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Lesson 10

1. Last week we reviewed the Doctrine of the Angelic Conflict and then I read with brief comment those Scriptures which explain the reasons for the Flood and taught the Doctrine of Tartaros.

2. Now let's move to the Biblical account of the Flood.

3.2 After the birth of Seth there was a proliferation of daughters born on planet earth. Antediluvian man compared with post-diluvian man had extended life spans; this because of the shielding effects of the water canopy.

Gen 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters ...

Gen 5:7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters ...

Gen 5:10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters ...

Gen 5:13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters ...

Gen 5:16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters ...

Gen 5:19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters ...

Gen 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters ...

Gen 5:25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech.

Gen 5:26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters ...

Gen 5:30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters ...

Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

3.3 The scenario of Gen 6:1-4 tells of fallen angels taking on the form of man in order to seduce and impregnate and thus creating a half-angel-half-man incapable of being saved.

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; (Tov in the plural) and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3.4 This all occurred some 120 years before the flood and God saw that the resolution of the angelic conflict was about to be foiled.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh (flesh is from the Hebrew Basar meaning mortal): yet (Be Shagam is better "for indeed") his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

3.5 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days because the sons of God went into the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

Gen 6:4 There were giants (Nephilim) 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 (Anosh Shem).

3.5.1 Nephilim according to Volume One of the Theological Wordbook of The Old Testament has this to say of Nephilim:

"... some scholars attempt to relate this term to Napal meaning an untimely birth or miscarriage (as productive of superhuman monstrosities)." Such would certainly seem to be the case when consideration is given to what else is said of the late antediluvian context; especially in the light of the several New Testament revelations concerning the events just prior to the flood.

3.5.2 Achar the adverb well translated "after," i.e., after in point of time, this adverb establishes there were Nephilim after the cohabitation with the women of planet earth.

3.5.3 Bene Ha Elohim translated "sons of God" is commonly used in Scripture for angels. One of the more often quoted is Job 2:1 where we have described an angelic convocation. Barnhouse writes in his book *Genesis*:

"We believe that these sons of God were angelic beings, followers of Satan, who kept not their first estate but left their own habitation, and who already have been placed in chains awaiting judgment (2Pe 2:4; Jude 6). This explanation complements the two New Testament passages and explains the flood and much that follows."

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

3.5.4 Mighty men is a translation from the Hebrew Geberim the plural of Geber; we have seen Geber used variously to describe valorous warriors or mighty men. Strong in his famous dictionary says it means a valiant man or warrior.

A Prophecy Against Jerusalem

Isa 22:17 "Beware, the LORD is about to take firm hold of you and hurl you away, O you "mighty man."

Isa 22:18 He will roll you up tightly like a ball and throw you into a large country. There you will die and there your splendid chariots will remain-- you disgrace to your master's house!

Forced Flight to Egypt

Jer 41:16 Then Johanan son of Kareah and all the army officers who were with him led away all the survivors from Mizpah whom he had recovered from Ishmael son of Nethaniah after he had assassinated Gedaliah son of Ahikam: "the soldiers," women, children and court officials he had brought from Gibeon.

3.5.5. Anosh is a Chaldean word for man. The noun Shem means name and reputation thus Anosh Shem means "well known men" or "men of renown."

Dan 2:10 The astrologers answered the king, "There is not **"a man"** on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer.

Ezr 4:11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, even unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants "the men" on this side the river, and at such a time.

Ezr 4:12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations.

3.6 The Lord was grieved because of the evil of man and the resultant proliferation of wickedness as planet earth became a playground for beings of great renown. Could this be where we get our Greek mythology ... hmm?

Gen 6:5 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Gen 6:6 The LORD was grieved (Nacham) that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

3.6.1 Again quoting from the *Theological Wordbook of The Old Testament* : "Nacham has several meanings. It can mean "to repent, to sorrow, to comfort, to console or to sigh deeply.

"The origin of the root seems to reflect the idea of "breathing deeply," hence the physical display of one's feelings, usually sorrow, compassion or comfort ... The word is used of God's repentance but when used of God He relents or changes His dealings with men according to his sovereign purposes. On the surface, such language seems inconsistent, if not contradictory, with passages which affirm God's immutability "God is not a man ... that He should repent" 1Sam 15:29 ... when Nacham is used of God, however, the expression is anthropopathic (language of accommodation) and there is not ultimate tension. From man's limited, earthly, finite perspective it only appears that God's purposes have changed ..."

3.6.2 Laird Harris in his *Theological Wordbook of The Old Testament* uses "anthropopathic" to describe the use of Nacham for God's mental attitude. This is language of accommodation, a not so unusual event. Think for example of how we accommodate our language for the needs of children. So also does God accommodate His language for His children."

3.6.3 God is often said to change; having seen man's choices, God adjusted His plans to accommodate all things. This aspect of God is best seen when you consider how from His omniscience, He decreed our very own spiritual lives.

3.6.4 It is, and was, the pleasure of God to permit creatures to exercise free will. However, we should have no illusions about ourselves just because He gave us volition. We are here, not to glorify self, but to line up with His pleasure and glory.

3.6.5 To illustrate: Picture a giant computer in eternity past, God fed facts from His omniscience into the Intergalactic Divine Machine (IDM-not to be confused with IBM, a company for whom I once labored). These "facts" are differentiated from mere potentialities, the "alternatives," which He also knows and knew in His omniscience but did not decree, all of this before time.

3.6.6 The facts included every thought we would ever have, every decision we would ever make and every action we would ever take.

3.6.7 When God decreed (or fed into the IDM) that we would exist as free agents, He without intervention, simultaneously entered our every thought, decision and action.

End Lesson Taught