

THE NEPHILIM

Toledoth II (Gen.5:1-6:8) closes with a discussion of a third human race of the Antediluvian Civilization, the **Nephilim** (The Fallen Ones) (Gen.6:1-8).

Once again the writer of Genesis used the Hebrew **consecutive waw** to outline eight important factors that brought the Noahtic Flood upon the Antediluvian world.

We will use the consecutive waw to outline our lesson text by the following eight homiletic points.

- (Gen.6:1) **Period** (**Jared**) [Descend]
 - The 6th – 10th generation from Adam.
 - (Gen.5:18) “It came about (hayah/ kal impf).” (Jude 12-15) [Enoch]

- (Gen.6:2a) **Predator** “sons of God saw” (raah) (kla impf/ kal impf)”
 - Fallen angels (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7) and (Jude 6; 1 Pet.3:19-20; 2 Pet.2:4-5; Rev.9:1, 11).

- (Gen.6:2b) **Perversion** “They (sons of God) took (laqach/ kal impf) (Gen.38:1-2) of daughters of men”
 - Why? (Gen.3:15). Apparently fallen angels had the ability to appear in human form much like the elect angels did, prior to the flood (Gen.18:8; Heb.13:2; 2 Cor.11:13-15)

- (Gen.6:3-4) **Prophecy** “Lord said (amar/ kal impf)”
 - Divine Judgment in 120 years of Nephilim - “in those days” (5 to 9th) and “afterward (it happened this way) when the sons of God **came** (bo/ kal impf) [to co-habit] (Gen.38:16) into the daughters of men and they **bore** (yalad/ kal impf) children to them” (9th to the 10th generation).” “Mighty men who were of old men (enosh) [genetic engineering] of renown.”
 - (Gen.5:32) Noah was 500 yrs. old at the birth of his sons (Gen.9:28-29)
 - (Gen.7:6-7) Noah was 600 yrs. old when the flood began.
 - His sons were married and Shem was 100 yrs. old and a father two years after flood. (Gen.11:10).

- (Gen.6:5) **Perception** “Lord saw” (raah/ kal impf) [**historical and personal observation**]
 - “that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (**Note the spiritual condition man’s heart**).
 - Anthropomorphism - “The Lord (saw) – Attributing human characteristics to God
 - The object of thought (evil) is distinguished from the intent of the thoughts of heart (2 Cor.10:4-6).
 - Noah’s family is contrasted to the rest of mankind by the Lord as those who “found favor in the eyes of Lord, righteous, blameless in their generation, and Noah (**godly parenting**) walked with God.” (Gen.6:8-9)

- (Gen.6:6a) **Passion** “Lord was sorry (nacham/ niph'al impf) that He had made man on the earth”
 - Anthropopathism – “Lord (was sorry) – the ascription of human feelings to God.
- (Gen.6:6b) **Pain** “Lord was grieved (atsab/ hithpael impf) Ps.78:40-41; Heb.3-4) in His heart “
 - Anthropopathism – “Lord (was sorry) – the ascription of human feelings to God.
- (Gen.6:7-8) **Prophecy** “Lord said (amar/ kal impf), ‘**I will blot out** man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them’.”

Six closing NOTES.

1. NOTE that God oversaw everything created on Fifth and Sixth Days (Gen.1:20-31).
2. NOTE that God oversaw human history and humanity and creation.
3. NOTE that God was in charge even when there was only one saved family.
4. NOTE that God was still in charge when only one member of that saved family chose a consistent walk with the Lord. **“But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.”**
5. NOTE that God blotted out the entire Antediluvian civilization of man and animals except for Noah’s family and animals on the Ark because God and not man nor satan is in charge.
6. NOTE that New Covenant eschatology theology connects the Antediluvian judgment to Postdiluvian judgment (Matt.24:35-39; **2 Pet.3:5-7, 10-14**).

(Heb.11:6-7) “And **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. By **faith Noah**, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”

(2 Pet.3:14) “Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.”