

PREPARATION ACTIVITIES FOR LESSON 7: THE SECOND REBELLION

1. Read Genesis 6:1-4. At this point, what is your best guess as to what is happening here? In other words, who are the sons of God, who are the daughters of men, and who are the Nephilim? This may be a hard question for you, so just write what you think the text means.

I'll let you know in the lecture what I think!

2. Continue reading the passage through verse 9. Then look up Genesis 6:9 in multiple versions of the Bible.

What are the different ways Noah is described? You can skim through the list, but write down what it says in the ESV, KJV, LEB, NASB, NET NIV, and YLT.

ESV: righteous, blameless in his generation, walked with God

KJV: just man, perfect in his generations, walked with God

LEB: righteous man, without defect in his generations, walked with God

NASB: righteous man, blameless in his generation, walked with God

NET: godly man, blameless among his contemporaries, walked with God

NIV: righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, walked faithfully with God

YLT: righteous man, perfect among his generations, walked with God habitually

There's not a great deal of difference between them. They all say he was righteous and they all say he walked with God. But there is an interpretive difference to be found in the second quality given about him (the one about his "generations"). Compare what it says in the LEB and the NET to see both interpretations represented. Can you put it into different wording to explain the two different ways of looking at it?

The LEB seems to indicate that his genealogy doesn't have any problems or flaws, while the NET is comparing him to the rest of the people living in his time.

3. Look up each of these passages about angels... what do you notice about them?

Genesis 18:2,8 They look like men, they can eat

Genesis 19:3,5 They can eat, they look like men

Matthew 28:3 Appearance like lightning, clothing white as snow

Acts 1:10 They are called “men” and they are wearing white robes

Hebrews 13:2 They can be confused for humans

4. What job do angels sometimes have, according to 2 Samuel 24:15-17, 2 Chronicles 32:21, and Revelation 9:15?

Carrying out God’s judgment, even killing enemies

5. Look up Jude 6 in all English translations. What are the various words used of the place the angels left? For example, the ESV says, “proper dwelling.”

Their own habitation, their proper abode, their own home

6. Take a look at Mark 12:25. This verse is often used to make the case that the Genesis 6 event could not have involved angels because angels can’t procreate. Where are the angels (who do not marry) located in the verse? Does it say anything about angels that might choose to leave heaven, appear like men in human bodies, and do things like humans do (which we listed in question 3 above)?

The angels in heaven do not marry. It does not say that they can’t leave heaven and do human-like things. (In fact, Jude 6 seems to indicate that they did exactly this.)

7. Just so you’ve seen this once before we get to it in the lecture, go to www.blueletterbible.org and type Genesis 6 in the search box. Click on the Tools button to the left of verse 2. Then write the Hebrew words for “sons of God.” Use the English-looking letters for Strongs #H1121 and #H430 and you’ll have two words side-by-side. One starts with ‘b’ and the second one starts with an ‘e.’ (I’m doing my best to make this easy for you.)

ben elohim

(This is actually the term for one son of God. The plural is *bene elohim*.)