

Nephilim, giants and fallen angels ... Who were they?

According to the biblical account, some strange types of people lived on the earth before the Flood, as described in Genesis 6: 4. The text mentions the "giants", the "sons of God" (or "sons of Elohim"), the "daughters of men" and the so-called "Nephilim", which had been originated by the union of fallen angels with the "daughters of men" (human women).

The sons of Anak (Anaktos) were descendants of the giants, as Numbers 13:33 says, as well as the emittas (Deuteronomy 2:10) and also the zomzomenos (Deuteronomy 2:20 and 21).

Og, king of Bashan, was about fifteen feet high (Deuteronomy 3:11) and was considered one of the last remnants of those giants. However, the flood extinguished most of them, as well as the great reptiles that have settled on the earth.

The famous Philistine giant - Goliath - whose height was over 3 meters (1 Samuel 17: 4), was also descended from the antediluvian giants, whose genetic characteristics have been transmitted possibly through some of the descendants of Noah. This Goliath of Gath was the giant that David faced, as we can read in 1 Samuel 17:49.

In addition to Goliath, there were also other descendants of giants in the city of Gath, including Isbi-benob (2 Samuel 21:16), Saf (2 Samuel 21: 17-19), and another very tall man, with six fingers on each hand and foot (2 Samuel 21:20). All those men were descendants of Raza and were defeated by David and his companions (1 Chronicles 20: 5-7-9).

The book of Enoch, despite being considered apocryphal by most Christian theologians, is mentioned in the Bible in the book of Jude 14 and 15, and describes the mystical union between the "sons of God" (angels) with the "daughters of men" (human women).

Also in the book of Job, the "sons of God" are said to be angels, among whom Satan is included, as mentioned in Job 1: 6 and 2: 1.

This book of Enoch reveals that these angels defiled men with all manner of evils, such as the teaching of witchcraft, as well as spells with roots and trees (Book of Enoch 7:10).

It would also have been from them the teaching of making swords, knives, shields and other warlike artifacts, as well as the awakening of women's vanity, giving them mirrors, bracelets, ornaments, the art of eyebrow painting, and the use of precious stones and all kinds of colorings (Book of Enoch, chapter 8: 1).

The angels were also responsible for teaching the use of charms and their annulment, as well as the introduction of men in the knowledge of star-observation, zodiac, and astronomy, as Enoch's book says in Chapter 8: 4-8.

Even the practice of criminal abortion described as "the infamous means of killing a child in the womb of his mother" was taught by one of these evil angels, whose name was Kasyade (Book of Enoch, chapter 69:12).

It is evident that besides possessing powers greater than men, both in physical strength and in the possibility of supernatural displacement, angels also have a greater intellectual knowledge.

Although angels brought useful knowledge in steel and other materials, as well as pharmaceutical technology, they allowed men to use warfare techniques, through the construction of weapons with materials not known to ancient human civilizations.

There are several documents with reports about the giants and Nephilim in various parts of the world, which are proof that the biblical story is true, and this is confirmed by history, science and archeology.

Who were the “fallen angels”?

In Jewish tradition, the "fallen angels" were originally an order of angels who dwelt in the highest heaven and partook of heavenly harmony, from creation. There are some biblical texts explaining that there was a rebellion in heaven and a part of the angels had a desire to possess a body, since originally they had only spirit.

There are cases related in the Bible where angels materialized and even had bodily biological functions, eating and drinking with human beings. An example is in Genesis 18: 8, where Jehovah and other angels ate and drank with the Hebrew patriarch Abraham.

Angels are considered to be heavenly creatures that were created during the founding of the world, but after a rebellion, the group was divided in angels faithful to the Most High God and the fallen angels.

The angels faithful to the true God the Father are those mentioned in Hebrews 1:14, who are sent to serve those who will inherit salvation by the grace of God ... *"Are not those angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"*.

In turn, the fallen angels are servants of Jehovah, the chief archangel. They are called “fallen angels” because they chose to follow Jehovah in his rebellion and fall, as Ezekiel 28: 14-16 prophesied ... *"You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones"*.

The other prophecy of Jehovah's rebellion against the Absolute God and his fall is in Isaiah 14: 13-15 ... *"You said in your heart: I will ascend to the heavens; will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit"*.

About the angels' rebellion, there is biblical evidence that Jehovah gathered certain angelic hordes to rebel against God while he was still in heaven. Jehovah was formerly called "Lucifer" (angel of light) or "anointed cherub", and his intention was to usurp the authority of God the Father, by taking the control of his throne.

Peter refers to "fallen angels" as "angels who sinned," as we read in 2 Peter 2: 4 ... *"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment"*.

In Judges 1: 6-7, we read about the fallen angels who lose their proper dwelling in the heaven: *"And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire"*.

In Genesis 6: 1-2 we read how that "fornication" occurred with those which Jude refers, for the angels were very eager to have sexual contacts with the women... *It happened that when human beings began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, the sons of Jehovah saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, for they took women for themselves, choosing among them all*.

In Genesis 6: 4, the union between the women and the “fallen angels” is fully described ... *"and also afterward, when the sons of Jehovah went to the daughters of humans and had children by them"*.

Although the original text says "sons of Elohim" (בני האלהים *benei ha'Elohim*), we know that the father of those angels was Jehovah, for in Job 1:6 and 2:1 it is written that Satan was one of the “children”... *One day the angels (sons of Jehovah) came to present themselves before Jehovah, and Satan also came with them ... On another*

day the angels (sons of Jehovah) came to present themselves before Jehovah, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him.

The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus referred to this Jewish tradition in his book III, mentioning the sexual union of the "daughters of men" (bat ha'Adam) with the "sons of God" (bnei ha'Elohim). Thus he said, *"Many angels of God cohabited with women and bore offended sons who despised goodness, trusting in their own strength, for according to tradition these men performed acts similar to those of the Greeks called Giants".*

Who were the "Nephilim" and the "Giants"?

Some apocryphal Jewish and biblical texts in the book of Genesis, say that the "fallen angels" were beings who fell in love and mated with the "daughters of men", originating a race of "demigods" known as "Nephilim".

The Nephilim are described as the descendants of the "fallen angels", for the meaning of the original word is "NAPHAL", which in Hebrew means "to fall." They were not extraterrestrial beings, as some esoteric persons think, but they were physical beings produced by the sexual union of angels with the women.

In Genesis 6: 4 we read about the Nephilim and the giants: *"The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown".*

Its great size and power seemed to come from the mixture of demonic "DNA" with the human genetics. The Bible says even that they were *"mighty men of old, mighty men of renown".*

When fallen angels assume a human form, they may have intercourse, but not without some aberrant genetic changes. The union of these beings with humans produced children who were different in many ways.

The first obvious difference was their developed gigantism. The Bible mentions Og, the king of Bashan, who was a giant of 4.5 meters long, and Goliath, who was 2.7 meters long. The second aberration was that they had six fingers in each hand and six toes in each foot.

In Numbers 13:33, the giants were reported by the spies of Israel: *"We also saw there giants, the sons of Anak, the race of the giants: and we were, in our eyes, like locusts; and so we resembled them".*

The book of Enoch

Although the book of Enoch is not considered canonical, it is mentioned in the Bible (New Testament) in the epistle of Jude, which is a very good reference for its credibility.

Since its translation from ancient texts discovered in Ethiopia in 1768, the book of Enoch has created a great stir in the academic and theological circles.

In that book, it was revealed that the group of fallen angels was punished with the loss of their positions in the heavenly places for having fallen in love and copulation with the women of the earth, and for having taught men the creation of weapons and the art of war, among other degenerative things, bringing chaos among human beings.

According to the book of Enoch, the fallen angels numbered 200, but only their leaders were mentioned: *"These are the names of their leaders: Samyaza, who was their leader, Urakabameel, Akibel, Tamiel, Ramuel, Danel, Azkeel, Saraknyal, Asael, Armers, Batraal, Anane, Zavebe, Samsaveel, Ertael, Turel, Yomyael and Azazyel (also known as Azazel and perhaps as Azaziel). These were the prefects of the two hundred angels, and the rest were all with them".*

Several copies of the book were discovered in 1948 among the Dead Sea scrolls. The parts of Enoch's book tell the story of fallen angels who abducted and related to human women, resulting in the creation of a hybrid race known throughout secular and biblical history as the Nephilim.

The first parts of the book detail the interaction of the fallen angels with mankind: ... *"And Semjaza, who was their leader, said to them: I am afraid they do not agree with this fact, and only I will have to pay the penalty of this great sin. And all of them answered him and said: Let us all take an oath, and let us all commit ourselves not to forsake this plan, but this must be done. Then they swore and vowed not to abandon this plan. And there were altogether two hundred who descended in the days of Jared at the top of Mount Hermon, and called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound by mutual imprecations upon it ... "*

The Nephilim consumed everything that men acquired, as described in the book: ... *And they became pregnant, bringing to the world giants, whose height was three hundred times them; which consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when the men could no longer hold them, the giants turned against them and devoured mankind. And they began to sin against the birds and beasts, and reptiles, and fish, and devoured the flesh of their neighbors, and drink their blood ... "*

Enoch refers to this story in great detail. In fact, we are able to find a list with the names of 18 angels out of a total of 200 who have committed the great sin.

Curiously, this ancient book also details how those fallen angels taught mankind how to make swords and knives, shields and armor by the technique of metallurgy, magic medicine, cuts of medicinal roots and hallucinogenic uses, enchantments, astrology, the course of the moon, as well as all manner of deceiving men.

Azazel taught men to make swords and knives, and shields, and armors, and made known to them the metals of the earth and the art of working wrists, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautification of the eyelids, and all kinds of precious stones, and all the coloring dyes.

Semjaza taught enchantments and cuts of roots; Baraqijal, taught the astrology; Kôkabêl taught about the constellations; Ezeqeel taught about the knowledge of the clouds, Araqiël taught about the signs of the earth, Shamsie taught about the signs of the sun, and Sariel taught about the course of the moon.

Even the practice of criminal abortion described as "the infamous means of killing a child in the womb of his mother" was taught by one of these evil angels, whose name was Kasyade (Book of Enoch, chapter 69:12).

The book even says that the fallen angels asked Enoch to speak with God Most High, but God delivered a message of judgment against the fallen angels through Enoch. God did not forgive them for teaching mankind the use of the arts of magic, the technics of war and other evil things.

The Flood and the destruction of the Nephilim and Giants

Were there Nephilim or giants after the flood? Genesis 6: 4 tells us that there were giants on earth in those days, and also AFTERWARDS, that is, it seems that the demons repeated their evil performance for some time even after the flood.

Jehovah said in Genesis 6: 5-7, *"I will destroy the men whom I have created, from man to beast, to the reptile and the birds of the air, from the face of the earth; because I regret having done them.*

So Jehovah proceeded to flood the whole world, killing all beings, including this race of giants, except Noah and his family, and the animals inside the ark (Genesis 6: 11-22).

However, it seems that this happened on a smaller scale after the flood than it was before the flood. When the Israelites spied out the land of Canaan, they reported to Moses thus: *"We also saw there giants, sons of Anak, race of the giants, and we were, in our opinion, like locusts; and so we resembled them"* (Numbers 13:33).

Probably those inactive genetic tendencies still occur today, which are occasionally reported in various parts of the world, where people with characteristics of gigantism contrast incredibly with the rest of the population.

What does scientific archeology say about the giants?

There are legends of giants in several countries, for example in Equator, where it have been found remains or artifacts in some places, that seem to demonstrate the presence of incredibly large people.

In these legends, the giants are described as frightening-looking beings, which often killed human beings, sacrificed them, ate them, and even drank their blood.

Archaeologists believe they may have found a lost city of giants in the Amazon jungle of Equator. Large rocks that form a pyramid, a possible sacrificial altar and enormous tools that would have been too large for human use are possible evidences of that suspicion.

What really points to this dwelling having housed a race of giants is the presence of extremely large stone hammers. Assuming these were attached to the hardwood handles would be of incredible size and weight, making their use as impractical tools for a typical Indian.

They also discovered a mysterious substance of hard union between some of the blocks. After a closer look, it appeared to be some kind of vitrified material that could have been melted using some sort of unknown advanced technology.

Finally, bones of "giants" have been discovered in caves in the same area, as well as in other parts of the Equator.

The site's researchers also found what appear to be extremely large tools that would be extremely difficult to use for a normal-sized human being, prompting researchers to suspect that this is one of the legendary lost cities of the giants.

Why could not this be an evidence of the Nephilim of the Bible, and of the veracity of the extra-biblical book of Enoch?

I find it absolutely fascinating that throughout the world, more evidence is being unearthed that may well prove the existence of fallen angels and their descendants.

Some researchers took on the mission of bringing such findings as giant bones, crystal skulls, carvings and sculptures of shapes that do not fit into the traditional contemporary view.

Many skeletons and fossils that could present physical evidence that the giants actually existed were certainly destroyed by those who have no interest in disclosing those evidences.

Thus, for example, the American Institution of Alternative Archeology (AIAA) formally accused the Smithsonian Institution (Washington - USA) of having destroyed thousands of giant human remains during the 1900s.

During the prosecution, new elements were discovered as several documents which demonstrated the destruction of tens of thousands of human skeletons that reached between 1.8 and 3.6 m in height, a reality that archeology today does not want to admit for many reasons.

It seems to be a similar situation to the discovery of Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat, which had been seen since the 19th century by many participants of expeditions and aviators. Many witnesses claim to have seen blackened petrified wooden beams from the ark, but they were prevented from deepening the investigations because the government of the territory where the ark was did not allow the continuity of the investigations.

Nature and hierarchies of angels

There are some texts of the New Testament, as for example, in Ephesians and in Colossians, where a scheme of three hierarchies of angels was described, each of which with three orders.

The orders of angels can be subdivided into three classes. In the first hierarchy are the principalities, archangels, angels. In the second, there are the dominations, virtues and powers. In the third are the seraphim, cherubim, and thrones.

Although my opinion is different from traditional Christian theology, I believe that Jehovah is the chef of the fallen angels and before his fall, he had a great attribute in the heaven. Its original title was "bearer of light", that is, Lucifer, which shows its former splendor.

I even believe that Jehovah is the "father" of other angels, which are submitted to him. That "super-angel" is the same as Plato defined as "Demiurge" and Marcion called him "Old Testament god". I also believe that it is the same that Paul called the "god of this world" in 2 Corinthians 4: 4.

A proof that Jehovah is not God the Father, but an angel, is that God the Father was never seen by anyone, as John 5:37 says ... "Ye have not heard his voice, nor seen his form".

As in Exodus 33:23 we read that Moses saw Jehovah on his back (God has "back"?), and also Exodus 33:11 says that Jehovah spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend, we may conclude that Jehovah and God the Father cannot be the same person.

The absolute God would never reveal himself face to face to any people, nor he gave personally verbal instructions, nor could have a meal with the patriarch Abraham, as did the angel Jehovah (Genesis 17: 1; 18: 1-8; 26: 2; 48 : 3, Exodus 24: 10-11; 33: 11-23), because the apostle John confirms in 1 John 4:12 that God has never been seen by anyone, whether in the face, in the back, or by at any other angle .

In Exodus 24: 9-11 we read that not only did Moses saw the "god of Israel," but also Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the seventy elders of Israel. They saw Jehovah and ate and drank together!

Although God is composed of three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the essence of the three is the same. Since I am not a polytheist and I believe there is only one God, I can conclude that Jehovah can only have an angelic nature, which is also "divine" and "mighty", but it is not like God.

The "full glory" of God the Father was manifested only in the Son, as can be read in John 1:18 ... "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known".

Jehovah had an effective participation in the creation of man and woman together with Elohim, since he breathed the breath of breath in Adam, as Genesis 2: 7 says ... Then Jehovah Elohim formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

I believe that Jehovah, as well as the Devil and the other angels were created by the Most High God with a good nature, but they made became themselves evil and demoniacs. This fall consists in the decision of those angels who rejected radically and irrevocably the true God Father and his kingdom.

That is to say that Jehovah (Lucifer) condemned himself voluntarily choosing the evil, and the decisions of the angels who endured the choice of Lucifer also led them to prisons of darkness, which I believe to be on the earth itself, where they are tormenting the human beings, till their future judgment.

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