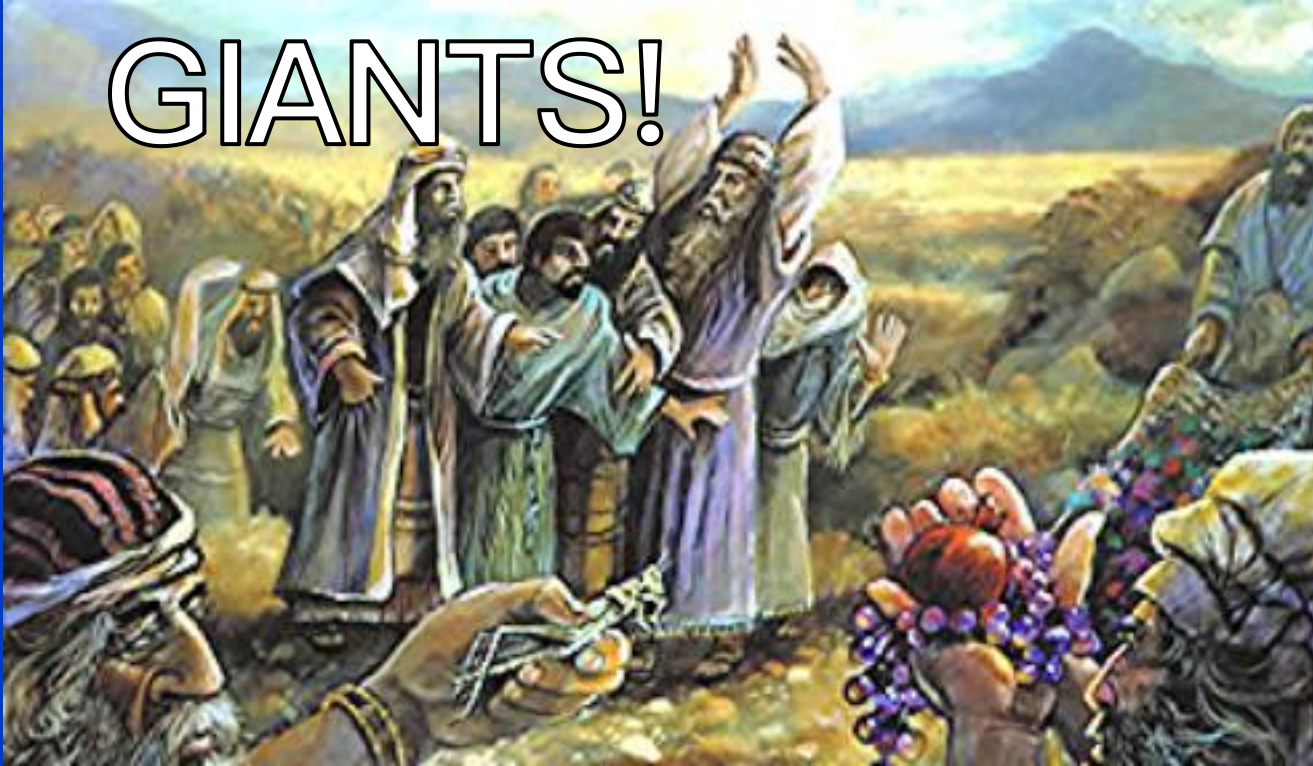


GIANTS!



- Amos 2:9 “...the Amorites...tall as cedars...”
- Their size was an identifying feature of the Amorites
- The 2 spies reported the sighting of Giants, **Nephilim**
- Genesis 6:1 – 4
- “Sons of God” looked upon the “daughters of men”
- **Gibborim** = powerful men with skills and knowledge



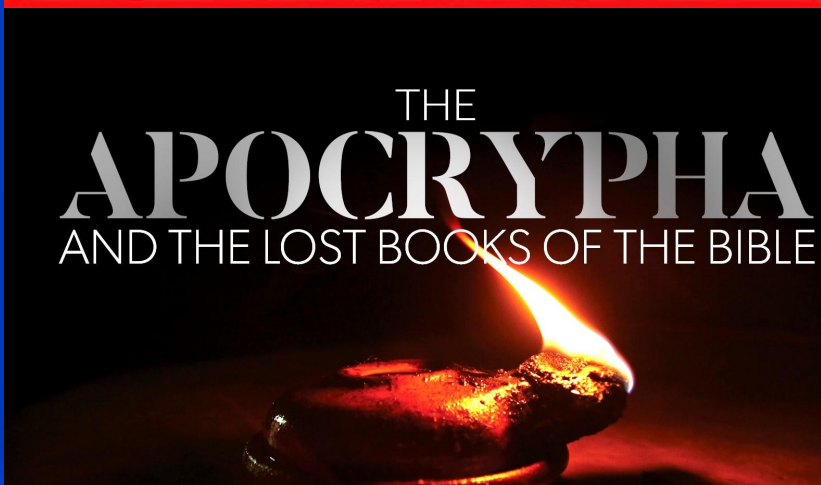
- Genesis 6:4 – 8
- God's solution to the problem of the ***Nephilim*** was to destroy all air-breathing creatures with a Flood
- 4th century A.D., Church doctrine created that said “sons of God” were sons of Seth who married women not of Seth's line
- This wrong doctrine was meant to make this story blend with other Church doctrines so they would be consistent

DIVINE DICTATION?



- Biblical “context” includes the unspoken beliefs that the writers of the Bible held
- Men given divine inspiration wrote down Heavenly truths in their own words for the most part
- Their thoughts were formed within the understanding of their Hebrew culture
- The Watchers & Nephilim were common knowledge

- Book of 1 Enoch the first to speak of The Watchers
- Apocrypha in the 1611 KJV, but removed in 1885
- Some thought Apocrypha was inspired, others not
- Pseudepigrapha = falsely attributed
- Were never considered inspired by Judaism or Christianity
- These deal with the end of the OT through the late NT times (Mishna was created)



The Church Rejects the Pseudepigrapha



The Watchers

1 Enoch 6 - 16



- Contents of the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha taken very seriously by the biblical Jews
- John C. Collins 2 stories: a fallen angel **Asael** causes improper revelation, and another called **Shemihazah** has children with women
- The offspring were also called ***gibborim***, usually translated as “mighty men”
- Book of 1 Enoch purports to answer questions that Gen. 6 leaves unanswered

1 ENOCH CHAPTER 6

1 And it came to pass when the sons of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto 2 them beautiful and comely daughters. And the Watchers, the sons of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men 3 and beget us children.' And Shemihazah, who was their leader, said unto them: 'I fear ye will not 4 indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.' And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations 5 not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.' Then swore they all together and bound themselves 6 by mutual imprecations upon it. And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn 7 and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it. And these are the names of their leaders: Shemihazah, this one was their leader. Arteqoph, 2nd to him. Remashel, 3rd to him. Kokabel, 4th to him. Arumumahel, 5th to him. Ramel, 6th to him. Daniel, 7th to him. Ziqel, 8th to him. Baraqel, 9th to him. Asael, 10th to him. Hermani, 11th to him. Matarel 12th to him. Ananel, 13th to him. Setawel, 14th to him. Samshel, 15th to him. Sahriel, 16th to him. Tummiel, 17th to him. Turiel, 18th to him. Yamiel, 19th to him. Yehadiel, 20th to him. These are their chiefs of tens.

1 ENOCH CHAPTER 7

1 And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms 2 and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants. And they 3 became pregnant, and they bare great giants. And the giants begat Nephilim, and to the Nephilim were Elioud. And they were growing in accordance with their greatness. They consumed 4 all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them, the giants turned against 5 them and devoured mankind. And they began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and 6 fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood. Then the earth laid accusation against the lawless ones.

1 ENOCH CHAPTER 8

1 And Azazel taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals of the earth and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all 2 coloring tinctures. And the sons of men made for themselves and for their daughters, and they transgressed and led astray the Holy Ones. And there was much godlessness upon the earth, and they made their ways desolate. Shemihazah taught enchantments, and root-cuttings. Hermani taught sorcery for the loosing of spells and magic and skill. Baraqel taught the sings of the lightning flashes. Kokabel taught the signs of the stars. Ziqel taught the signs of the shooting stars. Arteqoph taught the signs of the earth. Shamsiel taught the signs of the sun. Sahriel taught the signs of the moon. And they all began to reveal mysteries to their wives and to their children. And as men were perishing, the cry went up to Heaven.



Into the fiery abyss

- Giants > Nephilim > Elioud 3 generations
- 4 Archangels notice the wickedness, ask God for help
- God sends the Archangels to deal with the problem creatures
- Annette Yoshiko Reed *“The birth of the Giants is explored in terms of the mingling of spirits and flesh...improper...morally destructive”*

WHERE DO DEMONS COME FROM ?



The 2nd Temple era
Jews believed the story
of the Watchers and
the Nephilim

➤ Earliest Church Fathers,
up to the 4th century,
believed as the Jews did

➤ The Flood was meant
to deal with the crisis
of evil caused by
The Watchers

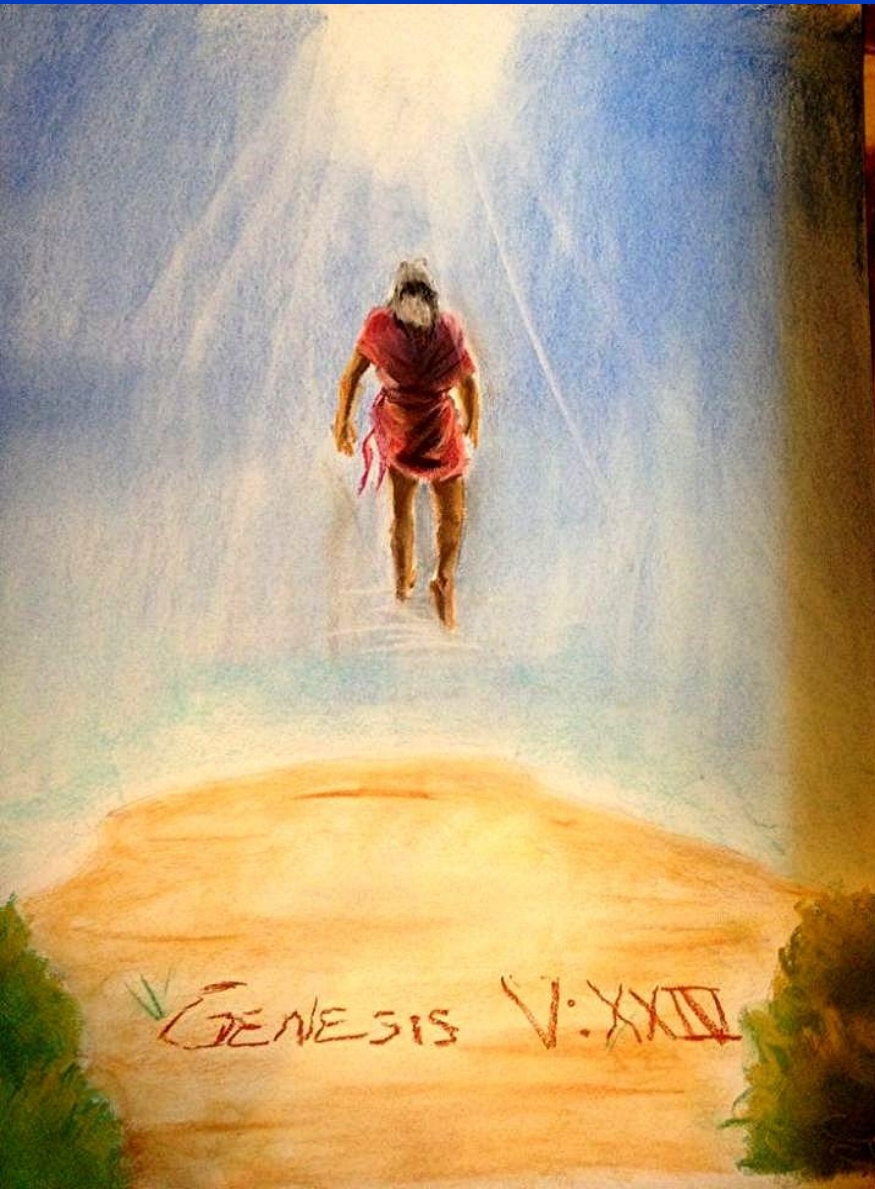
➤ 1Enoch and other
Jewish literature say
demons are the spirits
of the dead offspring of
the heavenly beings

THE APKALLU



- Story of the Watchers and the Flood found in Mesopotamian documents, long before the Bible or even the Hebrew people
- Apkallu were believed to have obtained great wisdom from the gods
- They were created in “the river”, which is a term meaning a watery Abyss under the earth

ENOCH vs. ENMEDURANKI



- Enmeduranki said to be the 7th king since Creation; went to Heaven without dying
- Enoch the 7th patriarch from Adam; went to Heaven without dying
- Genesis 5:18 – 24
- Apkallu said to be divine beings, bred with human women, produced quasi-divine hybrid beings
- Amos 2:9 Amorites thought of as descendants of the evil giants, worthy only of destruction