

Along with this prophecy, the Lord provided a human barometer. The flood would not occur until after the death of Methuselah. His death did occur in the year of the flood.

At this point the biblical name of these half-breed angels/humans is revealed in:

Genesis 6:4 There were Nephilim [נפילים]
(*Nephilim*): “giants: referring to half-breed fallen angels and *Homo sapiens* through procreation”] on the earth in those days (and also afterward [for 120 years]) when these sons of God [the fallen angels] were deployed to have sexual relations with the daughters of men, and these women gave birth to their children. They were mighty heroes of old, the famous men.

Analysis of Genesis 6:4

1. The Luciferian strategy was to introduce a third party into the conflict in addition to the two originals: *Homo sapiens*, Adam *et al.*, and fallen angels.
2. Lucifer deployed a number of his troops to have sexual relations with the human women whose offspring are referred to in Scripture as the Nephilim.
3. The social standards in this environment allowed procreation to occur between brothers and sisters as well as other relatives.
4. We have already noted the lifespans of ten named Old-Testament believers whose lifespans were made possible by the earth's perfect environment: 'Ātham, Sēth, Ēnosh, Caīnan, Māhālālēel, Jāred, Ēnoch (*Hānoch*), Methūselah, Lāmech, Nōah and his sons: Shēm, Hām, and Jāpheth.
5. The problem that emerged regarding the testimonies before the Divine Court of Appeals was the intrusion of this third party of half-human, half-angel witnesses for the defense.
6. This situation was uninvited, but was allowed to occur since volition was the issue. In this case, it violated the initially agreed upon rules of engagement for the Appeal.
7. God is the Judge, Lucifer presents his case for the defense, and 'Ātham and 'Ishshah present their case for the Prosecution. Other witnesses followed for each.
8. Yet, Lucifer's insertion of this super race was characterized by two concepts: (1) degeneracy and self-destruction and (2) negative volition and spiritual death.



9. This foreshadowed that nothing good could become of the human race unless divine intervention put a stop to this.
10. God as Judge ruled that He would institute a ruling that would, in time, counter Lucifer's third party of Nephilim with this ruling:

The Homo sapiens would be removed from the courtroom by drowning and their souls transferred to the Torments compartment of Hades (Luke 16:23).

The Nephilim would be incarcerated within the Sea Doors, a subdivision of the Abyss (Job 38:8 cf. Revelation 20:13).

11. God then issued a decree that took away all sexual abilities from the angels as a part of their judgment. This means that the human race will never be threatened again by an angelic rebellion from the Dark Side.
12. It was during this 120-year period that Noah used the time to build the *Ark*. We have recently studied the details of this event which the Lord commanded Noah to construct, the details of which are found in Genesis 6:8–22.
13. God provides a synopsis of His indictment of the earth in:

Genesis 6:11 Now the earth was corrupt [by the function of evil and genetically mixed creatures both human and angelic] before God, therefore the earth was saturated to the maximum with violence.

v. 12 Consequently, the Godhead looked upon the earth and it had become corrupt. For all flesh had caused to corrupt His standards on the earth.

v. 13 Therefore, the Godhead said unto Noah, “The end of all corrupted flesh has come into My consideration for judgment because the earth has become saturated with violence through them. I am about to destroy them including the earth.

v. 14 “You construct [Qal imperative of עָשָׂה (*asah*): construct to completion] for yourself an ark [תִּבְיָה (*tevah*): a houseboat] of gopher wood. Construct chambers in the ark and you shall cover it inside and outside with pitch making the ark watertight.”

14. The directions given in verses 14–16 describe how Noah is to construct this ark. They do not include the usual details for an ocean-going vessel but rather:

... a large rectangular box 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high [v. 15], made with coniferous wood [v. 14a] and covered inside and out with pitch [v. 14c]. It has three decks [v. 16d] with cabins [v. 14b], a door in its side [v. 16c], and a skylight in its roof [v. 16a]. Thus the ark is not a ship or a shiplike vessel, but a kind of houseboat “intended simply to stay afloat, not to sail.”²

15. As the construction of the Ark continued, those observing the process could not understand why such a vessel was being made. The location was nowhere near a large body of water and it was not designed to do anything but float.

16. Once completed, the Lord issued the command to begin occupying the *Ark* with this pronouncement:

Genesis 6:17 Behold, I am the One causing to bring a flood from waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh [the entire antediluvian civilization], in which is the breath of life—given by God at the point of physical birth—from under heaven. Everything that is born on earth shall drown.

17. This sets the stage for what may be described as a global fifth-cycle of discipline. Every creature, both man and animal, will perish.

Genesis 6:18 Therefore, I have caused to establish my covenant with you. Consequently, you will come into the *Ark*—you and your sons, and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.

v. 19 And every living creature of all flesh, two of every category you shall cause to go into the *Ark*. To cause them to remain alive for their individual perpetuation with you; they shall be male and female. (EXT)

18. This verse confirms that the rations on board are sufficient to feed both man and beast for one year and five days, the entire time the *Ark* will stay afloat.

² H.-J. Zobel, “תִּבְרָת: Noah’s Ark,” in *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*, eds. G. Johannes Botterweck, Helmer Ringgren, and Heinz-Josef Fabry, trans., David E. Green (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2006), 15:551.



Genesis 6:20 From birds according to their species, and of cattle according to their species, and from all reptiles of the ground according to their species ... two of every category of unclean animals ... shall go in with you and you shall preserve them alive.

v. 21 And you take for yourself from all food that is eaten. And you shall collect it to you. And it shall be for food for you and for them.

v. 22 Therefore, Noah did; according to all instructions that the Godhead commanded him, so he did. (EXT)

19. Chapter 7 provides the actual boarding of the Ark in verses 1–10. This was followed by the beginning of the rain that would last for 40 days and nights along with the emergence of the waters of “the fountains of the great deep burst open” as well (verses 11–16).
20. By verses 17 and 18, the waters had encompassed the Ark and it began to float. As the waters rose higher and higher they topped all the mountains of the world, noted in verse 19.
21. By verse 20, the mountains were further submerged by another 15 cubits (25+ feet).³ Verses 21–23, every living thing not aboard the Ark had perished—birds, cattle, beasts, swarming things, and all mankind died.
23. The only Homo sapiens left alive on the earth were the eight occupants aboard the *Ark*: Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, and their respective wives.
24. They were each a witness for the Prosecution. Those who were former witnesses for the defense were drowned in the global deluge including all unbelievers and the Nephilim.
25. The Nephilim, the half-breed fallen angels who have eternal life, and Homo sapiens who died in the flood, presents the issue of where they are sequestered.
26. There are a number of categories of living bodies in various categories that make up God’s creatures that include Homo sapiens, both elect and fallen, angels, both elect and fallen, and the Nephilim, half-breeds who are all fallen.

³ “Mount Everest. Rising to 29,035 feet above sea level, it is the highest altitude on Earth.” (“Everest, Mount,” *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia* [Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., 2010], 4:619). Genesis 7:20 reads, “The waters rose more than twenty-five feet above the mountains (NET).” This means that the entire planet was immersed in water for a depth of 29,060+ feet.



27. These groups are systematically categorized over the course of world history by this doctrine:

The Doctrine of **שְׁאוֹל** (*Shé'ol*): **Shé'ol** or **Ἅδης** (*Hádēs*): *Hádēs*

Introduction: Definition and Etymology

1. The Hebrew word *Shé'ol* originally meant in post-Biblical Hebrew the deep parts of the sea. But both *Shé'ol* and the Greek word *Hádēs* are used to refer to anything that is subterranean and large. Therefore, they are used for the vast subterranean place of the departed dead of the human race and the abode of certain fallen angels.
2. Both *Shé'ol* and *Hádēs* are mistranslated “hell” which adds to the confusion.
3. *Hádēs* is used from classical times and before for the underworld and the realm of the dead.
4. *Shé'ol* is sometimes used for the grave, as in Genesis 37:35, 42:38, 1 Samuel 2:6, and other passages.
5. The dying are said to go to *Shé'ol*, which is not the grave, but to the under part of the earth. This is a reference to the soul in Numbers 16:30; Ezekiel 31:15, 17.
6. Prior to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, all human dead went to *Shé'ol* or *Hádēs* where two compartments were designed to receive them. Old Testament believers went to Paradise or Abraham’s Bosom. Unbelievers went to Torments.
7. Those who are believers in the Old Testament are said to be delivered into the power of *Shé'ol*: Hosea 13:14; Psalm 49:16.
8. However, since the resurrection of Christ, Old Testament believers have all been transferred to the third heaven as a part of the triumphal procession.

Summaries of the Compartments of *Shé'ol* or *Hádēs*:

- A. **Παράδεισος** (*Parádeisos*): **Paradise**: The place where Old-Testament believers’ souls and interim bodies resided prior to the resurrection of Christ.

At the Lord’s ascension, all Old Testament saints followed Jesus Christ into the Third Heaven where they will reside until the Second Advent which terminates the dispensation of Israel.

Ephesians 4:8 “When He ascended on high [the resurrection], He led a host of captives [Old Testament believers in interim bodies]; and He gave gifts to men.”

Documentation of where in Hades the Lord’s soul went once He experienced physical death is confirmed in this exchange between Jesus and one of the criminals crucified with Him:

Luke 23:39 One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him [Jesus], saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!”

