

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

There must be at least one person out there who isn't satisfied with my answer to the above question; and is asking a question of their own, namely, "What about Numbers 13:33?" So, we do need to consider one of the most tragic events in the history of the theocratic nation of Israel, recorded for us in Numbers chapters 13-14. I would encourage you to stop here and read those two chapters for yourself before proceeding any further with our study. Numbers 13 gives us the account of how God commanded Moses to pick one man from each tribe to spy out the land of Canaan. Moses sent them out, they surveyed the land for forty days, and then returned to report on what they had found. Ten of the men admitted that the land of Canaan was a very good land. But the people of Israel would not be able to conquer it due to the size and strength of the current population. Only Caleb initially counters that negative report by simply affirming God's will for the people, as recorded in Numbers 13:30 –

"Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, 'We shall by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it.'"

But the ten other spies counter Caleb and reaffirm their belief that the people of the land are too strong for the people of Israel; making an additional claim in Numbers 13:33 that the Nephilim were in the land, so large and imposing that they felt like grasshoppers in their sight. So, what are we to make of this assertion? Who were these Nephilim that they spoke of? We have already proven from our Lord's statement in Matthew 24:39 that the Nephilim of Genesis 6:4 did not survive the Noahic Flood. Why were they mentioned by the ten spies? I believe that they were lying and using this falsehood as a scare tactic to convince the Israelites not to go into the land.

It is also possible that they were simply using the name Nephilim in a generic sense; since this was common in the Hebrew language, in referring to a large and imposing person. Either way, the imagery being created was for the purpose of instilling fear in the people. And it worked. Even the final plea of both Joshua and Moses in Numbers 14:6-9 was rejected by the people who then called for the stoning of those two men, even though they were speaking God's truth. The tragic and ironic end to this failure of faith on the part of the Exodus-out-of-Egypt generation, is that they were relegated by God to forty years of wandering in the wilderness. After they had all died there, God used their children (the very children their parents thought would become the plunder of the Canaanites), along with Joshua and Caleb, to conquer the land.

Are there any *literal* Genesis 6:4 Nephilim walking on the face of the earth today, right now? Absolutely not! God solved that problem which Satan and his demon host created back then, eliminating all of those demonic/human hybrids, by means of the world-wide Flood. On the other hand, in a figurative sense, are Nephilim among us? No doubt. The devil is using many of the rich and powerful in our current evil world system to do his bidding. They will be an integral part of the support structure which will usher in the Tribulation's one-world government, headed by that ultimate Nephilim/Nimrod figurehead himself, the Antichrist (Revelation 13:1-10). As a follower of Jesus Christ in these last days of the Church Age, do not allow yourself to be intimidated or influenced by their imposing presence. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the return of our Savior. Upon His return, He will bring an end to the current group of giants who are corruptly running and thoroughly ruining this world, so that Jesus Christ alone will rule and reign, in heaven and on earth, forever and ever, Amen.