

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Giants

- Introduction
 - Goliath was a giant (9' 9" tall) who intimidated the armies of Israel [1 Sam 17:4-11].
 - The Bible first speaks of such giants during the time of the worldwide flood [Gen 6:4]
 - ✦ These giants existed before and after the flood.
 - ✦ These giants are the children of angels (sons of God) and human women (daughters of men).
 - A number of different terms are used in the Bible to refer to giants...
 - ✦ (n'philim) – Nephilim [Gen 6:4; Num 13:33]
Note: the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim
 - ✦ רִפְאִים (r'pha'im) – Rephaim [Gen 14:5; Deut 3:11]
 - ✦ אַנְכִּים ('anakim) – Anakim [Num 13:22, 28, 33; Deut 1:28; 2:19-21; Josh 14:12-15; 15:13-14]
 - ✦ עִמִּים ('imim) – Emim [Gen 14:5; Deut 2:10-11]
- Development
 - Angels are not given in marriage [Matt 22:30] and do not procreate among themselves, but they are capable of having children [Gen 3:15].
 - The worldwide flood destroyed all of the Nephilim that were on the earth at the time [Gen 7:21-23].
 - However, the Nephilim reappear after the flood [Num 13:33].
 - Because the Nephilim are the product of two different creatures [Gen 6:4] they can be completely wiped off of the earth and yet resurface once again – just like the mule.
 - When God made His covenant with Abraham, the Rephaim were among the population in the land of promise [Gen 15:18-21].
 - During the time of conquest, Joshua had victory over the Anakim [Josh 11:21-22].
 - As we have seen, Caleb also had victory over the Anakim in Hebron [Jdgs 1:20].
 - Goliath is one of these giants [1 Sam 17:4; Josh 11:22] and we see that he was able to father four sons [2 Sam 21:22].

- Conclusions
 - The Bible tells us about giants on the earth that are the children of angels and human women.
 - After the death of Goliath's sons, the O.T. does not mention anything more about giants.
 - However, the fame of these giants was such that an area became known as the valley of Rephaim [2 Sam 23:13; 1 Chr 11:15; 14:9; Isa 17:5].
 - Though the Bible is silent on this issue, it is quite possible that there are Nephilim around us in the world today.
 - The Antichrist (Beast) who will rise to prominence during the Tribulation is the seed of the serpent [Gen 3:15] and, as such, will be a Nephilim [Rev 13:4] – the child of Satan and a human woman.