Genesis 6.1-8 / Faith Bible Church / 09.13.20 / groben.com Genesis 6.1-8 / Faith Bible Church / 09.13.20 / groben.com The structure of verse 4 signals it is The structure of verse 4 signals it is information, not part of the plot development. Thus we know the information, not part of the plot development. Thus we know the Nephilim are a separate question, not part of the explanation of Nephilim are a separate question, not part of the explanation of God's anger, and thus not necessarily related to the question God's anger, and thus not necessarily related to the question about the sons of God and daughters of man. about the sons of God and daughters of man. Theory 1: The sons of God are and the Theory 1: The sons of God are and the daughters of men are human. daughters of men are human. Sons of God sometimes refers to angels, such Sons of God sometimes refers to ______ angels, such as in Job 2.1 and Psalm 29.1; but not demons [fallen angels]. as in Job 2.1 and Psalm 29.1; but not demons [fallen angels]. Sons of God sometimes refers to God's _______, Sons of God sometimes refers to God's such as in Matthew 5.9 and Romans 8.14. such as in Matthew 5.9 and Romans 8.14. 2 Peter 2 and Jude 1.6-7 seem to connect sin, 2 Peter 2 and Jude 1.6-7 seem to connect sin, demons, and the judgment at the flood of Noah. demons, and the judgment at the flood of Noah. The context in Genesis is of becoming evil The context in Genesis is of becoming evil and thus being judged in the flood, not demons. and thus being judged in the flood, not demons. Theory 2: The sons of God are descendants Theory 2: The sons of God are descendants and the daughters of men are Cain's [or at least pagan]. and the daughters of men are Cain's [or at least pagan]. If the sons of a _____ family married pagan If the sons of a ______ family married pagan daughters who led them astray, that would result in very few daughters who led them astray, that would result in very few righteous people, as we see in this passage. righteous people, as we see in this passage. אַדַם ["man" or "mankind"] refers to ______ people in 6.3, אַדֶם ["man" or "mankind"] refers to people in 6.3, 5-7; presumably it refers to the same in 6.1-2, 4 as well. 5-7; presumably it refers to the same in 6.1-2, 4 as well. Theory 3: The sons of God are a dynasty of Theory 3: The sons of God are a dynasty of possibly from the family of Cain/Lamech, and the daughters of possibly from the family of Cain/Lamech, and the daughters of

men are from Seth's family.

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Why would men be called sons of God? The idea of this theory is they were evil enough to form harems,	Why would men be called sons of God? The idea of this theory is they were evil enough to form harems,
perverting righteousness and justice.	perverting righteousness and justice.
Genesis 4-5 does stress daughters being born to family,	Genesis 4-5 does stress daughters being born to family,
not Cain's, but we surmise there were daughters in both and in the families of Cain and Seth's other siblings too.	not Cain's, but we surmise there were daughters in both and in the families of Cain and Seth's other siblings too.
Theory 4: The sons of God are political leaders	Theory 4: The sons of God are political leaders
by demons and the daughters of men are human.	by demons and the daughters of men are human.
People would be susceptible to influence if	People would be susceptible to influence if
they were walking apart from God. Then they would behave even worse, which is what we see in our passage.	they were walking apart from God. Then they would behave even worse, which is what we see in our passage.
None of these theories explains well why this terminology is used or why what was happening then made God so much more angry at people than before or since.	None of these theories explains well why this terminology is used or why what was happening then made God so much more angry at people than before or since.
Big Picture: will come for life apart from	Big Picture: will come for life apart from
God, walking on the "bottom line," doing our own things in our own ways independent of God's revelation.	God, walking on the "bottom line," doing our own things in our own ways independent of God's revelation.
Nephilim might mean mighty men who or fell	Nephilim might mean mighty men who or fell
upon others in war, based on the verb with the same root.	upon others in war, based on the verb with the same root.
Nephilim is translated as or "mighty ones" in	Nephilim is translated as or "mighty ones" in
the Greek translation of the Old Testament [the Septuagint].	the Greek translation of the Old Testament [the Septuagint].
Conclusion: People had become almost	Conclusion: People had become almost
sinful, evil. That's the result we expect when people to not trust and obey God's revelation.	sinful, evil. That's the result we expect when people to not trust and obey God's revelation.
The original audience believed another time of judgment would come, and so do we. Let's allow this text to provoke us to	The original audience believed another time of judgment would come, and so do we. Let's allow this text to provoke us to
intentional effort to choose God and his ways!	intentional effort to choose God and his ways!