

40. The Book of 2Samuel—21:15-22

“Land of the Giants”

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As we have already pointed out, the last four chapters of 2Samuel are an appendix to the book.

Last week we finished looking at 2Samuel 21:1-14—a section that talked about how God judged the land of Israel with a drought because Saul broke a four hundred-year-old covenant with the Gibeonites when he had many of them killed in an act of ethnic cleansing.

This morning we want to finish 2Samuel 21, which contains four victories that David and his men had over their enemies.

These four victories deserved special mention because—they were victories over giants!

2 Samuel 21:15-22 (NLT)

¹⁵ Once again the Philistines were at war with Israel. And when David and his men were in the thick of battle, David became weak and exhausted. ¹⁶ Ishbi-benob was a descendant of the giants; his bronze spearhead weighed more than seven pounds, and he was armed with a new sword. He had cornered David and was about to kill him. ¹⁷ But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to David's rescue and killed the Philistine. Then David's men declared, "You are not going out to battle with us again! Why risk snuffing out the light of Israel?"

¹⁸ After this, there was another battle against the Philistines at Gob. As they fought, Sibbecai from Hushah killed Saph, another descendant of the giants. ¹⁹ During another battle at Gob, Elhanan son of Jair from Bethlehem killed the brother of Goliath of Gath. The handle of his spear was as thick as a weaver's beam! ²⁰ In another battle with the Philistines at Gath, they encountered a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all, who was also a descendant of the giants. ²¹ But when he defied and taunted Israel, he was killed by Jonathan, the son of David's brother Shimea.

²² These four Philistines were descendants of the giants of Gath, but David and his warriors killed them.

So, we're told that all four of these giants were descendants of the giants that lived in the Philistine city of Gath.

Of course, the giant from Gath that we are most familiar with is Goliath.

You remember that David had killed Goliath using only a sling and a stone back when David was just a teen-ager.

Now, let me just say that these were not the only times that Israel had to face giants in battle—we are told in Scripture that these giants were many and they lived in and around the land of Canaan (and probably other places as well).

In fact, when Moses sent in the twelve spies to spy out the Promised Land before Israel invaded it—you remember how ten of them brought back an evil report—

Numbers 13:33 (NKJV)

³³ There we saw the giants...and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

And yet we read other passages that talk about giants that lived in and around the land of Canaan—

Deuteronomy 2:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.

Deuteronomy 2:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ (That was also regarded as a land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzummim,

Deuteronomy 3:11, 13 (NKJV)

¹¹ For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead *was* an iron bedstead...Nine cubits (*13 ½ feet*) is its length and four cubits (*6 feet*) its width, according to

the standard cubit...¹³ The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the giants.)

And so these giants were numerous and the perennial enemies of God's people for years—but who were they and where did they come from?

Well, to answer that question we need to go back to the very first time giants are mentioned in the Bible—back in Genesis 6.

Genesis 6:1-2, 4 (NKJV)

¹ Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose...⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

‘Sons of God’ is a reference to angels (fallen) and **‘daughters of men’** is a reference to human women.

This interpretation is confirmed by Jude and Peter in the N.T.—where Jude mentions it once and Peter twice (once in each of his two epistles).

Jude 1:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

So right here Jude is telling us what happened in Genesis 6—that fallen angels left heaven (‘*their proper domain*’; ‘*their own abode/home*’) and came to the earth to commit sexual immorality by going after strange flesh (human flesh).

He uses Sodom and Gomorrah to illustrate what it is he's referring to—just like homosexual sex is unnatural so is sex between fallen angels and human women.

Those that disagree with that interpretation claim that angels are spirit beings and therefore sexless which means they are incapable of having sex with women let alone producing children with them.

Well we know that angels can take human form—and did so many times in the O.T. (Genesis 18 being one example).

And how about this verse in Hebrews 13:2—

Hebrews 13:2 (NLT)

² Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

To say that angels are incapable of having sex with women is something the Bible never says and history refutes.

There are many documented accounts of women in the occult that have had sex with demons.

“Are you telling me they had children by these demons?”

Well Genesis 6:4 says so—

Genesis 6:4 (NKJV)

⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them...

In the Book of Enoch, which is not inspired scripture but may still contain some accurate and historical information, we read—

“And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: ‘Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children ... [They] took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments ... And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants ... And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways.’”

It is significant that when the angels are referred to in Scripture it is always with the masculine pronoun “he,” and they are always described as men—that’s why they are called the ‘sons of God’.

Now, once again Genesis 6 tells us that fallen angels and human women married and had children—and that they were ‘**giants**’.

The word ‘**giants**’ in verse 4 is “nephilim” and is a word that literally means ‘*mighty or fallen ones*’.

I personally believe that these were half human, half demon hybrid creatures—Genesis 6:4 goes on to say—

Genesis 6:4 (NKJV)

⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, **and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to [had sex with] the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.**

We are told in Scripture that these giants were on the earth before and after the Flood—these would include Goliath and his relatives living in Gath.

This group would include the Anakim and the Emim—the giants that lived in the land of Canaan as we mentioned earlier.

This, I believe, is one of the reasons God told Joshua and the children of Israel to utterly wipe out the people living in Canaan—because the people of the land had become corrupted with demon seed.

And that is exactly what I believe is going on in Genesis 6 on a worldwide scale.

Satan had his angels come down to the earth in an attempt to comingle and corrupt the human race with demon seed so as to keep the Deliverer (Messiah Jesus) from coming to crush Satan's head (authority) and free the earth from his control (Genesis 3:15).

If Satan was successful there would be no way a Messiah could deliver the world who was born of a woman who herself was contaminated with demon seed.

And this plan of Satan's almost succeeded—were it not for the intervention of God Almighty—

Genesis 6:7-11 (NKJV)

⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Noah was a **just** (righteous) man because of his faith (not his works)—and as a result he lived a righteous life on the earth at a time when it says in verse 5—

Genesis 6:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

But it also says in verse 9 that Noah was “**perfect in his generations**”.

The word ‘**perfect**’ comes from a Hebrew root that means ‘*uncontaminated*’ (in his genealogy or pedigree).

Noah and his family may have been the only ones left on the earth still pure and uncontaminated from demonic corruption—which would explain the Flood.

“Do you really expect us to believe that fallen angels came down to the earth to contaminate the human race with demon seed to keep the Messiah from being born—and that was why God sent the Flood to purge the earth of demon half-breeds!? That’s ridiculous!”

Maybe, but if I’m wrong why didn’t God send revival and a great awakening to the earth instead of wiping out all living things—both man and animals?

It seems to me that something had removed that as a possibility—and demonic corruption is the only thing I can think of.

1 Peter 3:18-20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water (the Flood). (Comment)

2 Peter 2:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell (‘Tartarus’) and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; (Comment)

I’m going to take it a step further—I don’t believe this demonic contamination was limited to the human race, I believe it involved the animals on the earth as well.

And if that's true it explains why God completely wiped out everything He had made—everything that lived on land including man—all except for Noah, his family, and all the animals God brought to him (uncontaminated?) from which to repopulate the earth after the Flood.

He wiped the rest out because Satan had corrupted (contaminated) animals and people with demon seed or thru gene splicing of human and animal DNA—

Genesis 6:9-12 (NKJV)

⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect [uncontaminated] in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt [contaminated]; for all flesh [animals and man] had corrupted their way on the earth.

If you're going to hold to the position that the only reason God brought the Flood was because of the immorality and evil of the human race at that time—then why does the text say that the reason was because **“all flesh (man and animals) had corrupted their way on the earth.”**

Those that say the corruption had to do with moral corruption have to explain—how animals can act immorally?

Or is the text telling us that there was a concerted effort by the devil and his demons to use genetic manipulation to corrupt both man and animals on the face of the earth so that this world would be hopelessly corrupted (contaminated) and therefore irredeemable?

There are many ancient stories and legends from history of half-man and half-animal creatures that lived on the earth—most people consider them to be myths, but others believe they are rooted in fact.

It could be that this came about as a result of genetic manipulation as mankind opened doors more and more to the demonic in their cultures and the demons used willing women as hosts splicing their DNA with animal DNA and fertilizing their eggs to produce half-human, half-animal creatures.

In the seventh chapter of the Book of Enoch it says that the fallen angels also ‘sinned’ (did what God had forbidden) against the animals as well as against people.

In another non-inspired book, the book of Jasher, we read in chapter 4:18, *“Then the sons of men [began teaching] the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord”*

God had said of His creation that every kind (species) would only produce after its kind.

But certain fallen angels, under the direction of Satan, came to the earth in an effort to keep the Messiah from being born by contaminating the human race with demon *and* animal seed through genetic engineering—a process geneticists call the *“transgenic modification”* of species

And many people, like myself, believe that this practice eventually brought the judgment of God on everything the Lord had created that lived on the earth by destroying it in the Flood.

In an article that appeared in an online periodical in 2003 called “Giants in the Earth” it said, *“The Nephilim were genetically manufactured beings created from the genetic material of various pre-existing animal species...The fallen angels did not personally interbreed with the daughters of men, but used their god-like intellect to delve into the secrets of YHWH’s creation and manipulate it to their own purposes. And the key to creating or recreating man, as we have discovered in the twentieth century, is the human genome—DNA”*.

One of the hottest fields in genetics today is *transhumanism*.

One online dictionary defines transhumanism this way—

“It is an international cultural and intellectual movement with an eventual goal of fundamentally transforming the human condition by developing and making widely available technologies to greatly enhance human intellectual, physical, and psychological capacities.”

And so in an effort to greatly enhance human beings scientists, using genetic engineering, are trying to splice human DNA with animal DNA in an effort to create human beings that have the eye-sight of an eagle, the hearing of a dog, the ability to regenerate limbs like a star-fish, and be cancer free like a shark.

Mark Harrington, executive director of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform Midwest and president of the Pro-life Institute, presented expert testimony— *"We all want to see treatments for sickness," he said. "We all want to see cures for disease. But the question is at what price?" He added, "I am becoming more and more convinced when it comes to emerging bio technologies like human-animal hybrids that many of these researchers do not believe in any limits on research as long as it has the possibility to produce an economic end that suits their agenda."*

This has caused numerous states to pass legislation forbidding the splicing of human DNA with animal DNA.

As of yet the Federal Government hasn't passed anything in the way of legislation to prohibit these practices.

I firmly believe that genetic engineering thru gene splicing is going on in secret across this planet.

I shudder to think what hideous, genetically altered creatures are locked up in cages, as we speak, in laboratories sprinkled throughout the world.

If this was indeed what led God to destroy the world in Noah's day with a flood—could this be one the main reasons He will destroy the world once again (Rev.6-19).

And is this what Jesus meant when He said in Luke 17:26, that the earth just prior to His return will be just like it was in Noah's day—where man is playing God thru genetic engineering.

You're sitting there thinking, "*What does all of this have to do with me?*"

Maybe nothing, except to enlighten you to the degree of spiritual warfare we are experiencing in this world and in particular in our own nation.

I firmly believe that most Christians are woefully ignorant or at very least incredibly naïve when it comes to the depth and scope (pervasiveness) of spiritual warfare going on around them—and especially that which is directed at them.

I don't know if Satan is still engaging in genetic engineering and transgenic manipulation today—my guess is that he is.

In fact, I think he is preparing an army of genetically engineered demonic creatures that he will unleash against the human race during the Tribulation Period (read Revelation 9).

But I do know this, he is working very hard right now to corrupt and destroy the human race in a number of different ways.

He is working very hard, as we speak, to destroy marriages by 'splicing' husbands and wives together with other people thru adultery—corrupting God's created order for marriage where two are joined together by Him as one for life.

I do know he is actively working in the lives of many young people thru demonic manipulation, leading them into the occult with the promise of making them *superior human beings* with the power to curse enemies and cause love interests to fall in love with them.

I'm sure that was the message Satan preached to the people of the world before the Flood—that by following him as their god he would make them superior human beings—the result though was death.

In the same way, those young people who are getting into the occult because they believe it will make them superior human being—are being destroyed as well.

They are experiencing depression, anti-social behavior, increased drug and alcohol use, cutting themselves and an off the charts rise in suicide—the devil's plan all along—to corrupt and destroy.

And it's not just young people that are getting involved in the occult or with things like yoga, Transcendental Meditation, visualization and other eastern mysticism practices.

The more people in our nation open the doors to the demonic, the more the demonic will infiltrate our culture and we're seeing the effect of this everywhere in the form of 'giants' filling our land.

These would be giant problems (as people turn away from God the result has been increased violence and gross immorality) problems that no human being is going to be able to fix—

Although for a time a leader will emerge on the world scene that will seem to have the answers and bring about a utopia on the earth—right before God's judgment falls—

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

The human race is being played—and it's being prepared.

It's being *played* (deceived) into thinking that certain practices (occult and eastern mysticism—which God has forbidden) will make them wiser, stronger and more enlightened to its own divinity.

And in that regard, it's being *prepared* for the coming of a world leader who will be the perfect hybrid of man and demon—the Antichrist.

But just as David and his army defeated the giants in their day—so too will Jesus Christ, the Son of David, and his armies defeat the devil, the Antichrist and every other demonically engineered creature on the face of the earth when He returns to bring about a new world.

And just like Noah and his family emerged from the ark to a world purified of sin, evil and violence.

So too will the redeemed emerge from heaven (the Marriage Supper of the Lamb) to a new world scrubbed from sin, evil and violence thru the judgment of God during the Tribulation Period.

It will be a brand-new world consisting of a new, pure and incorruptible Kingdom—which will be ruled over by an absolutely pure, and incorruptible King, Jesus Christ!

The only question that's left is—will you be a part of it?