

Scripture for Interpreting Genesis 6

Sons of God – Line of Seth

Yes

If human, it must be Seth's line rather than Cain

Scripture warns God's people of intermarrying with unbelievers

No

Seth seen as "God appointed to replace Abel" – Gen. 4:25

Line of Seth noted as "people who called upon the name of the Lord" – 4:26

Those listed in Gen. 5 in line of Seth are listed in line of Jesus – Lk. 3:36-38

Should they be seen as the aggressors in Gen. 6:1-2 drawing God's displeasure

Interesting to note that all of this line (except Noah) died before the flood began

Thus if the aggressors in this sin none were destroyed in the judgment

Line of Seth & line of Cain are both human yet produce something else

Gen. 6:4 speaks of "Nephilim, "mighty men" & "men of renown"

Nephilim – a Hebrew word left untranslated in some versions

Literal translation is "fallen ones" KJV translates word as "giants" so noted in ESV

Can line of Seth and Cain produce these "mighty men?"

Sons of God – Fallen angels

Term used of Angels in Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7

Satan as a fallen angel appears with sons of God in Job 1:6; 2:1

Satan & his servants can appear as "angels of light" – 2 Cor. 11:14-15

Deception is basic to their nature

N.T. speaks of sin of fallen angels resulting in restraint in the pit

2 Peter 2:4-5 – links it to the time of Noah and the flood

Jude 6-7 – links it to the sexual sins of Sodom & Gomorrah

Speaking of sexual activity that was "unnatural" – Gen 6 being fallen angels & humans

God's response – Quick & complete judgment

Fallen angels – bound in the pit never to repeat actions – 2 Pet. & Jude

To humans – Gen. 6:3 "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120years"

Gen. 6:5 – Saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth

Saw that every intention of his heart was only evil continually

God held humans accountable for submitting to Satan & his fallen angels

Gen. 6:6 – Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth

"It grieved Him to His heart" (This was no small thing to God)

Gen. 6:7 – He announced His sentence on man's sin

"I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the Land"

Both man and members of animal kingdom were included

Animal kingdom was under man's charge – no one to care for them in flood

"I am sorry that I have made them"

Gen. 6:11-12 – Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight

And the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold,

It was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

God's Grace – Gen. 6:8-10

Line of Seth was graciously spared

Enoch was taken to be with God – 5:24

Methuselah died the year of the flood – 5:25-27

Lamech his son (father of Noah) died before his son – 5:28-31

Noah & pairs of animals were kept in the ark

"Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord" - 6:8-10

He was a righteous man living in a sinful generation

He was blameless in his generation

Noah walked with God (as was said of his great-grandfather Enoch)

Noah had 3 sons to preserve the human race – 10

Uncorrupted to begin anew – God's creation to be restored