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SONS OF GOD AND SONS OF MEN

“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,” Genesis 6:1-4. This section of scripture has caused a great deal of speculation and discussion as to what exactly is being described here. It has puzzled many to the point of concluding that “the sons of God” must be angels

from heaven who were procreating with the “daughters of men” and producing a super-giant race of mankind. While some might agree with this conclusion, it has one glaring problem and potential contradiction with another section of scripture which tells us angels are incapable of performing the function of procreation that human men and women are equipped to perform. “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven,” Mt. 22:30. But the next question seems to be, if the passage is not describing angels from heaven procreating with human women, then what exactly is going on, and who are the “sons of God” who saw that the “daughter’s of men” were beautiful and married them? While there are a

number of possible explanations, the one I personally lean towards is the one that seems to be supported by other passages of scripture in defining all the puzzling components, which ends up simply being that the descendants of Seth (sons of God) were intermarrying with the descendants of Cain (daughters of men). In order to follow the description of what is happening in the context, we need to back up and get a broader view of what is happening as a whole to all of humanity. There were two major races of mankind on the earth at that time, the descendants of Seth and the descendants of Cain. Cain was originally thought by Eve to be the deliverer God spoke of saving mankind as is seen in Eve's reaction to his birth. "Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, 'I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD,' Gen. 4:1. What is eventually revealed, is that Cain was wicked while it was his brother, Abel, who was the more righteous. "For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; not as Cain, who was of the evil one

and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous," 1 Jn. 3:11-12. After Cain kills Abel, Adam and Eve have another son to initially replace Abel in their hopes of finding a deliverer through him. "Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, she said, 'God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him.' To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD," Gen. 4:25-

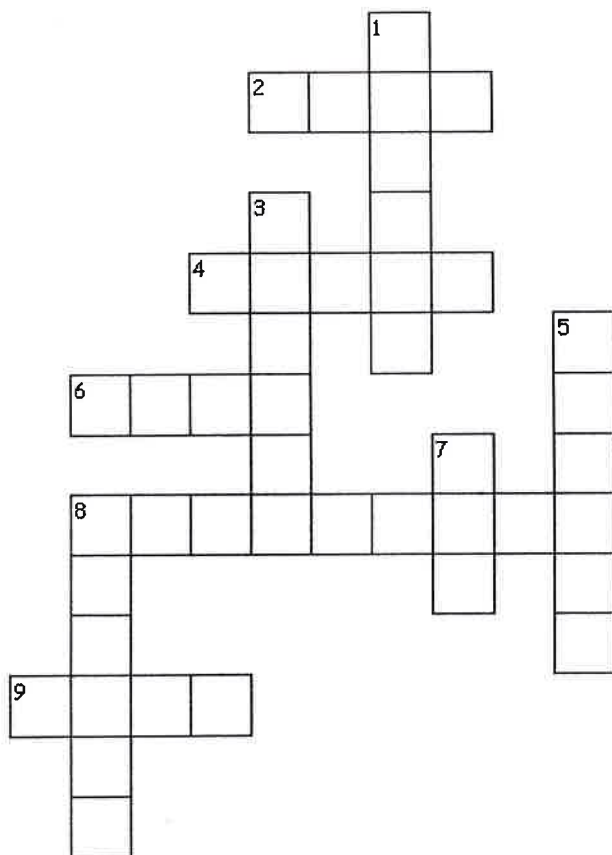
26. Predominantly, it is the offspring of Seth who were the more Godly and walked closest to the Lord, as the scripture says it is Seth and his descendants who begin to call upon the LORD. It is through the line of Seth that Noah eventually is born, revealing the high hopes this race of people had put upon bringing someone to deliver them. "Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son. Now he called his name Noah, saying, 'This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the LORD has cursed,' Gen.

5:28-29. It was this line of Seth that we find men living a Godly life, where Enoch is descended from who “walked with God” as well as Noah who was found blameless and righteous. This line of Seth could literally be described as the “children of God” or “sons of God” as is confirmed in the lineage section of Luke with the life of Christ. “...the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God,” Lk. 3:38. Cain’s lineage, on the other hand, grew increasingly more and more wicked even beyond Cain’s actions, where we find the description of a man named Lamech who had multiple wives and brags about killing more people than Cain did (Gen. 4:23-24). This would fittingly be described as the “sons of men” describing a race of mankind who were predominantly following the works of the flesh, while the “sons of God” in the race of Seth were seeking to call on God and follow His Spirit. But even in their attempt to walk with God and please God and know God, Satan again tempted the race of Seth (sons of God) in the same way Satan tempted Eve, with the lust of the eyes and lust of the flesh seeing the desirable nature of the forbidden fruit. The “sons of

God” saw that the “daughter’s of men” were beautiful, and following the lust of the eyes and the flesh, the descendants of Seth began intermarrying with the descendants of Cain, resulting in corrupting that Godly line of Seth to the point where mankind became so wicked God had to destroy them. “Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually,” Gen. 6:5. May this be a lesson to us as well, to guard our spiritual life and influence to not let those who walk by the flesh corrupt our own values and vision for our purpose of life. “Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?” 2 Cor. 6:14-15

- Daniel Ruegg

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2. Adam and Eve's second son, a keeper of flocks (Gen. 4:1-2)
4. Lamech took for himself two _____ (Gen. 4:19)
6. Cain was of the _____ one and slew his brother (1 Jn. 3:12)
8. Cain killed Abel because his brother's deeds were _____ (1 Jn. 3:12)
9. Adam and Eve's first born son, a tiller of the ground (Gen. 4:1-2)

DOWN

1. Cain asked if he were his brother's _____ (Gen. 4:9)
3. Lamech's second wife was named _____ (Gen. 4:19)
5. For killing Abel, Cain became _____ from the ground (Gen. 4:11)
7. Cain settled East of Eden, in the land of _____ (Gen. 4:16)
8. Cain became angry when God had no _____ for his offering (Gen. 4:5)