

ARE THE NEPHILIM ALIVE AND WELL ON PLANET EARTH TODAY? (Part 2 of 3)

Based on my preferred interpretation of Genesis 6:4, the Nephilim were a group of hybrid demonic/human beings who came into existence as a result of demonic co-habitation with women. These hybrid beings must have possessed a very large physical stature since in Hebrew tradition the term “Nephilim” became descriptive of a giant person. What would have motivated Satan to encourage his demon host in committing such a heinous transgression? The answer is to be found immediately after the Fall of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:15 –

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel.”

The consensus among the vast majority of Evangelical scholars is that Genesis 3:15 consists of the initial promise of a Redeemer for this fallen couple and the human race which would be derived from them. Notice that the promise includes the element of enmity between Satan and the woman, not the man but the woman. Why? It would be the woman who would give birth to the Savior, apart from the intervention of a man. The Savior would be conceived in the womb of a woman by an act of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20-21). We can now begin to see the motivation behind this demonic intrusion upon “the daughters of men.” It was Satan’s attempt to corrupt the human race to such an extent that it would be impossible for God to bring a sinless Savior into our world by means of His birth from a woman. Before that corruption could proceed much further, God, in a pre-emptive action, destroyed the human race by means of the Flood.

Which brings us to question at hand. Was it possible that any of these hybrid demonic/human beings survived the Flood? If they had, then Satan’s corruption of the human race, in thwarting the redemptive purpose of God would have continued. Rest assured, their survival ended with the Flood, in spite of what some may be claiming today. How can we know that for certain? We don’t need to look any further than the affirmation of Jesus as recorded for us in His Olivet discourse, in Matthew 24:36-39 –

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them ALL (emphasis added) away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

If you believe that the sinless Son of God was guilty of misspeaking here, since Noah and his family were not taken away, Jesus was guilty of no such thing. He was speaking to a Jewish audience who were well aware of who escaped the Flood and who did not (2 Peter 2:5). As “all” of humanity was wiped out in the judgment of God, due to their own sin and that of this demonic intrusion, the integrity of the human race was preserved and its corruption averted, in paving the way for the coming of the Messiah. It actually occurred to me while writing this page as to why Jesus was so fond of referring to Himself as the Son of Man. No doubt, it was primarily due to His identification with our lost and fallen race. But it also seems as if it served as a rebuke to Satan and his demon host, in their FAILED attempt at corrupting the human race, “when the Sons of God entered in to the daughters of men.” It did not overrule nor defeat God’s plan of salvation.