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Mt 24:37-38 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Lk 17:26-27 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

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Noah was the fulfillment of Enoch and Lamech's vision

Gen 5:28-31 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. ²⁹ And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed." ³⁰ After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters. ³¹ So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died.

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2 Pet 2:5 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;

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Methuselah is a great example of God's AMAZING GRACE in the O.T.

Gen 6:3 And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

1 Pet 3:20 "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."

2 Pet 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

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We can prove that Methuselah died the year the flood came in Noah's day

Methuselah was 187 when Lamech was born (Gen 5:25) ...	187
Lamech was 182 when Noah was born (Gen 5:28-29)	182
<u>Noah was 600 when the flood came (Gen 7:6)</u>	<u>600</u>
Methuselah was 969 when he died (Gen 5:27)	969

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Num 13:33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

Deut 2:11,20-21 They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim. ... ²⁰ (That was also regarded as a land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, ²¹ a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But the Lord destroyed them before them, and they dispossessed them and dwelt in their place,

Josh 12:4, 13:12 The other king was Og king of Bashan and his territory, who was of the remnant of the giants, who dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, ... ¹² all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants; for Moses had defeated and cast out these.

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2. Who are the Nephilim?

Nephilim = fallen or mighty ones

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3. Were the Nephilim the half demon/half human progeny from demons and humans?

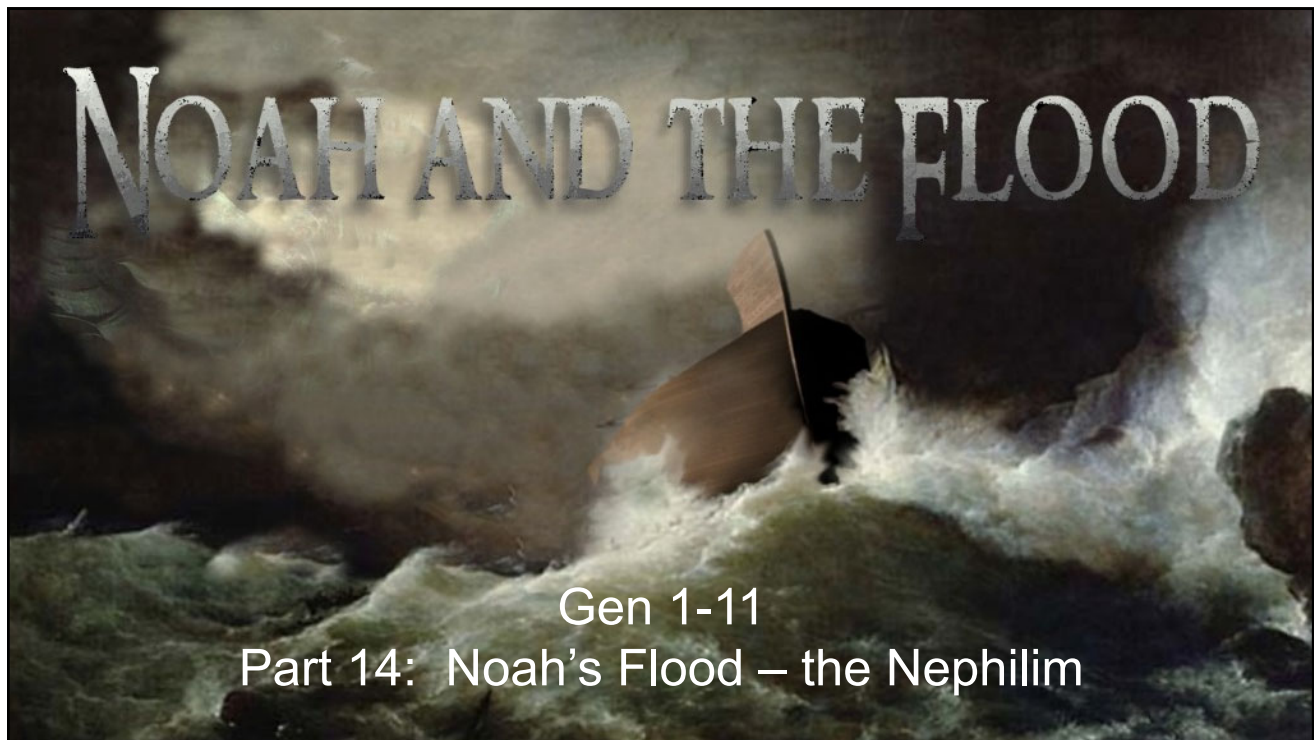
- Can fallen angels have sexual relations with humans? (**Gen 19:4-5**)
- Can fallen angels reproduce sexually?

Mt 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

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- If demons could cohabit with human females and produce a race of demonic giants in Noah's day, what would prevent them from doing so today?

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4. So, who where did the Nephilim come from?

They were the offspring of the godly marrying the ungodly – which God disapproves.

Deut 7:1-4

2 Cor 6:14-16 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?

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5. What does the 120 years of Gen 6:3 refer to?

Gen 6:3 And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive^[a] with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

- It would be 120 years until the judgment of the flood would come. During this time, Noah built the ark and testified of God's coming judgment and salvation.

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- After the flood, the lifespan quickly began to decrease to today's 70-80 years

Ps 90:10,12 The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ... ¹² So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

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6. How can a perfect God regret anything or change His mind?

Gen 6:5-6 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. ⁶ And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 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."

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- “imagination of the thoughts of his heart”: imagination is from a Hebrew word used in relation to pottery = “to fashion as a potter”
- The wicked of Noah’s day were “fashioning” wicked philosophies and a wicked culture.

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- Scripture indicates that God has His perfect will but because He has made man in His image and given him a will, God allows man to exercise his will – even if it is contrary to His perfect will.
- This indicates that God also has a permissive will.

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Mt 19:4-8 And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” ⁷ They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?” ⁸ He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, **permitted** you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

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- **Because He is perfect, God never “repents” or “changes” His mind as men do, but He does respond to man’s choices – be they right or wrong.**
- **God’s response is conditional and based upon man’s actions.**
- **Example:** God warning Nineveh of impending judgment in 40 days and yet, because of their repentance due to Jonah’s preaching, God delays the judgment for many years.

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- God loves all men or He would not be grieved at the wickedness of men.
- God's will would be that ALL would be saved.

1 Tim 2:3-4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Pet 3:9 but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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Mt 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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7. The love of God does not cancel out the justice of God

Gen 6:7 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."

11-13 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; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

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Those who preach only a "God of love"
only tell half the truth.

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8. The flood was a “world-wide” catastrophe

Gen 6:17, 7:19-23 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ... ¹⁹ And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰ The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. ²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. ²² All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. ²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth.

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2 Pet 3:5-6 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

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If the Flood was local ...

- Why did Noah have to build an Ark? He could have walked to the other side of the mountains and missed it.
- Why did God send the animals to the Ark so they would escape death? There would have been other animals to reproduce that kind if these particular ones had died.
- Why was the Ark big enough to hold all kinds of land vertebrate animals that have ever existed? If only Mesopotamian animals were aboard, the Ark could have been much smaller.
- Why would *birds* have been sent on board? These could simply have winged across to a nearby mountain range.

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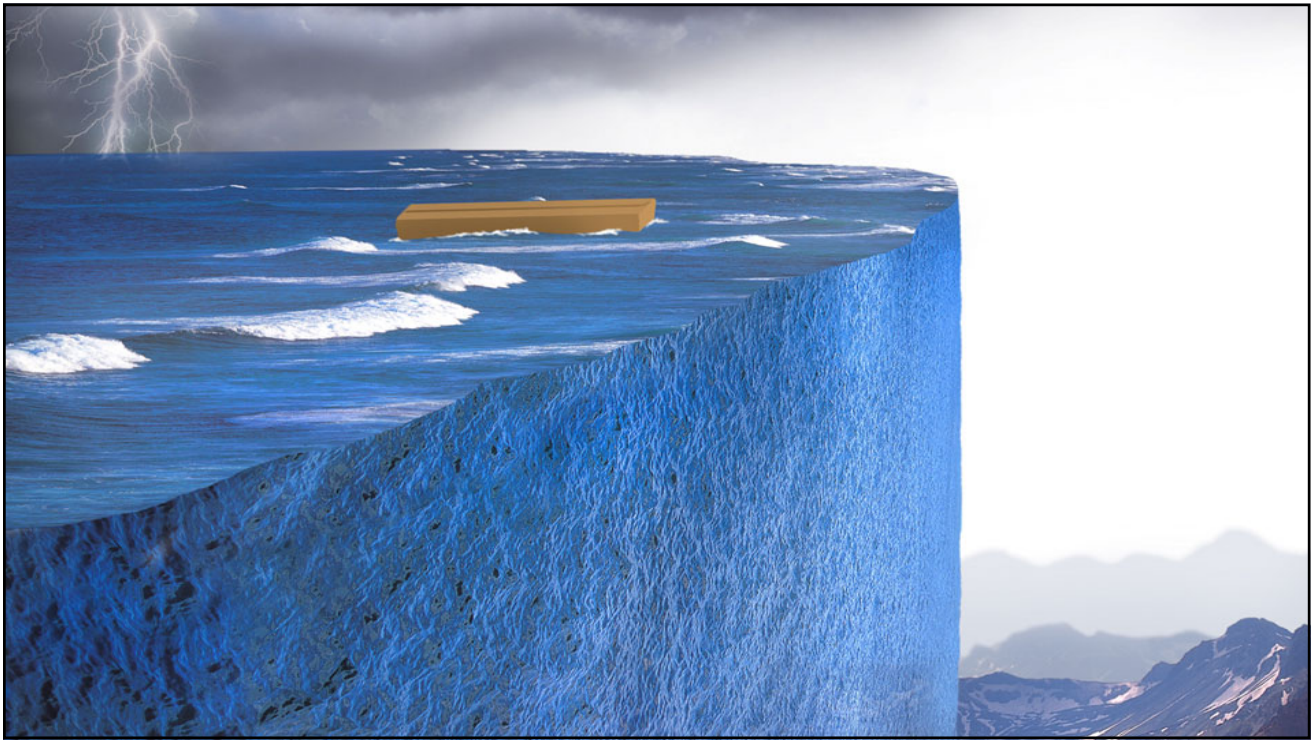
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- How could the waters rise to 15 cubits (8 metres) *above* the mountains (Genesis 7:20)? Water seeks its own level. It couldn't rise to cover the local mountains while leaving the rest of the world untouched.
- People who did not happen to be living in the vicinity would not be affected by it. They would have *escaped God's judgment on sin*. If this happened, what did Christ mean when He likened the coming judgment of all men to the judgment of 'all' men (Matthew 24:37-39) in the days of Noah? A partial judgment in Noah's day means a partial judgment to come.
- God would have repeatedly broken His promise never to send such a flood again.

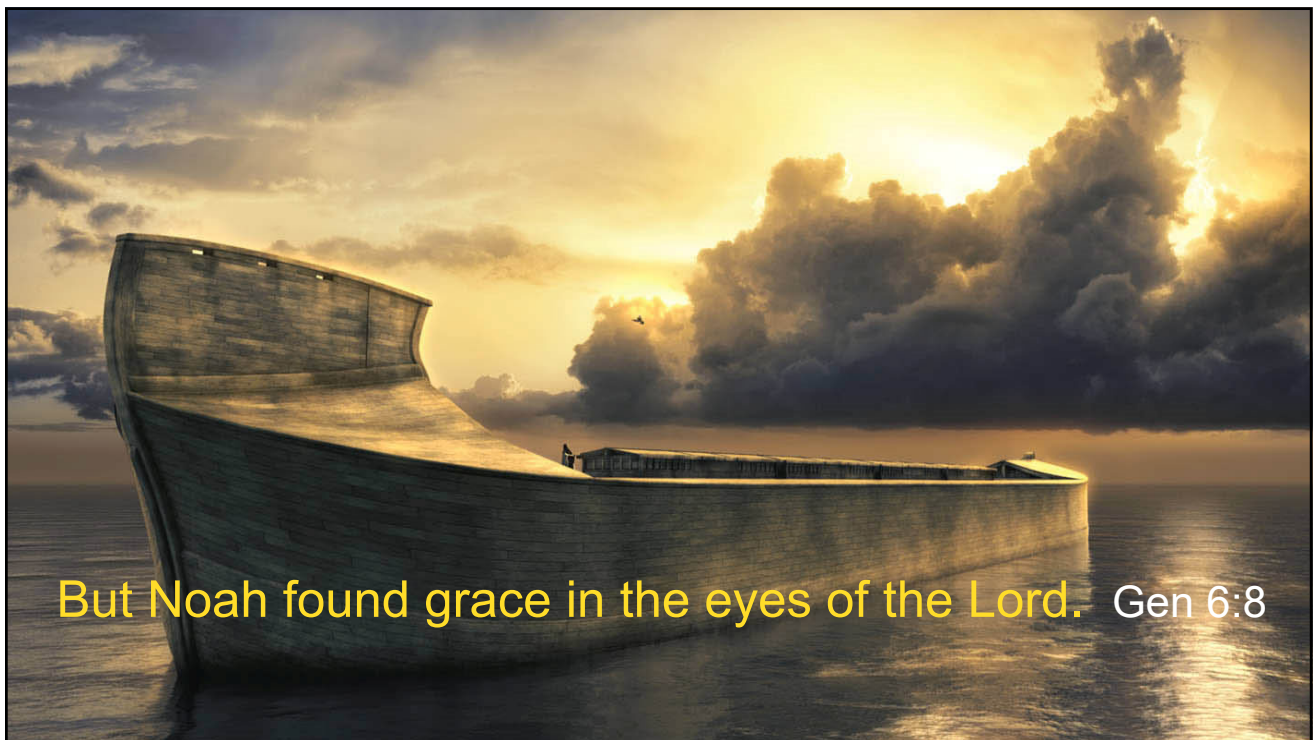
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But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Gen 6:8

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9. Noah and the flood story teaches an important biblical principle:

“God does not pour out His wrath on the righteous.”

Lk 17:26,28 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ... ²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot:

Gen 18:23,32 And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ... ³² Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.”