

ARE THE NEPHILIM ALIVE AND WELL ON PLANET EARTH TODAY? (Part 1 of 3)

Some Evangelicals are making the claim that the Nephilim mentioned in Genesis 6 are currently in existence in our world. This article is being written in order to offer Biblical proof that this cannot possibly be true. For those who may not be familiar with the identity of these people, they are introduced briefly in Genesis 6:4 –

“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.”

This verse has been the source of much debate. So, before we attempt to answer the question as to whether the Nephilim are alive on earth today, we need to make our best attempt at resolving the differing views surrounding Genesis 6:4. One perspective denies any demonic involvement with the women mentioned above. The Nephilim were a group of physically large and dominant men who took women to be their wives. The implied sin of this action on their part would be that of polygamy and nothing more. The Scriptural support for this view is derived from the statement of our Lord and Savior in response to the question of the Sadducees regarding post-resurrection marriages (Matthew 22:28). Jesus thoroughly resolves that dilemma in Matthew 22:29-30, where we read the following –

“But Jesus answered and said to them, ‘You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.’”

There can be no question that this will be the condition of all believers in heaven after the resurrection. On the other hand, does that completely eliminate the possibility of demonic involvement in what took place in Genesis 6:4? I am inclined to think that it does not. There are several reasons why. First, the mention of the Nephilim in Genesis 6:4 occurs in conjunction with the term “the sons of God,” in direct contrast to “the daughters of men.” While it is possible that this could only be a reference to mere men, it is more likely to be a reference to angelic beings, both holy and fallen; confirmed in Job 1:6, 2:1 and 38:7. Could fallen angels, also known as demons, possess the capability of co-habiting with women? Could they have indwelt men in order to accomplish this? Either scenario seems likely in light of what we read in Jude 6-7 –

“And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.”

Such a statement by Jude would seem to indicate that the sin of the demons mentioned above was sexual in nature. Even though it is difficult to determine how demonic co-habitation with women would occur, I hold to the view that this is precisely what took place in Genesis 6:4. But why? What was the larger motivation and purpose underlying this sin? More on that, next.