

Extra-biblical Literature which Supports the Angel-Human-Hybrid View

- I. Introduction: In general, the extra-biblical literature agrees the sin that precipitated the Great Flood was a satanically inspired effort on the part of fallen spirit beings who were once part of God's heavenly hosts (*the sons of God*. See Ps. 82)who took the form of male human bodies to corrupt the human race. They lusted after and copulated with humans. And, while these writings are not considered canonical or inspired, they still may contain truth. The angel-hybrid view, or the mixing of seeds view was the view at the time of Jesus and held by the early church until the 5th Century.

Here is a brief listing of some of the interesting data written about in this literature concerning this event described in Genesis. This information is taken from the following books of the Pseudepigrapha and the Dead Sea Scrolls: I Enoch, Sibylline Oracles, III Baruch, Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs, Jubilees, Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs, and the Genesis Apocryphon. (I will also list information from the Apocrypha, and the historian, Josephus, when they agree with the above).

- A. The *sons of God* are fallen angels (divine beings). Also, called *the watchers* (found in: I Enoch, Jubilees, Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs, Genesis Apocryphon, and Josephus)
- B. This corpus of literature confirms Jude 14 that multitudes of holy angels were involved in the Flood Judgement. Jude says thousands.
- C. Fallen angels took on male bodies and *married*, i.e., had sex with the daughters of men. This is said to violate the divine order. (Found in: I Enoch, Jubilees, and Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs).
- D. These giants consumed so much of the food supply that they were detested by the people. The giants consequently turned against the people and ate them! (I Enoch)
- E. I Enoch says these giants also sinned against the birds, wild beasts, reptiles and fish! They also turned against each other (the giants) and drank blood.
- F. All flesh, even animal life, is corrupted, and must be destroyed. Animals began to eat each other. (Jubilees)
- G. All forms of oppression and evil were taught on earth. As a result the whole earth was filled with blood and oppression. (I Enoch, Jubilees)
- H. These fallen angels revealed secrets on earth that were only known in heaven. (I Enoch)

- I. According to III Baruch 104,000 giants were killed by the flood.
- J. These fallen angels were confined into a dark prison (tartarus). I Enoch says they are to be confined for 40 generations. (Do the math) They are to be released and judged after the eternal judgement is concluded. (Does this have anything to do with the release of the locusts from the abyss in Rev. 9? (I Enoch, Jubilees)
- K. The fallen angels taught false doctrines and deceived men on earth. Animal sacrifices were being offered to these fallen angels (demons). So apparently, they were worshiped just as we are told in classical literature. (I Enoch)
- L. After the flood, some demons (watchers) tried to lead the sons of Noah astray but Noah prayed for protection from them and God restrained them. Obviously, not all demons were imprisoned at the time of the flood. There may have been an outbreak of this mixing of seeds among the Canaanites (Num.13: 32-33) and this then may be the reason the Children of Israel were commanded to utterly wipe them out. (Jubilees)
- M. The Flood is designed to destroy all the progeny (souls of pleasure, i.e., the giants) of the fallen angels. (I Enoch)
- N. According to the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs the daughters of men lusted after the apparitions so they have some of the blame for alluring the Watchers. This document also says the Watchers showed up during the intimate moments when the husbands and wives were cohabiting. Is that why they were called *watchers*?
- O. Interestingly enough the Sibylline Oracles refer to the fallen angels as the Titans just as in the Greek classics. Josephus also notes that the giants were what the Grecians called *the gods*.
- P. Josephus claims the sons of Seth also became perverted. What? They were supposed to be the godly line!
- Q. According to Josephus, the flood occurred 2656 years from Adam. He notes that those who then lived having noted down with great accuracy, both the births and deaths of illustrious men.
- R. Josephus says God brought on the flood to make another race that should be pure from wickedness.
- S. Noah, according to Josephus, preached to the progeny of the angels but when they did not repent he was afraid they would kill him and so he fled and hid with his family.
- T. I Enoch seems to intimate that the fallen angels hoped by marrying humans to create progeny that would be immortal like them.

- II. Today in moments of candor, Biblical scholars will admit that the above-argued interpretation is the clear meaning of the text. With the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and after intensive new scholarly studies of the pseudepigraphic literature, it is no longer in doubt. However, many scholars, in order to maintain their academic reputation and tenure, hesitate to write publicly about what the text clearly says. Hence, the view that is gaining strength among Christians, even those calling themselves evangelical, is that Genesis 1-11 should be read in its ancient cultural context which sees it in its entirety as ancient origin myth.
- III. However, if the supernatural context of the story is acceptable, then Genesis 3:15 foretells of a conflict between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent. The story of Genesis 6:1-8, seems to represent the coming-to-a-head of this spiritual battle. The Genesis Flood judgement is God working to preserve and purify the seed of the woman. There is undoubtedly a supernatural element here. It would seem that Satan, through these powerful, fallen angels, was trying to physically corrupt the seed of the woman by mixing the seeds (Seed of the Woman vs the Seed of the Serpent). The Lamb of God, the seed of the woman, must be without blemish and without spot.
- IV. Conclusion

Graham Scroggie says: *Calvary must have had an immediate and tremendous effect upon that spirit-world, the full extent and nature of which we may not yet know.*