

Return of the Nephilim

Fallen debuted in 2007 on the ABC Family network as a mini-series. The tagline: “18-year-old Aaron Corbett struggles to come to terms with his newly discovered identity - **that he's half-angel.**”

In fact they call him Nephilim in the show. Turns out he is the Nephilim’s savior. What Jesus is to humans, he is to fallen angels.

The show ran its course but is now a video game.

And let me emphasize that this was considered a “family” show, geared to youth.

Names like “Nephilim,” “the Watchers,” and “Azazel,” are prominent in the many current shows and movies that portray the supernatural.

While Hollywood has discovered these things, and is banking on apocalyptic themes in some of the most popular series and films ever, the church is shying away from prophecy altogether.

One of the leaders of our movement not too long ago said the following at a pastor’s conference:

I believe in the rapture, I believe in the Second Coming but I think all of us should have learned by now that none of us know when that’s gonna happen and if we get up every week or if we’re constantly banging that drum of you know Ezekiel 38 and all of this stuff, that you’re indirectly sending a message to the younger gen.

That there's nothing left for you to do it's all been done so just hold on tight the rapture's coming and you know, my experiences is that they don't want to hear that. They want to hear that we can do something for God just like you guys did. Our generation can do something, there's a world to reach. There are people to touch there are missions to be accomplished, there are churches to be planted, **and so I'm really you know kind of challenging you guys if you're beating the prophecy drum, just tone it down because you don't know.**

The Bible is at least 25% prophecy. Geno told me that Mark Hitchcock says it's more like 30%. **Any Bible teacher should be talking about prophecy at least 30% of the time.**

In addition, you need to know the times you are in. The world is extremely interested in future things. This is NOT the time for the church to abandon prophecy. There is good justification that we talk about it more.

Before we finish out the days of Noah, let me say this. I have found that whenever I bring up things like giants or signs in the heavens, the average Christian immediately gets offended - as if I had just told them there is some other way to God besides Jesus.

Talk about the Nephilim - even directly from the Bible - and you are labeled by other believers as fringe at best, conspiratorial at worst.

The world is hearing about these things from nonbelievers. They own that space right now. Building on truth, they introduce errors.

We have the truth about these subjects. We need to be ready to give nonbelievers a real, biblical answer - **not** ridicule them for asking about it.

Your Christian friends probably don't know much about the Nephilim. That is partly the fault of Bible teachers; I take some responsibility. But I'm trying to rectify our shortcomings here in this series.

I'll share a very brief review, and then I have one more insight into the days of Noah.

We saw in Genesis 6:1-4 that certain "sons of God" married and mated with "the daughters of men." We showed you that the "sons of God" can really only refer to angelic beings.

Their offspring were renowned mighty men of old called Nephilim. They were men of great stature; they were, in fact, giants.

They were also quite dangerous. When Jesus said that the days of Noah were characterized by "eating and drinking," His audience would have understood that He meant the Nephilim were notorious as insatiable cannibals, eating people and drinking blood.

We further discovered that after the global flood Nephilim were prominent again in the Promised Land. The children of Israel refused to go in to the land, primarily on account of the fact that ten of the spies saw giants.

Many different groups of giants continued to resist the Israelites, until the time of David and Goliath, when the last of them was slain by David and his mighty men.

Something to ponder: When Jesus said it will be as in the days of Noah, could He have meant giants would again roam the earth?

Could Nephilim reappear in the last days?

There are a lot of anecdotal stories about there be giants on the earth *right now* - both dead and living.

Let me relate two of the most credible incredible stories:

1. There is a report that Gilgamesh was retrieved from Babylon. In 2003, archeologists claimed to have found the the tomb of Gilgamesh. *The Book of Giants*, recovered from the Dead sea scrolls mentions Gilgamesh as one of the mighty pre-flood Nephilim who ruled. He was said to have been $\frac{1}{3}$ man and $\frac{2}{3}$ god; his father was a “phantom.” Hittite sources place his height at 11 cubits, or 16 - 18 feet. The life-size Statue of Gilgamesh at the Louvre in Paris gives us an idea of his strength and size. He holds a lion by the neck, which looks like a small house cat in comparison. The mystery deepened when reports surfaced that his remains were removed from Babylon by the US military prior to the outbreak of the war in Iraq.
2. There is a more recent incident called the Kandahar Giant. I'll quote from WorldNetDaily: “It's one of the most bizarre stories to come out of America's longest war – an allegation United States Special Forces engaged and killed a red haired giant in Afghanistan. But it's being reported by multiple sources. Several eyewitnesses claim the battle not only took the life of an American soldier, but that the government flew the huge corpse of the attacker back to the United States.” **The father of one of our soldiers serving over there told me his son says it's a true account.**

We can't verify those accounts. They can't help us answer our question about whether or not the Nephilim will make a reappearance.

There is, however, a Bible verse that may help us. It doesn't seem, at first, to directly mention the Nephilim; but what it does say perhaps points to them. It is part of the interpretation Daniel gave to Nebuchadnezzar of his dream about a statue:

Dan 2:37 You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

Dan 2:38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all - you *are* this head of gold.

Dan 2:39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

Dan 2:40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others.

Dan 2:41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

Dan 2:42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

Dan 2:43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Dan 2:45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold - the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Here is a quick interpretation of the interpretation, by the guys over at Dallas Theological Seminary:

The image represented the four Gentile powers that would exercise world dominion, ruling over the Jewish people. Nebuchadnezzar, an absolute monarch (Babylon), was the head of gold (v38). Persia was the arms of silver, one arm representing Media and the other Persia. Greece, the third kingdom, was the belly and thighs of bronze. The Roman Empire was the two legs and feet of iron, the legs representing the eastern and western wings of the kingdom. The feet of iron and baked clay depict the Revived Roman Empire, the toes representing ten kingdoms... The Lord Jesus is the stone... cut out... without hands. He will destroy the four kingdoms and rule over the whole earth, his kingdom standing forever.

Take a closer look at verse forty-three: "As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, **they will mingle with the seed of men**; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay."

The human kingdom portrayed in verse forty-three is the one immediately preceding the return of Jesus to set up His Kingdom on the earth. We often refer to it as the Revived Roman Empire.

What is interesting is the phrase, "they will mingle with the seed of men." He uses the personal pronoun, "they." Just what (or who) will "mingle with the seed of men" in the time of that kingdom?

The Bible in Basic English renders these words, “they will give their daughters to one another as wives...”

The ESV says, “so they will mix with one another in marriage...”

The ISV says, “so they will mix themselves with human offspring...”

This sounds eerily similar to Genesis chapter six.

One commentator then asks, “Could this be a hint of a return to the mischief of Genesis six? It staggers the mind to consider the potential significance of Daniel's passage and its implications...”

Meanwhile, in the real world... In 2015 *Popular Mechanics* said this:

U.S. adversaries are already working on something America is reluctant to: Enhanced Human Operations (EHO).

EHOs entail modifying the body and the brain itself, creating what some have called "super soldiers."

At a press conference laying the Defense Department's future research and development strategy on Monday, Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work warned that America would soon lose its military competitive advantage if it does not pursue technologies employing artificial intelligence.

Why would the US military want Gilgamesh, or a Kandahar giant?
For the DNA, in order to produce a super soldier.

We live on the verge of some crazy stuff happening...

It is, “as in the days of Noah.”

Be careful sharing this stuff; but don't hold back what is definitely in your Bible.