bible teaches on this topic  
I will let the controversy keep others away, but not me

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But I wanted to have you understand God's Plan of Salvation more completely  
Everything God did since the Fall was to further His Plan to redeem our race and save us from our sins

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The Fall took probably an hour or so at the most as Eve spoke with the serpent

Once she was convinced, she took a bite of the forbidden fruit

She turned to Adam, gave him a bite, and sin and death entered God's once-perfect Creation

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I love how Don Francisco described this in his song, *Adam, Where Are You?*

"And all their unborn children die as both of them bowed down to Satan's hand."

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Michael Card described it best:

"Every cradle swung above the grave"

The death of everything in less than two hours

And God worked four thousand years to undo the results of that single meal

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Genesis 3:15:

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. It shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel.”

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Romans 6:23:

“For the wages of sin is death...”

God warned them in Genesis 2:17:

“But of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, you shall not eat of it; for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.”

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So what happened?

Did God lie?

No, God cannot lie

Adam and Eve died spiritually when they ate of the Tree of Knowledge

Their bodies also began to die

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Now God should have executed both of them when they ate the forbidden fruit  
But God had worked out a plan to suspend that sentence  
He promised to have someone come and die in their place

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Because of this promise, God was able to hold off judging Adam and Eve – and each one of us  
God had promised to come and be born into the human race  
As a member of the human race, God would die to redeem us

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Which brings us to Satan's plan to undermine God's Plan of Salvation  
Genesis 6:2:  
"That the sons of God saw that the daughters of men that they were fair and they took them wives of all which they chose."

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Genesis 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 bore children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

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A “son of God” [notice the small “s”] refers to any being who is the results of God’s direct creative process – where God personally created them

The “sons of God” refers to all of the Heavenly Hosts since God personally created them

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This would also refer to the Fallen Angels who served Satan and to Satan, Himself

Luke applies this title to Adam when he lists the genealogy of Jesus.

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The "sons of God" were created beings

They were not/are not equal to Jesus

Jesus was the ONLY Begotten Son of God

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When you create something it is less than you are

When you beget, you beget something like you – equal to you

Do not confuse the "sons of God" with "the Son of God"

They are completely different

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We are talking about angels – probably fallen angels – altering their spiritual bodies and assuming human form of a sort so that they are genetically compatible with human DNA so that they could reproduce with human women

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How is that possible?

Jude put it this way in Jude 1:6:

“And the angels which *kept not their first estate*, but left their own habitation, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”

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This “first estate” refers to the form in which they were first created

They did not keep this first estate

Somehow they changed what they were in order to procreate

“Habitation” can also refer to our bodies

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Now there will be those who insist that the angels were created “sexless.”

This means that they CANNOT procreate

That is NOT what Jesus said

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When speaking of Heaven and marriage He noted that neither we when we are in Heaven nor the angels will be married or given in marriage

That is not the same thing as being "sexless."

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All the angels the Bible mentions are referred to in the male gender.

They do not marry

They are not given in marriage

Why is that?

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There is a book called *The Book of Enoch*

It has been lumped in with the Gnostic Gospels and literature and we are told to avoid it

This is not exactly accurate

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The Rabbis treat the Book of Enoch and the Book of Jasher the same way that we look as the Works of Josephus

They are not Cannon

They are not considered the same authority as the Bible; but they are required reading

They are reference material

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Enoch was the great-grandfather of Noah

Genesis tells us that he walked with God and that "he was not because God took him."

Enoch never died

He was taken bodily into Heaven by God

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The Book of Enoch has a strange instruction listed in it

It was not to be made part of Cannon

This was hundreds of years before the Torah – the beginning of Cannon – was ever given

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Enoch noted that the message in the Book of Enoch was for the Jews in the Last Day

In other words, there is a message in this book for them when they go into the Tribulation

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As far as authentication of the Book of Enoch, there are prophecies concerning Abraham, Moses and Jesus

God uses prophecy to authenticate that He gave the message

Jude mentions it in his letter

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Unfortunately, the Book of Enoch was never made part of the Torah or the Old Testament

As such, the same care with copying and translating the Torah was not applied to the Book of Enoch

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We do not know what the original version looks like

But there is enough similarities among the various versions that we can accept parts of it

Ex: The way to measure movement of the moon and stars given in Enoch is accurate

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So we can accept his discussion of the sons of God marrying with the daughters of men to be accurate as well so far as it does not contradict the Bible

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It was in the Book of Enoch that Enoch was called by these sons of God who had been imprisoned under a range of mountains  
They were bound in chains just as Jude describes.

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God had told them He was going to judge their actions and kill all of their children – the Nephilim

This spoke of the coming Flood

These Fallen Angels were asking Enoch to go before God and plead their cause

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It was at this time that they told Enoch that God had forbidden their procreation because they were immortal beings

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God gave procreation to mankind as a gift because they were not mortal

The sons of God were forbidden from procreating because they lived forever

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In Heaven, we will live forever  
and so there will be no need to  
procreate

There will be no need for  
marriage in Heaven other than  
the Marriage to the Lamb

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Now if you go into a seminary  
and take a class on Genesis

When they come to Chapter  
Six they will not discuss the  
Nephilim

They will discuss what is called  
the Seth/Cain Theory

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Why do we have the Seth/Cain  
Theory being taught today?

This theory teaches that the “sons  
of God” was the line of Seth who  
was godly.

The “daughters of men” refers to  
the line of Cain, which was not  
godly

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Somehow, these two lines  
marrying created giants  
This is not scientific or likely, but  
people have begun to teach a  
program of selective breeding to  
create a superior race of men

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Hitler tried this in World War II  
It did not work for Hitler  
It did not happen that way with  
Seth and Cain  
So where did this teaching come  
from?

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I hate to burst bubbles  
But this teaching did not surface  
until around the Fifth Century AD  
Up to that time, Rabbis and Church  
leaders taught the fallen angels,  
human women and actual giants  
Where do you think Goliath came  
from?

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In the Fifth Century the world was moving away from superstition and anything involving miracles or the supernatural was rejected by the world

In an effort to keep the Bible acceptable, St Augustine suggested the Seth/Cain Theory

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These giants were the results of Fallen Angels mating with human women and producing a new kind of race – something other than the human race

This is why the Church Fathers rejected this teaching

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Around this same time a translation was written removing all the miracles and references to Jesus being God

The Church was compromising to be acceptable to the world

But the Bible still teaches giants  
The Bible calls them Nephilim

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The Nephilim was Satan's effort to sabotage God's Plan of Salvation  
When Genesis refers to "all flesh" as being corrupt prior to the Flood of Noah, this is not just a reference to their spiritual condition  
This refers to their genetic make up

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Noah and his family were the last humans who had not been tainted with Nephilim DNA  
Satan's plan was to alter the DNA of the human race so that it was no longer human

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When Jesus would come, He would be born into the Nephilim Race and not the Human Race  
As such, Jesus would not be related to humans by birth  
If He was not related to them by birth, Jesus could not redeem the extinct human race

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God's promise to Adam and Eve  
could not be fulfilled  
This is why God sent the Flood  
He had to re-set the entire human  
race  
He had to wipe out the infestation  
of Nephilim DNA

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Now there seems to have been  
some Nephilim DNA left after the  
Flood  
There were giants being born  
again  
The land of Canaan was filled with  
giants when Joshua moved in  
This may have come through  
Noah's daughters-in-law

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I know I have spent a lot of time  
on this, but this is essential to  
understanding several of the  
actions of God in the future  
It may also explain why those who  
take the Mark of the Beast  
CANNOT be saved [not WILL  
NOT be saved]

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When the Flood destroyed all life,  
what happened to the Nephilim?

This is where demons came from

Demons are not Fallen Angels

Fallen Angels have spiritual  
bodies

Demons are disembodied spirits

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When a human died before Jesus  
died on the cross, their spirit  
would go into the Bosom of  
Abraham as a waiting place if  
they trusted God

If they did not trust God, their  
spirit went into Sheol – Hell – a  
place of torment

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Jesus confirmed this with His  
account of the Rich Man and  
Lazarus

Since the Nephilim were not  
human, their spirits could not  
enter the Bosom of Abraham

Jesus would never be able to  
save them and so there was no  
place for them to wait

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They could not enter Sheol – Hell –  
because this was where humans  
were sent to wait for their judgment  
Again, Nephilim were not human  
And so they became disembodied  
spirits  
Without a physical body, they could  
not interact with the physical world

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This is why demons sought to  
possess humans  
Through the physical body of a  
human, they could then interact  
with the physical world

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When Jesus cast demons out into  
the Abyss, the Abyss is believed  
to be beneath the sea  
This is what John was referring to  
in Revelation when he spoke of  
the sea giving up the dead who  
were in it

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A human soul would go to either the Bosom of Abraham or Sheol when they died  
It did not matter where their body was buried  
These are souls in the sea  
That would refer to the demons – Nephilim – who were cast into the Abyss

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We will see God taking steps to keep the Nephilim infestation from coming back after the Flood  
It had to be held back until Jesus was born  
This way He would be born into the human race and could legally redeem us as a relative

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After the Flood, the Old Testament focuses on three things:  
1. Introducing God's Law to the world  
2. Identifying the genetic line of the Messiah  
3. Creating a job description/ picture of the Messiah

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After the Flood, God instructed the Children of Noah to spread throughout the earth and to fill it  
This did not happen  
Nimrod was a “mighty hunter.”  
Some suggest that he was a Nephilim whose DNA had been preserved through one of Noah’s daughters-in-law

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This may have been part of the reason God instructed them to spread and scatter  
This would prevent the Nephilim from taking hold in the human race once more

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According to extra-Biblical sources, Shem – the son of Noah – killed Nimrod  
God confounded languages which forced them to spread throughout the earth  
This reduced the danger of Nephilim infestation

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There is also another possible interpretation of Sodom and Gomorrah

The men of the city wanted sex with the angels

This may have been more than just homosexual rape

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It could have been an effort to have sex with angels in order to introduce Nephilim DNA back into the human race

This is not to discount the homosexual aspect of Sodom and Gomorrah, but it explains the demand for sex with angels

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It also explains the command to kill all men, women and children of certain tribes in Canaan by the Children of Israel

None of them could be spared

Each of these groups had connections with giants - Nephilim

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Finally, David killed Goliath  
But Goliath had four brothers  
Part of David's campaigns  
eventually killed each of the  
brothers of Goliath

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This would also explain God's  
restrictions on marrying outside of  
the faith  
God had sent the Children of  
Israel out of the land and made  
them slaves for four hundred  
years in Egypt

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His reason, according to what He  
told Abraham, was that the sin  
"was not yet full"  
When Joshua came back, the land  
was filled with giants – Nephilim  
God may have been keeping the  
Children of Israel free of Nephilim  
DNA

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We see God tap Abraham as the genetic line for the promised Messiah:

“In you shall all the families of the world be blessed.”

He moved Abraham to a different place in the ancient world

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God passed this promise on to Isaac and then to Jacob

Jacob was back in the land

The land was not yet filled with Nephilim

Something was going to happen to alter the DNA of the Canaanites and bring back the Nephilim

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God tapped Joseph as His instrument to bring the Children of Israel out of the land

Again, God had placed strict instructions on who the Children of Israel could marry

When the time came, the Law of God would make it mandatory

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Joseph was sold into slavery into Egypt  
God sent a great famine  
Pharaoh had a dream he could not understand  
God had Joseph right where Pharaoh could find him when he needed him

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God used Joseph to ration and store food to get Egypt through the famine  
It also was what brought Joseph's brothers to Egypt where he would eventually reveal himself to them

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Because of the on-going famine Joseph was able to convince his father and brothers to come to Egypt where he could provide for them  
God instructed Jacob [Israel] to go  
God had blessed Jacob with 12 sons

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At the end of the four hundred years of slavery those twelve families would turn into twelve Tribes

Those twelve tribes would be over two million people

It would be an army God could use to take back Canaan

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Throughout Genesis God was starting what needed to be started  
He was putting things back in place

Now that the genetic line of the Messiah had been identified and growing into a nation God is ready for the next step...

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Next Week:  
God Introduces His Law

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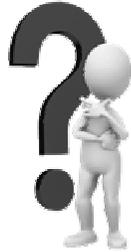
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# QUESTIONS



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