LESSONS THIS QUARTER

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INTRODUCTION
- Who are the Sons of God who married the daughters of men? Are their still Sons of God who can still marry the daughters of men?
- How critical is the Noahic flood to all of our doctrines from creation to salvation? □ Minor | □ Major | □ Don’t Know | □ Don’t Care

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Genesis 6:1-4 | Sons of God – Who were they?
- Angels? – Jesus tells us in the Resurrection we will be like the Angels – who are not made for marriage.
  - By implication, they cannot procreate ….......................... Mt 22:30
  - Worst case, perverted Angels possessed men to procreate with women – but the children would be 100% human, and not human/angelic half-breeds
- Judges/Rulers? – Possible interpretation
- Sons of Seth? (see 4:26) – Possible interpretation
  - Sons of Seth (Godly lineage) took their nieces as wives - whomever they chose (unequally yoked?)
  - Mighty men, ancient ones were renown/infamous
  - 1. Leaders often produce leaders (e.g., British royalty, Bush clan and the Kennedy’s)
  - 2. God makes strong ones stronger ………… Dan 2:21b
  - Man’s years are limited to 120; or 120 yrs to the Flood
- Nephilim ➔ Giants (probably as big as Goliath)

In brief, “sons of God” were not angels who directly procreated with women as some believe, and who misconstrue Jude 6, but were either 1) angels who demonically possessed men; or 2) they were men of stature such as rulers, judges, magistrates, or royalty; or 3) they were sons of Seth. The bottom line is human males procreated with the “daughters of men” and their offspring were 100% human and not angelic half-breeds. For a more thorough discussion, see: Genesis 6 Comments

Genesis 6:5-7 | Sin increases & wreaks havoc on the whole creation
- Those doomed for Hell do not repent though they live more than 900 yrs – They just go from bad to worse ……….. 2Tim 3:13

Note 1: Whenever a nation pollutes themselves with sexual perversion, the only remedy God uses that works is annihilation

Note 2: The only people groups that came back from a near total annihilation due to their desplicable perversions were the Tribe of Benjamin (Judges 19-21) and the rest of Israel simply because God’s hand is uniquely on them as His people ………….. Ezek 16:47-48

A Note on the Tribe of Benjamin
- The tribe of Benjamin eventually recovered in numbers after being reduced to 600 men (Judges 20:47). To Benjamin’s credit, they learned their lesson and they become the only tribe willing to stand with Judah to remain loyal to God as the other tribes broke away to set up their own kingdom in northern Israel.
  - From Benjamin came the first anointed King of Israel (Saul) and the ‘eminent’ Apostle Paul (previously named Saul)

Sexual Perversion. If God accommodated men having multiple wives, as He did with so many, and He did not vent His wrath on them, then what is sexual perversion that prompts God to wipe out entire people groups?
- Principle of monogamous sex – God’s intent for marriage is for 1 man and 1 woman for life. As men opted to acquire multiple wives the practice of monogamous sex (1 wife in bed at a time) still seemed to be the norm. Anything else was considered perverted and worthy of condemnation by man and God. Consider the following:

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- Jacob had 2 wives and 2 concubines, but monogamous sex was the norm for his conjugal relationships. Leah had to buy the right to go to bed with Jacob from her sister, Rachel.......................... Genesis 30:14-16
- Esther’s husband, the Persian King, Ahasuerus, called one virgin at a time from his harem. Even a heathen king such as this was not noted for group sex .................................................. Esther 2:12-14
- Group sex (orgies) was a mark of wickedness worthy of condemnation, as was adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, child molestation, and other forms of sexual immorality or deviance … see Lev 18
- These practices were exemplified in Noah’s Day (Gen 6); in Sodom & Gomorrah; in the land of Canaan during the time of Israel’s march into the Promise Land (Lev 18:24), in the Tribe of Benjamin (Judges 19-21); and eventually throughout all of Israel prior to the Babylonian dispersion (Ezek 16:47-48)
- God purged the Land of Canaan when their sins were “completed” (Genesis 6:5-12; 15:16; 19:13; Leviticus 18:20-30)
- In the NT, Rom 13:13; Gal 5:21; and 1 Peter 4:3 identify such deviance as orgies (NIV), noting and revellings (KJV), and carousing (NASB)
- The Apostle Paul tells us in Eph 5:12 it is a shame to even talk about such things
- Fortunately, God still patiently waits for the worst of sinners to repent – “Such were some of you…” ……………………….. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS ON GENESIS 6
- When all is said and done, can we dogmatically say angels did or did not impregnate humans? I think the biblical evidence leans far away from direct angelic procreation
- The angelic or demonic possession position would be more plausible if the “sons of God” were, indeed, angels
- Also, just as relevant, is the position that the “sons of God” could very possibly have been men in the form of earthly leaders, judges, magistrates or possibly the sons of Seth
- What is great about difficult passages such as Genesis 6 and Jude 6 is they provide an opportunity to walk through various points of logic and hermeneutic principles so we can learn to discern
- We may not be able to determine the true interpretation this side of Heaven on some issues, but God accomplishes what He wants – He keeps us delving into His word with the end result of drawing closer to Him and closer to one another.

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah’s Ark

1. Don’t miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you’re really old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don’t listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn’t always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you’re stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there’s always a rainbow waiting.

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<td>• We put a value on life, as we should, but God has a different value system based on His Glory</td>
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<td>• God has no problems with wiping out His creation to preserve His holy and mighty Name ..........Ezekiel 36</td>
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<td>God has no qualms starting over</td>
<td>• He started over with Noah</td>
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<td>• He allowed His Temples at Shiloh and Jerusalem to be destroyed and His people dispersed</td>
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<td>• He will eventually create a new Heaven and Earth</td>
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<td>7:1-24</td>
<td>Water, Water Everywhere!!</td>
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<td>• It might have rained for a solid 40 days, but water still “prevailed” upon the earth 150 days .......... v6, 22, 24</td>
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<td>• Scientific findings say there is enough water entrapped in the Antarctic Polar Region to flood many coastal cities around the world.</td>
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<td>• ...and there is enough water still entrapped in the crust of the earth to create another ocean (source: <a href="https://answersingenesis.org/geology/rocks-and-minerals/diamond-ringwoodite-reveals-water-deep-earths-mantle/">https://answersingenesis.org/geology/rocks-and-minerals/diamond-ringwoodite-reveals-water-deep-earths-mantle/</a>)</td>
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<td>• So why do secular scientists prefer to believe Mars, which is devoid of all water, had a global flood, but refuse to believe in a global flood here on earth? Because they would have to admit the Bible is true.</td>
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**NEXT WEEK: Genesis 8-10.** We come to the post-flood years and when we consider the whole of the Bible from the beginning we sense the various covenantal and dispensational periods of time.

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Noah’s clan was in the Ark for 371 days. That is a long time to be cooped up in an enclosed zoo with family and in-laws, and no internet.