

PREPARATION ACTIVITIES FOR LESSON 8: THE THIRD REBELLION

Part 1: Reflection on Lesson 7

Check out the Supplemental Notes for Lesson 7 (The Second Rebellion). Really, make sure you do it. There is so much interesting and important stuff here that we just didn't have time to cover in detail in the lecture:

- Strengths and weakness of the other views that oppose the idea that the sons of God in Genesis 6 were angels.
 - The sons of God were the male line of Seth.
 - The sons of God were royalty and daughters of men were commoners.
 - The sons of God were demons who possessed humans.
- How did the Nephilim come back after the flood?
- Quotes from ancient sources that support the supernatural view of Genesis 6.
- Archaeological evidence (or lack thereof) for giants.

*NOTE: Lesson 12 will have no new material. We'll spend our time discussing questions that the class sends me about the lessons in this section (#7-11). If you have any burning questions about Lesson 7 (The Second Rebellion), go ahead and email them to me at bjmitchell93@gmail.com.

I'd really like everyone to watch the *Know Your Enemy* video series referenced in the Further Investigation section! Please start by watching parts 1-3 this week.

Take a few minutes to reflect on each of the following as you look back at your notes:

- What keeps coming back to your mind after learning about what was happening in Genesis 6 and some of its implications?

- Do you have any unanswered questions or topics you'd like to study further?

- Which of the Further Investigation resources (from the Supplemental Notes) would you like to explore at some point?

Part 2: Getting Ready for Lesson 8

If you thought last week provided some content that you've never thought about before, you'll find these next couple of lessons may blow your mind (in a good way)! Keep in mind that what I'll be presenting to you is not *new* teaching. Ever since the Israelite nation began with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the people have understood, talked about, and even written about the idea that God keeps angelic beings around him to participate in his work and do his bidding. In modern times, we've become disconnected from some terminology that helps us understand the reality behind the scenes (phrases like "Divine Council" or "God's heavenly family"). In Lessons 8 and 9, we'll see how strong the evidence is for the participation of supernatural beings in God's plans and how some of them have rebelled against God. Grasping this will help us make sense of some strange passages of the Bible and gain some important insights into why conditions are the way they are on the earth.

Answer the following questions. I'm giving you some dots, but you'll have to wait for the lecture to connect them together into a more complete picture.

1. Read Matthew 4:1-11. What did Satan promise Jesus in verse 9? Did Jesus deny that this was in Satan's power to do?
2. Now look at Luke's account of the same event. What does Satan claim in Luke 4:8?
3. Read Psalm 82:1 in the NIV, then the ESV. What differences do you see in the translations?
4. What is the problem God has with these beings that he is judging?
5. What is their punishment? (verses 6-7)

6. Compare Psalm 82:8 to Matthew 4:9. Did the nations belong to God at the time the Psalm was composed? Who do they seem to have belonged to prior to Christ's death and resurrection?

7. Read Genesis 11:1-9. Why were the people building this Tower?

8. Who do you think the Lord is talking to in verses 6-8?

9. Go back and skim Genesis 10, just to get an idea of how well the records and genealogies were kept. These are the people groups that got divided up and scattered over the earth. Count how many different names are mentioned. Although the count will vary depending on which you use, you'll come close to a significant round number.

10. According to Exodus 20:4, there are 3 places from which they were not to make likenesses as idols. What are they?