

Unseen Realm: Session 22- God's "Ban" Against *Elohim* Rebel Offspring

*All Bible references are from NASB unless noted otherwise.

What theology can we learn from the event of the worldwide flood?

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ ¶ These are *the records of the generations of Noah*. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

Genesis 6:17 "Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; **everything that is on the earth shall perish**. ¹⁸ "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark-- you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

1. The Lord sees the universal wickedness of mankind, **even from their youth**.
2. The Lord demonstrated sorrow and regret at how mankind has chosen rebellion.
3. God is holy and will punish sinners.
4. God also is gracious and will spare Noah and his family.
5. Sin affects not just mankind, but it also brings judgment on mankind's home and other creatures.
6. The judgment of the flood was not only on adult males, but women, children, and infants.
7. God was **righteous and holy** to bring judgment on ALL ages of mankind.

Moses Reveals the Infiltration of the Promised Land by Nephilim

Genesis 14:4-6 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵ In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, came and defeated the **Rephaim** in Ashteroth-karnaim and the **Zuzim** in Ham and the **Emim** in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶ and the **Horites** in their Mount Seir, as far as El-paran, which is by the wilderness.

Rephaim Tribes are connected with Large Anakim/Nephilim Tribes:

Genesis 15:12 ¶ Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror *and* great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ *God* said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and **oppressed four hundred years**. ¹⁴ "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. ¹⁵ "As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ "Then in the **fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.**" ¹⁷ ¶ It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, *there appeared* a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: ¹⁹ the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite ²⁰ and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the **Rephaim** ²¹ and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

Numbers 13:21 ¶ So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, at Lebo-hamath. ²² When they had gone up into the Negev, **they came to Hebron where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmi, the descendants of Anak were.** (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) ²³ Then they came to the valley of Eshcol and from there cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole between two *men*, with some of the pomegranates and the figs. ²⁴ That place was called the valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the sons of Israel cut down from there. ²⁵ ¶ When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days, ²⁶ they proceeded to come to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; and they brought back word to them and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ Thus they told him, and said, "We

went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸ **"Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there.** ²⁹ "Amalek is living in the land of the Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites are living in the hill country, and the Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan." ³⁰ ¶ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it." ³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us." ³² So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, **"The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size.** ³³ **"There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."**

Deuteronomy 2:9-12 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot as a possession. ¹⁰ (The **Emim** lived there formerly, a people as great, numerous, **and tall as the Anakim.** ¹¹ **Like the Anakim, they are also regarded as Rephaim,** but the Moabites call them **Emim.** ¹² The Horites formerly lived in Seir, but the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave to them.)

Deuteronomy 2:19-23 'When you come opposite the sons of Ammon, do not harass them nor provoke them, for I will not give you any of the land of the sons of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot as a possession.' ²⁰ (It is also **regarded as the land of the Rephaim, for Rephaim formerly lived in it,** but the Ammonites call them **Zamzummin,** ²¹ a **people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim,** but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they dispossessed them and settled in their place, ²² just as He did for the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, when He destroyed the **Horites** from before them; they dispossessed them and settled in their place even to this day. ²³ And the **Avvim,** who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Capthorim who came from Capthor, destroyed them and lived in their place.)

Deut. 3:11 (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the **Rephaim.** Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

Deut. 3:13 The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of **Rephaim.**)

The Terminology of being “devoted to destruction” or the “Ban”

Hebrew *Kherem*- This is the noun version of the Hebrew word group which contains the idea of something being devoted specifically and only to God for temple or cultic reasons (Leviticus 27:21, 28; Num 18:14; Micah 4:13). There are also people and things which have been chosen by God for destruction (Joshua 6:17-18; 7:1, 11, 15).

- Interestingly, this is the same root for Mount Hermon (Hebrew *khermon*). Remember 1 Enoch 6:6 where the 200 angels choose to take an oath and rebel against God by taking human women producing the Nephilim.

Joshua 6:17 And the city [Jericho] and all that is within it shall be **devoted to the LORD for destruction.** Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. ¹⁸ But you, keep yourselves from the **things devoted to destruction,** lest when you have **devoted them** you take any of the **devoted things** and make the camp of Israel a thing **for destruction** and bring trouble upon it. (ESV)

Deuteronomy 3:1 ¶ "Then we turned and went up the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ² But the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.' ³ So the LORD our God gave into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people, and we struck him down until he had no survivor left. ⁴ And we took all his cities at that time-- there was not a city that we did not take from them-- sixty cities, the whole region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ⁵ All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides very many unwallled villages. ⁶ And we **devoted them to destruction,** as we did to Sihon the king of Heshbon, devoting to destruction every city, men, women, and children. (ESV)

Deuteronomy 2:32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz. ³³ And the LORD our God gave him over to us, and we defeated him and his sons and all his people. ³⁴ And we captured all his cities at that time and **devoted to destruction every city, men, women, and children. We left no survivors.** (ESV)

Deuteronomy 7:1 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you,

² and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then **you must devote them to complete destruction.** You shall make no covenant with them **and show no mercy to them.**

³ You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons,

⁴ for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly.

⁵ But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire. (ESV)

Deuteronomy 7:26 And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become **devoted to destruction** like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is **devoted to destruction.** (ESV)

Deuteronomy 7:26 "You shall not bring an abomination into your house, and like it **come under the ban**; you shall utterly detest it and you shall utterly abhor it, for it is something banned. (NASB)

The main focus of the "ban" was the seven nations who were connected at various points with the Rephaim/Anakim tribes (Deuteronomy 7:1-5; cf. Genesis 15:16-21).

This is why Joshua sums up the various battles with a focus on the Anakim tribes:

Joshua 11:21 ¶ And Joshua came at that time and cut off the **Anakim** from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua **devoted them to destruction** with their cities. ²² There was none of the **Anakim** left in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did some remain. ²³ So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war. (ESV)

These Nephilim/Anakim remnants appear later in Biblical history in the same locations mentioned by Joshua. We are familiar with Goliath who was from Gath (1 Samuel 17:1-58), but there are others also:

2 Samuel 21:16 And Ishbi-benob, one of the **descendants of the giants**, whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of bronze, and who was armed with a new sword, thought to kill David. ¹⁷ But Abishai the son of Zeruah came to his aid and attacked the Philistine and killed him. Then David's men swore to him, "You shall no longer go out with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel." ¹⁸ ¶ After this there was again war with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was one of the **descendants of the giants**. ¹⁹ And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, the Bethlehemite, struck down Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. ²⁰ And there was again war at Gath, where there **was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number, and he also was descended from the giants.** ²¹ And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, struck him down. ²² **These four were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.** (ESV)

Parallel passage is 1 Chronicles 20:4-8 which recounts the same information.