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### The Wickedness of Man before the Flood

- I. The Reason for the Flood (Genesis 6:1-7)
- A. Sin – which had begun in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve – progressed throughout the earth as the population of man spread across the globe.
  - B. Sadly, things became so wicked that every imagination of man’s heart was only evil.
    - 1. The righteous men of the earth (the sons of God) began to marry women who were beautiful outwardly but corrupt inwardly (the daughters of men).
    - 2. Fleshly desires had become more important than spiritual concerns.
    - 3. These men and their children became men of power and reputation (men of old, men of renown).
    - 4. Thus, their wicked, immoral principles became the “law of the land” (cf. Matt. 24:36-39).
  - C. Because of man’s sinfulness, God stated that His Spirit would strive with man for only 120 years.
    - 1. This seems to indicate the length of time that Noah was allowed to preach before the Flood.
    - 2. The Spirit of Christ was striving with the people of Noah’s day through the preaching of Noah (2 Peter 2:5; 1 Peter 3:18-20; 4:6; cf. 1:10-11).
    - 3. Thus, Noah was an inspired preacher of righteousness through whom the Spirit of Christ preached to the antediluvians, warning them of impending destruction and encouraging their repentance for 120 years while the ark was being built.
  - D. Even though Noah was preaching to the wicked, their evil was so great that it repented God that He had created man.
  - E. Thus, because of His justness and righteousness, He determined to destroy man.
  - F. The reason for the Flood was...
    - 1. To punish man for his sins
    - 2. To purge the earth of its wickedness
- II. The Consequences of Compromise (Genesis 6:1-8)
- A. One of the powerful lessons to be learned from the book of Genesis is the rapid progression of sin.
    - 1. At the end of the Creation, God declared everything “very good” (Gen. 1:31).
    - 2. Not long after, Adam and Eve introduced sin into the world.
    - 3. In a period of around 2,000 years, sin spread until it engulfed nearly the entire Earth and almost all of humanity.
  - B. The Bible teaches us how Satan aids the spread of sin through the spirit of compromise.
  - C. The Reason for Compromise (vs. 1-2)
    - 1. There are two separate and distinct types of people on God’s Earth:
      - a. Those who are faithful to Him – *“the sons of God”*
      - b. Those who are not faithful to Him – *“the daughters of men”*
    - 2. The faithful children of God began to intermarry with the unfaithful and wicked of the world.

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3. The result of these marriages was compromise with sin.
4. The motivation for this compromise was two-fold:
  - a. **Carnality** – “they were fair” (cf. 1 Sam. 16:7; Isa. 55:8-9; Luke 16:15)
  - b. **Selfishness** – “of all which they chose” (cf. Deut. 9:23-24; 1 Sam. 15:23ff)
- D. The Rejection of Compromise (vs. 3)
  1. Because of their compromise, God would no longer strive with them – through His Word (cf. Neh. 9:30).
  2. There is a limit to God’s longsuffering (cf. 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 3:9-10).
- E. The Results of Compromise (vs. 4-5)
  1. Sinners are strengthened.
    - a. The children of these compromised marriages are called giants.
      - i. They may have been giant in stature (cf. Deut. 2:20-21; 3:11).
      - ii. Physical dominance without moral guidance leads to oppression.
    - b. Thus, they and their children became men of name, notoriety.
  2. Sin is spread.
    - a. The result was that sin found a fertile field in which to grow.
    - b. By the end of the 120 years, man was completely corrupt.
- F. The Ruin of Compromise (vs. 6-7)
  1. God is grieved.
    - a. Rebellion and rejection grieve the heart of God (Heb. 3:10, 17).
    - b. Thus, God’s mind is changed toward His creation – from gracious protector to righteous judge.
  2. Man is destroyed.
    - a. The world was destroyed because of man’s compromise with sin (cf. 7:21-22; Psalm 104:1-9).
    - b. All sinners were killed and are now in the prison of torment awaiting the final Judgment.
- G. The Redemption from Compromise (vs. 8)
  1. God’s grace
    - a. God still extends grace to remove man from sin.
    - b. Man must be willing not to compromise with the world.
  2. Man’s faith
    - a. It is only by man’s complete trust in God that he can avoid compromise.
    - b. It is only by man’s obedient faith that he can escape the ruin of compromise (cf. Heb. 11:7).

## III. Errors Taught from this Passage

- A. The “sons of God” were angels or fallen angels. *{If they were righteous angels, they would not have done wicked deeds. If they were fallen angels, they would not be called ‘sons of God.’}*
- B. Fallen angels married human women. *{Impossible according to Matthew 22:30.}*
- C. They produced a race of hybrids that were giants called the Nephilim.
  1. This Hebrew word is used, but refers to giants (who were already present on the Earth) (cf. Num. 13:33).
  2. They were also giants in influence – through violence and lawlessness.
- D. These were not angels, but aliens who created a race of human-alien hybrids.