

## *Only Evil all the Time*

*Genesis 6:1-7*

*"The first age of human history was brought to its climax and culmination in the days of Noah. The sin-disease, which began so innocuously when Eve was tempted to doubt the word of God, which then began to show its true ugliness of character in the life of Cain, which came to maturity in the godless civilization developed by his descendants, finally descended into such a terrible morass of wickedness and corruption that only a global bath of water from the windows of heaven could purge and cleanse the fevered earth. The characteristics of those awful and tragic days, strange as they may seem to our enlightened culture today, are nevertheless to be repeated in the last days of this present age. It is urgently important, from the standpoint of both understanding past history and seeking guidance for the future, that we understand the events which took place in the days of Noah." Henry Morris*

- I. The wickedness that existed before the great flood had gotten so bad that it had to be dealt with because of its scope. It had so thoroughly saturated every walk of life that there wasn't one person, apart from Noah and his family, who wanted anything to do with the righteousness of God. Apparently, there was no hope whatsoever that man would come to worship the one and only true God by putting their faith in Him. God intervened by completely purging the world of their wickedness. At some point in the near future, He will intervene again, but this time, after the rapture, the tribulation of seven years and Christ's millennial reign, he will create a new heaven and new earth as it was intended to be, free from anything or anyone who would corrupt its holiness.

1 Timothy 1:13-16

Rom. 8:1-2

**Heb. 10:9-10** *Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

**Gal. 5:25** *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

- II. It's hard to imagine how bad mankind had become in the days before the flood. Satan's goal was to purge the seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15) by thoroughly corrupting the line of Christ to bring it to worship and serve him over God. This was his primary goal before Christ was born. We can't underestimate the spiritual battles that took place back then and are taking place today. We can't underestimate the power of sin and wickedness and we should never underestimate the power of the blood of Jesus Christ and how it has sealed us, freed us, and given us victory over sin to serve God and His righteousness over Satan and his godless ways (1 Jn. 2:15-17).

Gen 6:1-5

Matthew 22:30

Numbers 13:33

**ben 'elohiym** - sons of God בן - ben (bān) = sons אֱלֹהִים - 'elohiym (el·ō·hēm') = God

Two views:

1. The phrase "sons of God" refers to the godly Sethite line intermarrying with those of the ungodly Cainite line.
2. The phrase "sons of God" refers to fallen angels.

Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7; 2 Peter 2:4-5,9; Jude 6-7; 1 Pete 3:18-20

- III. Genesis 6:5 gives a vivid description of what happened to the heart of man after the fall. His inner disposition, will, understanding, mind, passions, desires, and preferences were more for sin and its pleasure than for God and His holiness. God's heart, on the other hand, grieved over how wicked man had become in the time of Noah (Lk. 17:26). Consequently, He did what was necessary to eradicate it so that the line of Christ would remain intact until His birth. Today, the condition of man's heart is as wicked as in the days of Noah. The only escape from God's judgement against it is through belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ. His victory over death and sin guarantees that those who put their faith in him alone for salvation will never go through what the world is about to go through because of its desperately sick and deceitful heart.

Gen 6:5-7

Gen 3:15

Matt. 24:36-39

**לֵב** *lêb* - inner man, mind, will, heart, understanding

**Jer. 17:9** *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?*