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Genesis chapter 6 - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2003/8/15 0:03

Here is a less emotional topic we could debate. What is every ones views on the nefillim? Are they actual giants? Or, as some have interpreted the word, are the nefillim referred to as men of exceptional wickedness? Also, is the context of the passage stating that the nefillim were descendants of the union of the Sons of God and the Daughters of Man, or is the context merely stating that the nefillim were around at the time of the unions taking place? Also; who are the Sons of God? Are they angels, kings of the earth, or are they of the lineage of Seth mixing with the lineage of Cain?

No real theology shaking stuff, just some interesting things we can learn from scripture and each other as we sharpen each other.

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Re: Genesis chapter 6 - posted by philologos (), on: 2003/8/15 2:35

Thought some might appreciate a little more info before we start the analysis...

The KJV has the phrase "in those days and also after that..." Ge 6:4 which gives room for the interpretation that there was a second infestation at a subsequent time.

The Hebrew word 'nephilim' is used only in Gen 6:4 and Nu 13:33 (the second infestation?). It is one of the words translated 'giant' in the KJV. (Heb nef-eel from naphal meaning 'failed or fallen').

The phrase 'sons of God' is a rare phrase in the OT only used in 6 instances
Ge 6:2,4 Job 1:6,2:1,38:7 Ps 89:6

Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2003/9/4 0:07

Yes, it appears that the nephillim are possibly given here in chapter 6 as a time line and not the result of the union between the sons of God and the daughters of men.

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