

# FLOOD

## The Crowd

In Genesis 6, the deplorable standards of humanity makes the environment of Noah's world unfit. As God describes the current situation, He distinguishes three groups of people, the Nephilim, the "sons of God" and the "daughters of man" in 6:4?

Who are **these** people? \*Hebrew word = those who spread devastation, carnage, fear

Nephilim = "Giants" found also in Numbers 13:33; they were "men of giant stature"

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Sons of God = descendants of Seth still in a covenant relationship with God (Matt 5:9; Hosea 1:10)

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Daughters of Men = Unbelievers, descendants of Cain?

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\*Godly men pursued fleshly desires and corruption ensued (1 Kings 11:1-9; Deut 7:3-4)

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One summary of Noah's world put it like this - "the heart (mind to Hebrews, intellect, understanding) of man was devoted exclusively to the contemplation of evil; and there were no exceptions. There were no men (excluding Noah) who varied from this pattern and there were no occasions when any man left the mental pursuit of evil (wickedness)." (Coffman, **Matthew**, 103)

The gravity of their wickedness seems lost on the modern world when you consider we have aborted roughly 60 million unborn babies since 1973; when there are roughly 16,000 murders a year in the United States, and there are over 2.3 million people incarcerated (roughly 1 out of every 100 or 1% of the population) in the United States right now.

## The Family

We know very little about Noah's family. We know he was married (6:18) and had three sons named Shem, Ham, and Japheth (6:10). We also know that they were married but we don't know for how long (6:18, 7:7). We don't even know the names of the women, how old they were, or where they came from.

Why leave those details out? Could it merely be because a man "passed" the story along? Is there a bigger picture of inequality present in the tiniest details? Are there any other stories where names were left out without compromising the important message of the story?

**Do not look for chauvinism, it's not there. Noah is the main mover, the focus of the story. It's told from his perspective. Think about Job (wife & children mentioned, not named) or Peter's wife and mother-in-law (see Luke 4:38).**

\*Not  
angels  
and  
women  
Matt.  
22:30

Why is so little said about his sons? Wife? Daughters-in-law? What about his parents, grandparents? friends, Acquaintances? Is the key to this story only what comes from Noah's perspective? Is the answer found in something we often overlook in this story?

**Sons are named, why? Genesis 9:18-29 and Noah's vineyard. Also see Luke 3:23-38. That passage shows how Shem and Noah fit into Christ's messianic lineage from Adam.**

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