

An 'interesting' few verses ....

## Genesis 6:1- 8

ויהי כי־החל האדם לרב על־פני האדמה ובנות  
ילדו להם:  
ויראו בני־האלהים את־בנות האדם כי טבת הנה  
ויקחו להם נשים מכל אשר בחרו:  
ויאמר יהוה לא־ידון רוחי באדם לעלם בשגם הוא  
בשר והיו ימיו מאה ועשרים שנה:  
הנפלים היו בארץ בימים ההם וגם אחרי־כן אשר  
יבאו בני האלהים אל־בנות האדם וילדו להם המה  
הגברים אשר מעולם אנשי השם:  
וירא יהוה כי רבה רעת האדם בארץ וכל־יצר  
מחשבת לבו רק רע כל־היום:  
וינחם יהוה כי־עשה את־האדם בארץ ויתעצב  
אל־לבו:  
ויאמר יהוה אמחה את־האדם אשר־בראתי מעל פני  
האדמה מאדם עד־בהמה עד־רמש ועד־עוף  
השמים כי נחמתי כי עשיתם:  
ונח מצא חן בעיני יהוה:

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth

**Multiply !!**





and daughters were born to them,



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and they married any of them they chose.



Something normal

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**Something strange is going on !**

**sons of God ?**



**daughters of men ?**



# Who were the sons of God ?

There are several theories:-

## **Theory 1: They are humans in Seth's family.**

The 'godly' **men** are marrying ungodly **women**.

i.e. Seth's descendants (Genesis ch.5) are marrying Cain's descendants (Genesis ch.4)

This problem of mixed marriage re-occurs in Nehemiah's day.

### **Problems:**

Why is it that only the "sons" (men) are named as believers?

They have some very strange children





# Who were the sons of God ?

**Theory 2: They are fallen angels in human form.**

The term “sons of God” is used of angels. eg. Job 1:6.

Fallen angels took on human form (or the possession of men) in order to reproduce and modify and spoil the human race..

(The human race had opened up to the occult.)

## **Problems:**

Angels haven't been mentioned before.

The angels in heaven don't marry (Matthew 22:30))



# Why are angels called SONS of God ?

They were special (direct) creations



In the same way:-

1. Adam is called the son of God in Luke's genealogy (3:37)
2. Believers in Jesus are called children of God (John 1: 12)  
and a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**BUT** Jesus is called the “special” (only- begotten) Son - Jn.3:16  
- above angels and all created things (Hebrews 1:4)



# What was the devil's plan ?

Satan's strategy in either case—  
Wipe out the “seed of the woman” (Genesis 3:15)  
to prevent its fulfillment.



# The Results

Then the LORD said,  
"My Spirit will not contend with humans forever,  
for they are mortal;  
their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

**Result no. 1** God is angry – “That’s it!”  
The “brakes” are off. The flood is coming.



The Nephilim were on the earth in those days--and also afterward--when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

## The Results

### Result no. 2

(This is not normal)

the strange progeny are called

**“Nephilim”**

**(Giants -in the KJV)**

They took the lead by force.

NB. Not all tall people are nephilim !



# The Nephilim

“Afterwards” = **after** the flood - there were called Anakites

## Reality

We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

Numbers 13:33

In still another battle, which took place at Gath, there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot--twenty-four in all. He also was descended from Rapha. 2 Samuel 21:20

## Reality or Edited ?





The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

## God's insight and assessment



**It's seriously bad !**

The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

**God's feelings !**  
using human terms



**What does it tell us  
about humans ?**

**What does it tell us  
about God ?**



So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created--and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."

**God resolves to deal with it (not ignore it)**



**Why the birds and animals too?**

A contaminated fallen world

But Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD.

**God sees** (among the masses)



**God favours** (keeps him right)



**God resolves** (to save/rescue)

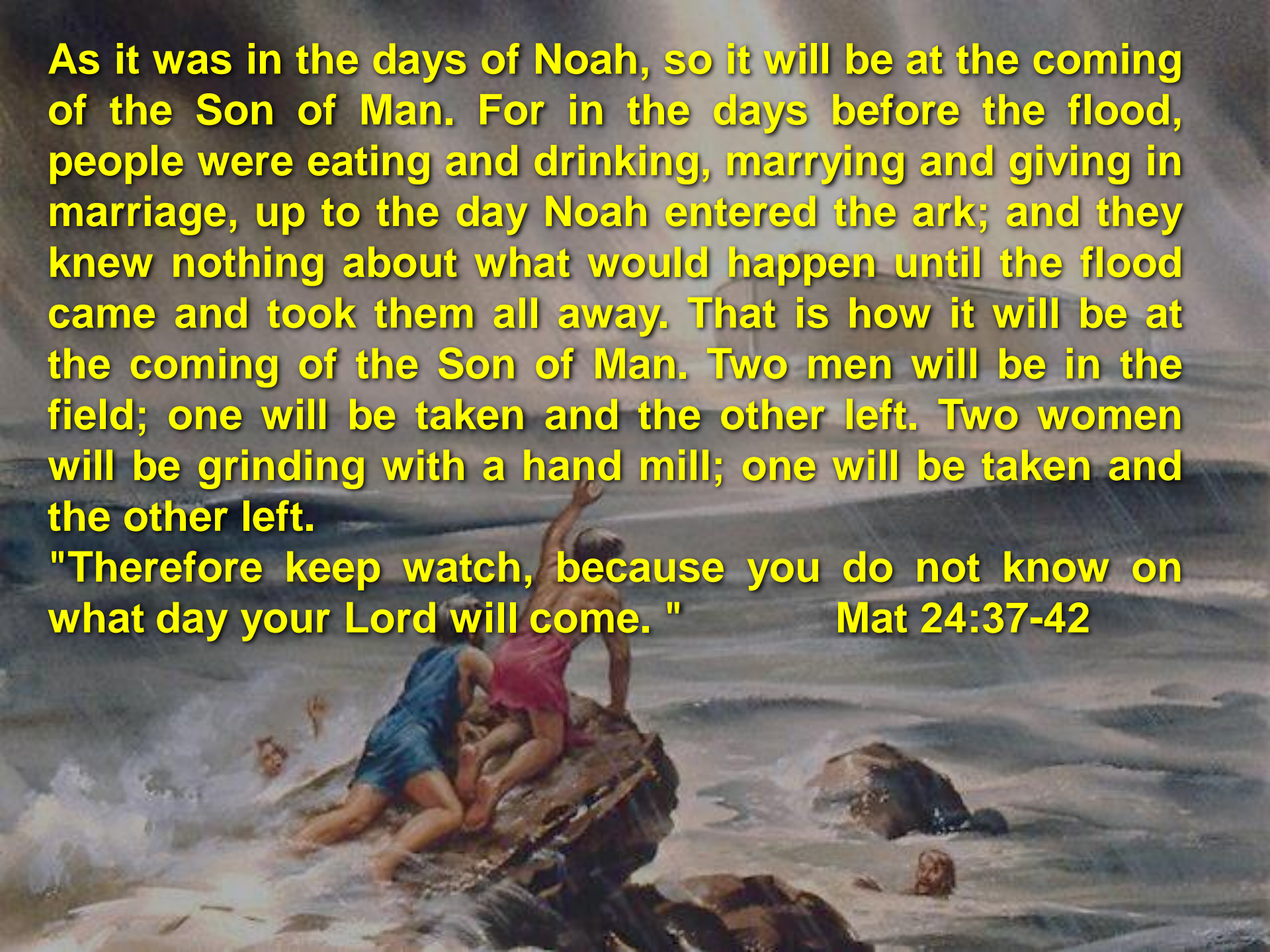




**As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.**

**"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. "**

**Mat 24:37-42**



# Jesus' words are:

## **An Authentication**

This is the reality of what happened.



## **A Warning**

It has an application for now.



## **A Prophecy**

There will be a day of reckoning.







**God took the initiative to deal with sin  
and save the believer.**

**Whatever Satan tried, he failed to stop Jesus  
coming.**

**Satan is still active trying to deceive people  
especially about Jesus' return and the  
judgement to come.**

**Even in a fallen world, you too can find favour in  
God's eyes through repentance and faith in his  
Son.**