

Enoch, Fallen Angels and Evil Spirits

Genesis 6:1-4 - And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Commentators are split between seeing the Sons of God as referring to the line of Seth or the Fallen Angels.

But the evidence points to “the Sons of God” as meaning angelic beings.

'Sons of God'

In the Other four places in the Bible the phrase means angelic beings or a being created by God and not naturally born as a human:

Job 1:6, 2:1 - Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

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

Daniel 3:25 - He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. (a Son of God - there is no article)

In the New Testament genealogy of Jesus, Adam is called a Son of God by virtue of being created by God.

Luke 3:28 - Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

Spiritually it can also be applied to believers:

John 1:12 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Luke 20:35-36 - But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children (sons) of God, being the children of the resurrection.

How did this happen?

Angels in their normal situation ‘neither marry nor are given in marriage’ (Matthew 22:30)

Jude 6 - And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Left their own “habitation” here is the Greek word *oikētērion*.

The only other place the word is used in the New Testament is 2 Corinthians 5:1-3 - “For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house (*oikētērion*) which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.”

I.e., the Fallen Angels “disrobed themselves” of the spiritual body or habitation proper to them as beings of heaven and materialized for themselves an earth-body. And, in fact, angels often appearing to humans were mistaken to be men - compare Abraham (Genesis 18:1) and Lot (Genesis 19) and Gideon (Judges 6), etc.

Genesis 6:4 - “.. and also after that..”

Later, descendants of the Nephilim were identified with the sons of Anak in Canaan:

Numbers 13:32-33 - “And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

“And there we saw the giants (Nephilim - Fallen Ones), the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”

These by necessity must have been descended from illicit activity after the flood, but before God cast the Nephilim into the pit.

The Rephaim

Deuteronomy 2:10-11 - “The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; Which also were accounted giants (Rephaim), as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.”

Rephaim is from a root that that means “casting down, throwing down” and has been translated as giants, heroes. Since they are associated with the Anakim, this seems to be another word for the Nephilim.

Rephaim also means “dead ancestors who are residents of the Netherworld” and is sometimes translated as "shades", "spirits" or "dead.”

Isaiah 14 - “Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead (Rephaim) for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.”

Isaiah 26:14 - “Dead, they live not; shadows (Rephaim), they rise not.”

The Targum is, "they worship the dead, who do not live; and their mighty men (Rephaim), who shall not rise;"

Psalm 88:10 - Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead (Rephaim) arise and praise thee?

Targum Pseudo-Jonathan on Genesis 6:1-4 -

“The sons of the great ones saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, that they painted their eyes and put on rouge, and walked about with naked flesh. They conceived lustful thoughts and they took wives to themselves from among all who pleased them.”

Genesis Rabbah 26:5 - “they took wives” means they seduced married women; “whomever they chose” equates to both males and beasts (which follows rabbinic accusations that the generation of the flood practiced homosexuality).

Rabbi Huna states that the generation of the flood was blotted out because they produced marriage agreements between men and beasts.

Origin of Evil Spirits

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Where did tradition say demons come from?

Evil spirits are the spirits of the Nephilim which “went out of their bodies at death,” trapped between heaven and earth, searching for a body to cloth themselves with, even a swine (Matthew 8:31).

Some of the Dead Sea Scrolls documents agree with 1 Enoch 6-16, identify the origin of evil spirits as the “spirits of the bastards,” that is the spirits of the offspring of the Sons of God (Watcher angels) and the daughters of humanity found in Genesis 6.1-4.

1 Enoch 15.8-12:

“And now, the giants, who are produced from the heavenly spirits [Watchers] and flesh [humans], will be called evil spirits upon the earth, and the earth will be their dwelling [place]. Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies; because they are born from humanity and from the holy Watchers; this was their beginning and primal origin; they shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits they will be called. As for the spirits of heaven, heaven shall be their dwelling place, but as for the spirits of the earth [the giants] which were born upon the earth, the earth will be their dwelling place. And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, but nevertheless hunger and thirst, and cause offenses. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them.”

1 Enoch 16:1 - “thus shall they destroy until the day of the consummation, the great [judgement] in which the age shall be consummated, over the Watchers and the godless, yea, shall be wholly consummated.”

The evil spirits of the dead Nephilim started afflicting Noah’s children after the flood. Jubilees 10.2:

“And the sons of Noah came to Noah their father, and they told him about the demons which were leading astray and blinding and slaying his grandchildren.” In response, Noah prays a prayer of pleading, asking that the spirits be arrested. He asks they be shut up in the Pit with their fathers the Fallen Watchers. God agrees and, in the process of telling the archangels to bind up the spirits of the giants, the figure Mastema intercedes.

God is apparently allowing this:

In Jubilees 10.7, Mastema pleads with God that some of the spirits might be left with him to help him in his task to afflict and test humankind. The author states,

“And the Lord our God instructed us [the archangels] to bind all the demons. But the chief of the spirits, Mastema, came and said: ‘Lord, Creator, let some of them [the spirits] remain before me, and let them obey me, that they will do all that I will say to them; for if some of them are not left to me, I shall not be able to execute the power of my will on humanity; for these are for corruption and the leading astray of humanity before my judgment, for great is the wickedness of humanity.’”

The demons instigated and assisted humankind in idol worship:

In Jubilees 11.4-5, the author reveals Mastema’s role in idol worship in Ur, which resulted in the emergence of ‘cruel spirits’.

He states:

“And they made for themselves molten images, and they worshipped the idols, the molten image which they had made for themselves, and they began to make graven and unclean images, and malignant spirits assisted and seduced (them) into committing

transgression and uncleanness. And the prince Mastema exerted himself to do all this, and he sent forth other spirits, those which were put under his hand, to do all manner of wrong and sin, and all manner of transgression, to corrupt and destroy, and to shed blood upon the earth.”