Interpreting Genesis
3:15 & 6:4
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By means of contextual analysis, grammar, biblical canonical theology and historical theology
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The Conflict between 2 Seeds
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- Corruption of Adam’s & Eve’s Line – Genesis 6
- Move Against Abraham’s Seed – Genesis 12, 20
- Famine – Genesis 50
- Destruction of Male Line – Exodus 1
- Pharaoh’s Pursuit – Exodus 14
- The Perversion of the Populous in Canaan – Genesis 12:6
- Moving Against David’s Line – 2 Samuel 7
Attacks on David’s Line

- Jehoram kills his brothers – 2 Chron. 21
- Arabians slew all (but Ahazariah)
- Athalia Kills all (but Joash) – 2 Chron. 22
- Hezekiah Assaulted – Isaiah. 36, 38
- Haman’s Attempts – Esther 3
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- Joseph’s Fears – Matthew 1
- Herod’s Attempts – Matthew 2
- At Nazareth – Luke 4
- 2 Storms on the Sea – Mark 4; Luke 8
- The Cross

Summary: Revelation 12 … and he’s not through trying.
The Time of the End

- 4 Disciples Inquire about Jesus’ Return
- Jesus Details the Events Preceding His Return – a.k.a. The Apocalypse
- This Description is recorded in 3 Gospels
  - Matthew 24 & 25
  - Mark 13
  - Luke 21 & 22
- TAKE AWAY: “As it was in the days of Noah…” (Direct ref. Genesis 6)
“As it was in the days of Noah…”

- Whatever you believe at this point about Genesis 6 and the fallen angel view, you can see that our Lord Jesus proclaimed that the end times will be a repeat (with variation) of whatever was happening in Genesis 6… a time when “the imagination of the hearts of men was only evil continually” and when “Noah was perfect in his generations” and when “all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.” (Genesis 6:9-12)

- And this “Days of Noah repeat” is the end-game strategy of Satan’s side in the seed conflict
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Genesis 6:4
Who are the “Sons of God?”
“Sons of God”

בְּנֵי-הַאֵלֹהִים  Bene HaElohim
= angels

- OT: Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7
- NT: Luke 20:36
- Book of Enoch
The Sethite View

Summary: Descendants of Seth were of a godly lineage, through which the Messiah (Serpent Crusher) would one day arrive. Satan tempted the sons of God (Sethites) with wicked (occult) and beautiful women. Noah was the only pure Sethite left in his day.

The Sethite View stands on these premises:
- “Daughters of Men” were from Cain
- Inferred Godliness of Seth

[aside]: both the Sethite view and Fallen Angel view agree that Noah remained sexually/genetically separate; but we must observe whether from Cainites or Fallen Angels
Regarding The Cainite Daughters

- No contextual basis found for a “subset” of the Daughters of Adam – Genesis 3-5

- Cainites were not necessarily godless – Genesis 4:18 and following

- [Were the daughters of Seth so unattractive?]
Regarding the Inferred Godliness of Seth’s Line

Apostasy began with Enosh – Genesis 4:26

- “Then men began to profane the name of the Lord” is attested as a proper translation by:
  - Targum of Onkelos
  - Targum of Jonathan
  - Kimchi, Rashi, et al
  - Jerome
  - Maimonides, Commentary on the Mishnah, 1168 AD
Text reads, “Took wives”… “as they chose.” [Not seduced but violently took. Godly?]

Why did the Sethites perish in the flood if they were righteous?

Only Enoch and Noah’s 8 Spared? [“Last of the Mohicans?”]

“Noah was perfect in his generations…” (trans: “whole / entire in his lineage / genetic descendants) Note that “generations” is plural.
5th Century Origin of the Sethite View

- Celsus & Julian the Apostate used traditional belief to attack Christianity
- Julius Africanus resorted to the Sethite theory as a more comfortable ground
- Cyril of Alexandria used it to repudiate the orthodox position
- Augustine embraced Sethite theory
- It Prevailed into Middle Ages and wasn’t challenged until the Reformation.
But, can Angels Cohabitate with Humans?

A Survey of the Nature of Angels as they Interact with Humans in the Biblical Record

  - Sodom & Gomorrah
  - Resurrection & Ascension
  - Spoke, Took Men by the Hand, Ate Meals

- Capable of Direct Physical Combat
  - Passover in Egypt
  - Slaughter of 185k Syrains

- Don’t Marry (IN HEAVEN) – Matt. 22:30; Luke 20:34-36
A Closer Look at “Sons of God” & Jude 6

Those who left their initial habitation
“habitation”

οἰκητήριον oiketerion: referring to the body as a dwelling place for the spirit.

Only twice in the Bible:

Jude 6: from which the angels had “disrobed;
2 Cor 5:2; alluding to the heavenly body with which the believer longs to be “clothed.”
The Resurrection Body

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

2 Corinthians 5:1-2
And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jude 6, 7
Summary of Sethite View Weaknesses

- The Text itself: “Sons of God” = Bene ha’Elohim
- Inferred separation of Sethites from Cainites
- Inferred godliness of Sethites
- Inferred Cainite subset of Adamites
Unnatural Offspring “Nephilim” or “fallen ones,” and that was often translated “giants.” (Numbers 13:33)

New Testament Confirmation of fallen angels leaving their habitation (Jude 6 & 7, 1 Peter 3:19-20; 2 Peter 2:4-5)

Proponents of Fallen Angel View

From the Following Eras

- B.C. Era
- Pre-Roman Catholic Church Era
- Reformation to Contemporary Eras
“Angel” View: B.C.

- Traditional Rabbinical literature
- Book of Enoch (2nd Century BC)
- Testimony of the 12 Patriarchs
- Josephus Flavius
- Septuagint (LXX)
"Angel" View: Church Fathers

- Philo of Alexandria
- Justin Martyr
- Irenaeus
- Athenagoras
- Tertullian
- Lactantius
- Amrose
- Julian
Modern Scholarship

- G.H. Pember
- M.R. DeHaan
- C.H. McIntosh
- F. Delitzsch
- A.C. Gaebelein
- A.W. Pink
- Donald Barnhouse
- Henry Morris
- Merril F. Unger
- Arnold Fruchtenbaum
- Hal Lindsey
- Chuck Smith
Why It All Matters

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The Fallen Angel view of Genesis changes one’s interpretation of the Bible’s prophetic narrative.

- What happened in Noah’s Day? --The corruption of all flesh on the DNA level by fallen angels cohabitating with generations that welcomed such activity and got more than they bargained.
- Jesus declares “As it was in the days of Noah…” regarding the time before Christ’s return, a.k.a. The Great Tribulation
- The Deduction: fallen angels will once again cohabitate with a compliant humanity at the end of this age, before Christ returns.
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The Restrainer

For the Mystery of Iniquity doth already work: only He who now hindereth will hinder, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked One be revealed ...whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders...

2 Thessalonians 2:7-9
God warns believers not to be deceived or shaken!

Again, it is God’s appointed time, not Satan’s. In that way, it can be said that God will send a strong delusion. (2 Thess. 2:11)

The Son of Damnation (Anti-Christ, Seed of the Serpent) will be revealed.

That wicked one will come on the scene with great power (supernatural), signs (proofs) and lying wonders (miracles).

Great multitudes will be deceived at this unveiling. How?...
...Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie.

2 Thessalonians 2:10,11
Sometimes translated “rebellion,” the text literally reads, “apostasy” … a sudden and definitive rejection of the Creator God. This implicates “name-only” Christians among other believers.

This rebellion began in the 1850’s and particularly with the popularization of the Darwinian Theory of Evolution.

This apostacy has its culimination in THE Apostasy, an event which must precede the unveiling of the Son of Damnation, a.k.a. The Anti-Christ
As Described in 2 Timothy 4:4 -- “They will turn away from hearing the truth and follow after myths.” (i.e. the Ancient myths of the gods and demi-gods of Babylonia, Egypt, Assyria, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome) [Also similar: Norse, Hindu]

In contrast, Peter states: “We have not followed after cunningly-devised myths” (1:6)
The Myths of “Science”

Ancient doctrines of demons retold.

- **Evolution**
  - Ancient Alien Astronaut Theory: a.k.a. Panspermia

- **Transhumanism**: the ideology that asserts mankind can and should transcend his weak & mortal state through use of technology: biotech, DNA modification, cyborg, singularity, consciousness transference, AI, etc.

- **Technocracy & Syntheism**
Summary: Goals of Current Science

- To escape mortality – “You shall not die”
- To create a “better” mankind – “You shall be as gods”
- To find and communicate with the “intelligent astronaut race [E.T.] that seeded our planet” because they are more evolved than we, and our planet needs saving

  - Francis Crick, SETI, Richard Dawkins, Stephen Hawking, Nikola Tesla, NASA’s Ellen Stofan, University of Cambridge
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