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THE “SONS OF GOD” AND THE “DAUGHTERS OF MAN”

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(1) When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, (2) the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. (3) Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” (4) The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. (5) The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6) And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. (7) So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” (8) But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD

WHO WERE THE SONS OF GOD AND NEPHILIM?

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job 38:7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

THE COMMON AND NORMAL USE OF THE TERM SONS OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT IS FOR ANGELS

THE ANCIENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERM SONS OF GOD AMONG THE EARLY CHURCH IS THAT THEY WERE FALLEN ANGELS WHO WERE REBELLING AGAINST GOD AND TAKING THE DAUGHTERS OF MAN AS THEIR WIVES.

1 Peter 3:19-20 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, [20] because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

ANGELS DO NOT MARRY IN HEAVEN, SO A GOOD UNDERSTANDING HERE WOULD BE OF DEMONS POSSESSING THE BODIES OF MEN IN ORDER MARRY WOMEN THEIR OFFSPRING WOULD BE THE NEPHILIM, THE GIANTS.

DEMONIC DEPRAVITY – THE PLAN

THE MINIONS OF THE ENEMY ATTACK THE CREATION OF GOD BY ATTACKING...

1. GOD'S GOODNESS IN HIS PROVISION: "SAW... WERE ATTRACTIVE."
2. GOD'S JUDGMENT OF DEATH BECAUSE OF SIN – AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE IMMORTALITY JUST LIKE ADAM AND EVE
3. GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE – THE DEMONIZATION OF MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY
4. GOD'S IMAGE ON MANKIND BY PRODUCING DEMONICALLY ALTERED PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN IMAGE

THE ENEMY SEEKS TO DESTROY THE CREATION OF GOD BY ACCELERATING THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF DEPRAVITY STARTED AT THE FALL IN THE GARDEN.

DEMONIC DEPRAVITY – THE RESULTS

THE RAPID SPREAD OF DEMONIC DEPRAVITY LED TO GRAVE RESULTS...

1. MIGHTY MEN OF VIOLENCE
2. HYPER SEXUALIZATION OF LIFE
 - a. TAKING TOOK THE PLACE OF GOD'S GIVING
 - b. DESIRE TOOK THE PLACE OF GOD'S DESIGN
3. EXPONENTIALLY WICKED HEARTS AND MINDS

ROMANS 3:10-17

SINFUL MAN IS INCAPABLE OF PLEASING GOD AND IS UTTERLY DEPRAVED IN ...

- THOUGHTS
- ACTIONS
- SPEECH

DEMONIC DEPRAVITY – THE RESPONSE

THE EXPONENTIALLY GROWING DEPRAVITY LEADS GOD TO RESPOND BY THE...

1. SHORTENING OF LIFESPANS
2. GRIEF OF GOD
 - a. REGRET
 - b. DISAPPOINTMENT
 - c. DEEP MOVING
3. JUDGMENT OF GOD
 - a. DESTRUCTION OF MANKIND AND CREATURES THEY HAD DOMINION OVER
 - b. HATRED AGAINST SIN AND SINFULNESS
 - c. PRESERVING HIS PROMISE THROUGH A LINE THAT COULD PRODUCE A REDEEMER

DEMONIC DEPRAVITY – GRACE AS ESCAPE

NOAH "FOUND FAVOR" IN GOD'S EYES (HEBREWS 11:7)- HE WAS A SINNER SAVED BY GRACE TO "WALK WITH THE LORD"

OUR ONLY HOPE IS THE SAME – TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S GRACE AND FIND FAVOR WITH GOD BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH – THIS IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR OUR WORLD... AND BECOMES EVEN MORE EVIDENT AS WE AWAIT THE RETURN OF JESUS (MATTHEW 24:37-39)