The Sons of God, Who Are They?

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Years ago, I attended a reunion of college friends in which we were all requested to participate financially for food for the occasion, to which I had asked what would be served because I don't just eat anything. Once at the reunion, I responded to a college friend who had asked me what types of food do I eat, by saying that I only eat fish that has both fins and scales, and only meat that parts the hoof, is cloven-footed, and chews the cud. In essence I don't eat pork, shrimp, catfish, etc. My college friend responded to me, "well, that's in the Bible". To which I replied yes. The wife of another college friend jumped into this conversation to say: "The Bible says you can eat anything". Another college friend chimed in to say: "you know you can make the Bible to mean anything that you want". I did not respond to either of those comments. I had already made my point. And yet, this is what so many think of the Bible.

As time continues, it appears that so many of those I have called spiritual brothers and sisters over the past 35 to 40 years appear to be doing just what my college friend suggested. They appear to be making the Bible to be whatever they want, based on congregational teachings or other sources such as books or so-called scholars, who have offered their own interpretations on various issues. The Bible itself at times no longer appears to be the authoritative source for many beliefs in Christendom.

Look at how many people in the world that believe that the celebrations of Christmas and Easter are in fact in the Bible. I remember once saying to a very beautiful sister at work that Christmas was not in the Bible. Her response was, "Donald, I'd have to think about that." Since that time, we have never discussed the Bible further.

This is even more amazing in these days of modernity because today, it is so easy to verify the origins of the celebrations of Christmas, Easter, etc. We now know that these are of European origin, and are not based on Biblical Hebraic origins, of which the Bible is. There are other celebrations which we now know to be of both Hamite and Yaphetic origins, such as the trinity, etc., etc. And for those who don't know, Ham, Yahphet and Shem were the three sons of Noah.

Now we come to this Biblical subject that seems to fascinate many, which is "the sons of God". I have heard so many different theories about who were the "sons of God", it seems my college friend was correct. It all starts with the following:

• Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, Gen 6:2 That <u>the sons of god saw</u> <u>the daughters of men that they were fair</u>; <u>and they took them wives of all</u> <u>which they chose</u>.

I was recently invited to listen in on a Biblical discussion in which two presenters expounded on their views of what is represented by these scriptures. I believe both presenters did a good job of presenting two opposing conclusions.

On one hand, these "sons of God" were angelic beings who "left their first estate", married "the daughters of men" (human beings), and produced giants on the earth, which resulted in such a level of wickedness on the earth that YAHWEH decided to destroy all flesh by the flood.

On the other hand, these "sons of God" were "righteous men" who married "unrighteous women", which created the wickedness on the earth resulting in such wickedness on the earth that YAHWEH decided to destroy all flesh by the flood. This particular presentation emphasized various scriptures such as the following that seemed to imply that men were always warned about evil women.

• Exo 34:15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; Exo 34:16 <u>And thou take of their daughters</u> <u>unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods</u>.

The presenter of course emphasized verse 16, where the Children of Yisrael (COY) should not take for their sons of the daughters of the inhabitants of the land that YAHWEH was about to give to them, which would fulfill HIS promise to HIS servant Abraham. This became the foundation of this presenter's belief in Genesis 6:1-2 and 4, that "the daughters of men" were evil. For me, this set of scriptures teaches us more about just the "daughters", which I will revisit a little later.

The presenter who concluded that the "sons of God" were in fact angelic beings seemed to defend that conclusion based primarily on the following scriptures.

• 1Pe 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

- 1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, <u>when once the longsuffering of</u> <u>God waited in the days of Noah</u>, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
- Jud 1:6 And <u>the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own</u> <u>habitation</u>, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Jud 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

The presenter noted that the timing of "the spirits in prison" was relative to "the days of Noah", and that these "spirits" were in fact the same angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation".

This led to his conclusion that "the sons of God" were these "spirits in prison", these "angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation", which married "the daughters of men" to create those giants in the earth prior to the flood.

This particular presenter also seemed locked in on the fact that churches offer four different options on this subject. I won't list those options here because they represent someone's, or some organizations interpretations. And, the basic differences of all the options are truly based on only two options: 1) the "sons of God" were angels who cohabitated with women, and 2), the "sons of God" were men who cohabitated with women. There are variables within each conclusion. However, ultimately, these are the only two conclusions.

Well, these presentations caused me to take my own look into this interesting subject to see where the "Spirit of Truth" would lead me through prayer unto the true God (ELOHIM).

And perhaps I should explain the first result of my prayer unto ELOHIM, which in fact, led me to concentrate on the Hebrew word "elohim" itself. Those closest to me are aware that I seldom use the English word God in my writing and speaking. Through study, many of us know that the word God is primarily translated from the Hebrew word "elohim". Now, when referring to what we all believe to be our God, I capitalize this Hebrew word strictly based on the following:

• Gen 1:26 And <u>God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness</u>: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

This instance of the word God is ELOHIM, which represents multiple omnipotent deities responsible for a plan of salvation for the species of man, whom ELOHIM created in THEIR image after THEIR likeness. Through study, hearing and reading, many of us now know that ELOHIM consists ONLY of two omnipotent deities, which the Bible presents as the LORD and Jesus.

Now, even though this knowledge exists amongst many of the Household of Faith (HOF), there remains some confusion about the names of these omnipotent deities. This presentation is the single most relevant protocol of the Bible, which is the Word of ELOHIM (WOE), because it presents THEIR plan of salvation, ONLY for the species of man.

Understanding this protocol is essential to our growth in learning any WOE subject. As the plan of salvation begins to unfold, it teaches the following:

Gen 2:4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, <u>in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens</u>, Gen 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: <u>for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth</u>, and *there was* not a man to till the ground. Gen 2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. Gen 2:7 And <u>the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul</u>.

In these scriptures we learn that it was "the LORD God", translated from the Hebrew YAHWEH ELOHIM, who "made the earth and the heavens", "formed man of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life", so that man "became a living soul".

This is a lot to digest, right? This is why as we seek the truth of the WOE we must become as "a little child" (Mathew 18:3 and 4) in order to discern truth from false teachings.

Many of us have learned another truth of the WOE, which I will simply summarize here. This YAHWEH ELOHIM eventually came unto the earth as YAHSHUA, whom the world calls "Jesus CHRIST", as a man, to die for the sins of the whole world (1 John (Yochanon) 2:2). I have Hebrew friends who think HIM simply to be one of the "chief messengers" like Moses, Abraham and others. These do not believe in the totality of the WOE.

Some believe that YAHWEH is the FATHER, and YAHSHUA is the SON. Yet, we know that YAHWEH was the WORD spoken of in Yochanon 2:1-14, who made all things, just as we read in Genesis 2:4. YAHWEH HIMSELF actually prophetically confirmed that HE was the one who would be pierced, by the words of HIS Prophet in Zechariah 12:10. Yochanon spoke of this fulfillment.

• Joh 19:34 But <u>one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side</u>, and forthwith came there out blood and water. Joh 19:35 And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. Joh 19:36 For <u>these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled</u>, <u>A</u> <u>bone of him shall not be broken</u>.

These scriptures also testify to all who are led by "the Spirit of Truth" of how YAHWEH of the Old Covenant became YAHSHUA of the New Covenant, to become "our PASSOVER", as taught to us by YAHSHUA's Apostle Paul.

• 1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even <u>Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us</u>:

Those knowledgeable of the WOE know that the rituals of the Passover and other "holy days" given to the COY all point to YAHSHUA.

Now, as I was doing one final review of this article, a thought hit me about those Hebrew friends who do not accept that YAHSHUA was the SON of ELOHIM. They keep the Passover each year. But most are all vegans. I wonder why they don't kill a lamb each year. Perhaps I will ask one of them soon.

There is one other important aspect of ELOHIM that we must also learn, that is totally based on what the Apostle Paul teaches us in 1 Corinthians 5:7 above. YAHSHUA HIMSELF spoke the following words that teach us much more about ELOHIM.

Joh 3:16 For <u>God so loved the world</u>, <u>that he gave his only begotten Son</u>, <u>that whosoever believeth in him should not perish</u>, <u>but have everlasting life</u>. Joh 3:17 For <u>God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world</u>; <u>but that the world through him might be saved</u>. Joh 3:18 <u>He that believeth on him is not condemned</u>: but <u>he that believeth not is condemned</u> already, <u>because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God</u>.

These verses teach us the plan of ELOHIM. One of the omnipotent deities of the family of ELOHIM, God (the Greek word "theos"), "gave his only begotten Son" "that the world through him might be saved". And anyone that believes not on God's SON is condemned "because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God".

Now, we know that Greek was not the language of the writers of the WOE, who were Hebrew. Thus, I do not use the word "theos", the Greek word for deity, in my writings. I maintain the structure of ELOHIM, who sent HIS SON into the world to save it. As a result, in the New Covenant, one of the members of this family was then on the earth in the flesh as a man. The other remained in heaven as what is now presented to us as YAHSHUA's FATHER. The family of ELOHIM did not dissolve, there simply remained only one member, one known as the FATHER, in heaven, at that time. As such, I resort back to the Hebrew name ELOHIM for clarity when the New Covenant refers to "God". With this, let's get some further understanding.

Here comes the true clarity that is so relevant to any WOE study. Yochanon 3:18 spoke about "the name of the only begotten SON of ELOHIM". I will now present several scriptures which speak and teach us the significance of this name.

• Joh 5:43 <u>I am come in my Father's name</u>, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

When the second member of the family of ELOHIM came into the world as a man, this is what happened. HE did not come in HIS own name, which was YAHWEH. HE came in HIS FATHER's name, which was YAHSHUA.

So, in truth, YAHSHUA is actually the name of the FATHER. When YAHWEH came into the world in the flesh, HE honored HIS FATHER in all things, even in taking on HIS FATHER's name. This was done so that the FATHER would receive all the glory. Notice the background of this name.

Mat 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, <u>the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream</u>, <u>saying</u>, <u>Joseph</u>, thou son of David, <u>fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife</u>: <u>for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost</u>. Mat 1:21 And <u>she shall bring forth a son</u>, <u>and thou shalt call his name JESUS</u>: for he shall save his people from their sins.

It started when "the angel of the Lord" told Yoseph to take Mary as a wife and name her child "JESUS". Right from the beginning, we need to see the humility in which YAHWEH would walk. HE temporarily gave up HIS own name to become this child who "shall save his people from their sins".

Now, we all should know that this name "JESUS" was and is translation. Many of our studies have led us to understand that YAHSHUA was the Hebrew name. Some disagree with this and showcase other variants such as YAHOSHUA and Yeshua. There shall be no argument from me, only to say that "yeshua" is not a name, it is only a Hebrew word that means salvation.

Throughout history, we pray in the various versions of this name. But what is the true importance? YAHSHUA said HE came in HIS FATHER's name. What name did HE come in? Wasn't it YAHSHUA, or YAHOSHUA, if your studies have so taught you? So then, we should all agree that YAHSHUA, YAHOSHUA, etc., is the FATHER's name. We already know that the YAHSHUA that came into the world was actually YAHWEH ELOHIM. So, when HE came into the world, it was not in HIS own name of YAHWEH, but in HIS FATHER's name of YAHSHUA.

Let's continue with YAHSHUA the SON's own words about this name.

• Joh 10:25 YAHSHUA answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: <u>the</u> <u>works that I do in my Father's name</u>, they bear witness of me.

So, the angel instructed Yoseph to name the child YAHSHUA. Now, YAHSHUA is saying that HE did all of HIS works in HIS FATHER's name. Was there some other name other than that of YAHSHUA that we are given in the WOE? No.

• Joh 17:6 <u>I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me</u> <u>out of the world</u>: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. As HE was about to die and become our PASSOVER LAMB, HE said that HE had manifested the FATHER's name unto the disciples HIS FATHER had given him.

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. <u>Holy Father</u>, <u>keep through thine own name those whom thou</u> <u>hast given me</u>, that they may be one, as we *are*. Joh 17:12 <u>While I was with</u> <u>them in the world, I kept them in thy name</u>: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

These words were all part of YAHSHUA's final prayer to HIS FATHER right before HIS crucifixion. HE continued in this prayer to HIS FATHER by asking the FATHER to keep these disciples "through" HIS "own name" which the FATHER had given HIM, for YAHSHUA had kept them in the FATHER's name while HE was with them in the world.

• Joh 17:26 And <u>I have declared unto them thy name</u>, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

HE finally said HE had declared unto these disciples HIS FATHER's name. This name was YAHSHUA/YAHOSHUA (or Jesus, if you must). As such, we now know without any doubt that the true family of ELOHIM consists of YAHSHUA the FATHER and YAHWEH, who became the SON. The plan of ELOHIM is founded upon the knowledge of these names. And, we should never refer to the FATHER as YAHWEH. YAHSHUA gave us a little more insight into this.

• Joh 1:18 <u>No man hath seen ELOHIM at any time</u>; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

WE know that here HE is referring to HIS FATHER, because there have been instances where the ELOHIM of Yisrael was seen by man.

• Exo 24:9 <u>Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy</u> of the elders of Israel: Exo 24:10 <u>And they saw the ELOHIM of Israel</u>: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness. Exo 24:11 <u>And upon the nobles of</u> <u>the children of Israel he laid not his hand</u>: also <u>they saw ELOHIM, and did</u> <u>eat and drink</u>. • Exo 24:12 <u>And YAHWEH said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount</u>, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel actually saw the ELOHIM of Yisrael. Verse 12 clarifies that it was in fact YAHWEH ELOHIM whom they saw, not the FATHER. YAHSHUA later clarifies this.

• Joh 5:37 And <u>the Father himself, which hath sent me</u>, hath borne witness of me. <u>Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape</u>.

YAHWEH ELOHIM was sent by the FATHER, YAHSHUA ELOHIM. The plan of salvation is for man to deal only with one member of the family of ELOHIM, until all is fulfilled. And finally, soak these thoughts in as we read the following.

• Mat 6:9 <u>After this manner therefore pray ye</u>: <u>Our Father which art in</u> <u>heaven</u>, <u>Hallowed be thy name</u>. Mat 6:10 <u>Thy kingdom come</u>. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

So many Christians in modernity repeat these words often, known as the Lord's prayer. But, notice what we are praying for. Hallowed be the name of the FATHER who is in heaven. Isn't YAHSHUA confirming what HE taught us in the Book of Yochanon? I.e., "hallowed be" the name of YAHSHUA (which we know so many believe is Jesus). HE then says "THY Kingdom come". The Kingdom is the FATHER's, which YAHSHUA the SON shall reign over for 1,000 years with HIS saints (Revelation 20:4-6). And then, it is the FATHER's will that should be done on the earth, as it is in heaven.

Now, knowing who God or "ELOHIM" truly is, what about those "sons of god", we read about in Genesis 6. Let's repeat verses 1 and 2 in their context.

Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. Gen 6:3 And YAHWEH said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Gen 6:4 <u>There were giants in the earth in those days</u>; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

These four verses represent the foundation of the various interpretations of the identity of the "sons of God". The phrase "sons of God" is presented twice here in verses 2 and 4. They saw "the daughters of men", took them wives of all which they chose, and "the daughters of men" "bare to them".

As I listen to various comments on this subject, I try to be fair and open. One commenter, who also believes these "sons of God" to be angels, spoke to the fact that when verse 4 states that "there were giants in the earth in those days", the WOE does not say that these giants were the result of the marriage between these "sons of God" and the "daughters of men". What a great observation. When I revisited this verse with an open mind, I realized he was totally correct. Verse 1 simply speaks of when men began to multiply and daughters were born unto them. Verse 2 says what it says. There is no mention of giants in these two verses, nor in verse 3.

If we all take a step back and read verse 4 on its own merit, the emphasis is not on what the "daughters of men" bare to the "sons of God", but solely on the "giants who were there in those days", who were "mighty men which of old, men of renown". Notice how the NASB words this verse.

• Gen 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

We know that punctuation marks were included by the European translators. We also know that because the word "became" is italicized by the KJV translators, it was added to the original transcripts by them. Notice how the NASB separates what was born to the "daughters of men" from "the mighty men who of old". So, we should clearly discern that the WOE essentially teaches us in verse 4 there were giants on the earth in those days who were the mighty men of old, men of renown, when the "sons of God" married the "daughters of men".

These giants were already there. The fact that these giants were "of renown" suggests their fame in the days of old. Some may not agree, as was said in a recent discussion.

However, this is where we must become as those "little children". We must learn to discern true scripture from other false teachings.

Where did this teaching about giants being the result of these marriages come from? This is nowhere stated in the WOE. Yet, everything has a source. Spiritually, the question is whether or not the source is of "the Spirit of Truth", or some other. As I mentioned the topic of discussions regarding the "sons of God" to one of my spiritual sisters, she immediately spoke of the Book of Enoch as the source of the teaching about the angels, while she also acknowledged knowing that I do not accept the book.

What we are seeing in this age of modernity is how this book has grown in its popularity and influence amongst many Christians. The Book of Enoch teaches, and obviously some of us have been led to believe, that these "sons of God" represent angelic beings that cohabitated with "the daughters of men", and produced these giants. As such, let's quote what the Book of Enoch specifically reads.

"And <u>when the angels, the sons of heaven, beheld them</u>, <u>they became</u> <u>enamoured with them, saying to each other</u>, <u>Come let us select for ourselves</u> <u>wives of the progeny of men, and let us beget children</u>." "<u>Then they took</u> <u>wives</u>, each choosing for himself: <u>whom they began to approach, and with</u> <u>whom they cohabitated</u>: teaching them sorcery, incantations, and the dividing of roots and trees. And <u>the women conceiving brought forth giants</u>, <u>whose</u> <u>stature was three hundred cubits</u>. When they turned themselves against men, in order to devour them; and began to injure birds, beasts, reptiles, and fishes, to eat their flesh, one after another, and drink their food. Then the earth reproved the unrighteous."

First, it calls these angels "the sons of heaven". And when these "the sons of heaven" "cohabitated" with these women, the women conceived and "brought forth giants". This book continues the story regarding these "the sons of heaven", the women, and of course, the giants, who are later referred to as "evil spirits" throughout the book.

Of course, my spiritual sister was correct when she stated that I do not accept the teachings of this book. It is the source of several errors that are now taught amongst the HOF. And also, based on my reading, I estimate that at least 75% to 90% of this book, is in total opposition to the WOE.

The WOE is totally consistent in its presentation.

And, we either accept the words of YAHWEH and YAHSHUA, or we don't. YAHSHUA alone instructs us in how to believe in HIM through the Spirit of Truth and HIS disciples (Yochanon 14:26 and 17:20).

So now that we know the origin of this teaching about the angels, let's turn our attention to the word translated as giants, because here is where the fascination of men in modernity truly begins. It was translated from a Hebrew word "nephilim", or as one brother repeated teaches "nephil". Well, whichever Hebrew word is correct, according to most Biblical concordances, it appears only three times in the WOE.

We know that Genesis 6:4 is the first instance. Let's look at the second and third instances of this Hebrew word. We all know the story of how the physical seed was promised to Abraham who in fact were given the land of Canaan. We also know, or should know that Canaan was one of the sons of Ham, a son of Noah.

• Num 13:1 And <u>YAHWEH spake unto Moses, saying</u>, Num 13:2 <u>Send thou</u> <u>men, that they may search the land of Canaan</u>, <u>which I give unto the</u> <u>children of Israel</u>: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, everyone a ruler among them.

Here we see when YAHWEH was actually giving the COY the land of Canaan, which is the fulfillment of one of the promises made to Abraham. When these men returned with their report of the land, we read the following.

• Num 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. Num 13:31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we. Num 13:32 And <u>they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel</u>, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

The men that went up with Caleb brought forth this very interesting and "evil report" about a land that eats up its inhabitants, and that has men of great stature. One speaker seemed to imply that because of the phrase, "men of great stature", these were not truly giants.

However, besides Numbers 13:32, this phrase occurs only three other times in scripture. In 2 Samuel 21:20 and 1 Chronicles 20:6 we read of a man with six fingers and six toes, who was the son of a giant (Hebrew – "rapha"). In the other instance, 1 Chronicles 11:23, we read of an Egyptian man five cubits high. By some estimates, this man would have been approximately 10 feet high. Perhaps because his father was a giant, this Egyptian was a small giant amongst men. Thus, I didn't get my brother's point.

The men that went up to spy the land with Caleb continued to report this.

• Num 13:33 And <u>there we saw the giants</u>, <u>the sons of Anak</u>, *which come* <u>of</u> <u>the giants</u>: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

So, they saw the sons of Anak, who was "of the giants". Here we see the word giants twice. Each instance was translated from the same Hebrew word as in Genesis 6:4, "nephilim" or "nephil". So now, we see instances of these "nephilim" or "nephil" giants on both sides of the flood. This fact cannot be simply dismissed. Perhaps this is why Genesis 6:4 read "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also, after that". After what? They were there in those days, when the "sons of God" took those "daughters of men" as wives that resulted in what we read in Genesis 6:5 and 6, as well as what we read after the flood.

This is where our discussions get quite interesting. Those who believe in the angels/daughters of men/giants theory seem quite dismissive of these texts about Anak. One asked about the lineage of Anak. Another suggests that these too may be the offspring of the angels and the "daughters of men", after the flood. However, here is where this theory begins to unravel in its consistency.

When we get to the other side of this flood which had destroyed all flesh but Noah, his sons, and all their wives, we find Anak of the giants, also the "nephilim" or "nephil". While there is little told about Anak, we are told the following.

Jos 15:13 And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of YAHWEH to Joshua, *even* the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron. Jos 15:14 And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

Here we learn that Caleb, a Judean (Yehudan), was given the city of Arba, who was the father of Anak. That city was Hebron. We are then told that Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak. Let's continue to learn.

• Jos 21:10 Which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: for theirs was the first lot. Jos 21:11 And **them they gave the city of Arba the father of Anak, which** *city is* **Hebron**, in the hill *country* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

This is basically a repeat of Yoshua 15:13.

• Jdg 1:20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and <u>he expelled</u> <u>thence the three sons of Anak</u>.

This is basically a repeat of Yoshua 15:14. So, Caleb drove out and expelled the sons of Anak, the son of Arba, from Hebron. He did not kill nor destroy these sons of giants. We know that Hebron was a city in Canaan. So now, we also know that some of the offspring of Canaan were in fact "nephilim" or "nephil" giants. And of course, this happened after the flood.

Well, later we shall read 1 Peter 3:18-20, where the presenter of the angels/daughters of men/giants theory also taught that these fallen angels were locked in prison. I don't believe he considered that if these angels were locked in prison during the days of Noah, who were the angels that cohabitated with women to produce Anak after the flood. You see the inconsistencies mounting up.

In these discussions, another believer in the angels/daughters of men/giants theory consistently mentioned Nimrod, the Amorites and others, who might have also fit this characteristic after the flood. This is always mentioned in the context as possible examples of these marriages between angels and "the daughters of men". Well, what does the WOE teach us?

• Gen 10:6 And <u>the sons of Ham</u>; <u>Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and</u> <u>Canaan</u>. Gen 10:7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. Gen 10:8 And <u>Cush begat Nimrod</u>: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. Nimrod was begat by Cush (not angels), who was begat by Ham (not angels), who was begat by Noah (not angels). We have been told that Nimrod, his alleged mother/wife Semiramis, and their son Tammuz, were the first trinity, and ultimately led to the European version of worshiping them during Christmas celebrations. Whether this is fact or false, we do not know. What the WOE is clear about is that Nimrod is the offspring of Noah through Noah's son Ham, and Noah's grandson Cush.

And yet, there are other instances in the WOE that may add to our discussion. Here is one of them I submit as food for thought.

• Amo 2:6 Thus saith YAHWEH; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; Amo 2:7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the *same* maid, to profane my holy name: Amo 2:8 And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and **they drink the wine of the condemned** *in* **the house of their god**.

Remember the word "god" in verse 8. This is obviously a false god. It is also the Hebrew word "elohim", which we shall address more thoroughly shortly. Notice this next verse in the context of our discussion of the giants.

• Amo 2:9 <u>Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them</u>, <u>whose height *was* like</u> <u>the height of the cedars</u>, <u>and he *was* strong as the oaks</u>; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

This is the voice of YAHWEH teaching us that the Amorites were extremely tall, "like the height of the cedars". Isn't this synonymous with the concept of giants, "nephilim", or "nephil"? You choose. These Amorites were also the descendants of Canaan, the son of Ham, the son of Noah. We again see the consistency of the WOE.

With this background, let's return to our specific focus on the "sons of God" who were before the flood in Genesis 6:4. In fact, we now know that the giants "of those days" are "nephilim" or "nephil", and, we have no reason at this point to think that they are any different than Anak and his sons. We also know that, according to the WOE, these "nephilim" or "nephil" were not presented as the offspring of the marriages between "the sons of God" and the "daughters of men".

But here we must explore the root of a teaching that my college friend would include in the category of men making the Bible mean what they want. Who were these "sons of God" in Genesis 6:4, also spoken of in Genesis 6:2?

The letter "G" in the word "God" was capitalized by European translators. Should it be? It also is the Hebrew word "elohim". We know that the true "ELOHIM" should be capitalized, because it represents YAHSHUA the FATHER and YAHWEH, who became the SON. However, we must consider and ask ourselves whether or not the Hebrew word "elohim" should always be capitalized in the WOE. When first presented in the WOE, the required capitalization was obvious. However, we also know that the word "elohim" basically means multiple deities, true ones or false ones. How is it used in scripture?

As we continue to study the "sons of God" in the Book of Genesis, we must understand the full scope of what the WOE teaches us about these important names and/or titles that are presented unto us. We know that the true ELOHIM represents YAHSHUA and YAHWEH as the primary use of this Hebrew word throughout the WOE, and that there are some instances where we find the Hebrew word "EL", which depicts only one of these omnipotent spirits (generally YAHWEH).

Why do I keep saying "the true ELOHIM"? Well, the WOE also presents another type of "elohim", which should always be presented in lowercase. So, we must also be aware that this same Hebrew word was used to depict other types of false spirits, idols, and images worshipped by mankind throughout its history (even in today's modernity). We saw this earlier in Amos 2:8. Let's look at a few of the other instances.

It first manifested itself in the very beginning of man's creation, even in the Garden of Eden, by the mastermind of making the WOE to mean what he wants. He was a liar from the beginning of man. Look at these words spoken to Adam's wife.

• Gen 3:5 For ELOHIM doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and <u>ye shall be as gods</u>, knowing good and evil.

The word "gods" here is also the Hebrew word "elohim" presented as "gods". Should it have been capitalized? No. Who are these gods knowing good and evil that Eve is promised to "be as" by the serpent, who was and is Satan, the devil? We shall read about the imagination of man's heart also a little later. Let's look at a few other instances of these "gods" in the WOE.

- Gen 31:29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the ELOHIM of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. Gen 31:30 And now, *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?
- Gen 31:34 Now <u>Rachel had taken the images</u>, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found *them* not. Gen 31:35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women *is* upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.

These "images" represented false objects of worship, which also were "elohim" (verse 30), i.e., false gods.

- Gen 35:1 And ELOHIM said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto ELOHIM, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. Gen 35:2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, <u>Put away the strange gods that</u> *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments: Gen 35:3 And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto ELOHIM, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.
- Exo 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and <u>against all the</u> <u>gods of Egypt I will execute judgment</u>: I *am* YAHWEH.
- Exo 18:11 Now I know that YAHWEH is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* above them.

All of these instances of the word "gods" are the Hebrew word "elohim", meaning multiple deities, and in these usages, they are the false "elohim" that man bows down to in wickedness. Here, the word should never be capitalized.

However, there are two other instances of these false "elohim" that are of the utmost importance to the plan of salvation by the true ELOHIM, YAHSHUA and YAHWEH, which should never be capitalized by those walking in faith.

• Exo 20:3 <u>Thou shalt have no other gods before me</u>. Exo 20:4 <u>Thou shalt</u> not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

We all should immediately recognize that these scriptures are a part of the "royal law", the ten Commandments. This is the basic predominant commandment to never have ANY other "elohim" before ELOHIM, YAHSHUA and YAHWEH. These "gods" are the false "elohim" that have been around since the Garden of Eden. Verse 4 relates to how the imaginations of man's heart reflects these false "elohim".

• Exo 20:5 <u>Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them</u>: for I YAHWEH thy ELOHIM *am* a jealous ELOHIM, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

ELOHIM makes it clear THEIR jealousy for these false "elohim". Is it not possible that this is what was universally happening on the earth, in the days of Noah? When YAHWEH delivered HIS people from Egypt, HE instructed them as follows:

Exo 23:20 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Exo 23:21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name *is* in him. Exo 23:22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. Exo 23:23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off. Exo 23:24 <u>Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works</u>: <u>but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images</u>. Exo 23:25 And ye shall serve YAHWEH your ELOHIM, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

In verse 24 we read of the false "gods", the "elohim" of the Canaanite nations, whom the COY were commanded to not worship (bow down), serve, or do after their works. The COY were to "utterly overthrow them" and "break down their images". These images represent the imaginations of man's hearts.

And yet, I want to present one other instance of these false "elohim" before we move on.

- Jer 10:1 <u>Hear ye the word which YAHWEH</u> speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Jer 10:2 <u>Thus saith YAHWEH</u>, <u>Learn not the way of the heathen</u>, and <u>be not dismayed at the signs of heaven</u>; <u>for the heathen are dismayed at them</u>.
- Jer 10:10 But <u>YAHWEH is the true ELOHIM, he is the living ELOHIM, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Jer 10:11 <u>Thus shall ye say unto them, The elahh that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens</u>. Jer 10:12 <u>He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. Jer 10:13 When he uttereth his voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. Jer 10:14 <u>Every man is brutish in *his* knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them. Jer 10:15 <u>They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish</u>.
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Many members of the HOF know that verses 3 and 4 of this chapter document that what modernity calls Christmas trees, were around long before YAHWEH came in the flesh as YAHSHUA. However, this entire presentation by YAHWEH to the Prophet Yeremiyah is so telling and so important to our understanding. YAHWEH first commands the COY to "learn not the way of the heathen". The word heathen here is the Hebrew word "goy", also translated "gentiles" throughout the WOE. HE then says that the heathen are dismayed at "the signs of heaven". Interesting enough, I have other friends who say they like the Book of Enoch because of what it teaches about astrology (the signs of heaven). Wow!!

YAHWEH then proceeds to inform the COY just who HE is. HE is "the true ELOHIM, the living ELOHIM, an everlasting King" who "hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion". In verse 17 HE says that the "elahh", which is another Hebrew name for the false "elohim", who made not the heavens and the earth "shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens". And then verses 14 and 15 teach of man being "brutish in knowledge", confounded by the graven image, which is falsehood. These are vanity and the work of errors which in the time of their visitation "shall perish

How telling are these words. As we continue in this study, we shall see how applicable these words are to the mankind of the days of Noah. Wasn't Noah's day a time of visitation for the wickedness that had covered the entire earth? The time of their visitation was fulfilled by a flood.

So, we have read how that the WOE teaches us of two distinct meanings of the Hebrew word "elohim"; the true ELOHIM (YAHSHUA and YAHWEH), and the false "elohim" (false gods, images, etc.).

So, were the "sons of God" in Genesis 6, verses 2 and 4, the sons of YAHSHUA and YAHWEH, the omnipotent ELOHIM? Or, were they the sons of other "elohim" or "elahh", the false "gods"?

One thing I love about the WOE is that when we accept it, and it alone, it interprets itself by the context in which it presents its various subjects. Look at the verses that follow this discussion of these "sons of elohim" in Genesis 6.

• Gen 6:5 And <u>ELOHIM saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil <u>continually</u>.</u>

By context, this ELOHIM is YAHSHUA and YAHWEH, always to be capitalized by the HOF. Doesn't this verse ominously reflect what we just read in Yeremyah 10:14 and 15? What we are seeing here is that immediately after the WOE says that "the sons of elohim came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them", "ELOHIM saw the wickedness of man" that was both "great in the earth", and check this out, "the imagination of the thoughts of his heart" that "was only evil". The men of that era were brutish of knowledge. Perhaps they were more easily swayed because the WOE has taught us by the words of the Prophet Daniel that "knowledge shall be increased" in "the time of the end" (Daniel 12:4).

Can these "sons of elohim" be the sons of YAHSHUA and YAHWEH? Whoever they were, their actions, coming into the daughters of men and baring to them men of renown, caused YAHWEH to say that "My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh" in verse 3. Not only this, it caused ELOHIM to see "that the wickedness of man was great in the earth". These verses certainly seem to be somewhat explicit in their emphasis, that is, if we accept them as they are presented.

To those who teach that these "sons of elohim" were spirit beings, i.e., angels, that "saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives", I have some simple questions.

Why would YAHWEH immediately respond, after verses 2 and 4, that HIS "spirit shall not always <u>strive with man</u>, <u>for that he also is flesh</u>", and to speak only of the "<u>wickedness of man</u>" being "<u>great upon the earth</u>", respectively? Shouldn't ELOHIM have also referenced these spirits/angels, or "elohim" here as well? Wouldn't this have resolved what many say is a subject that has no salvational significance? But, HE did not. HE spoke ONLY of man. Later, we shall read where all of this resulted in "the end of all flesh". Why wasn't it also the end of all of these fallen angels?

I have heard several theories as well from those that believe these "sons of elohim" to be men of flesh. We read Exodus 34:16 earlier, and how one theory considered the many instances in which the men of the COY were commanded to not marry the daughters of the nations. The emphasis was on the wickedness of the women in scripture. This theory believes that the phrase "sons of elohim" always refers to men of righteousness. And here, these righteous men married wicked women.

Another theory teaches that the "sons of elohim" are the sons of Seth and Adam's other sons, except for Cain. The "daughters of men" were the daughters of Cain, also implying the women "only" were wicked.

There are serious problems with both of these theories in that they truly are incomplete and rather exclusive. The WOE teaches that Adam not only had Abel, Cain and Seth, but other sons and daughters.

• Gen 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: Gen 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: <u>and he begat</u> <u>sons and daughters</u>:

After Seth, Adam begat other "sons and daughters". Any study of the "sons of elohim" and the "daughters of men" must account for all of these "sons and daughters" begat by Adam after Seth. And as we consider the end result of the marriages of these "sons of elohim" and these "daughters of men", we clearly should understand how that any consideration must include all of the offspring of Adam. Why, because the conclusion is all-inclusive of "all flesh" that existed on the earth.

Let's continue with the context.

 Gen 6:6 And <u>it repented YAHWEH that he had made man on the earth</u>, <u>and it grieved him at his heart</u>. Gen 6:7 <u>And YAHWEH said, I will destroy</u> <u>man whom I have created from the face of the earth</u>; <u>both man, and beast</u>, <u>and the creeping thing</u>, <u>and the fowls of the air</u>; <u>for it repenteth me that I</u> <u>have made them</u>. Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of YAHWEH.

In what is presented, "<u>it repented YAHWEH that he had made man on the earth</u>" and <u>prompted HIM to destroy all flesh</u>, <u>except for Noah and the other seven with</u> <u>him</u>. This entire discourse reflects the wickedness of mankind in total at that time, not simply the daughters of Cain, or some other wicked women. And, it reflects only man, those who are in the flesh. Thus, YAHWEH said HE would destroy "both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air".

Now, according to the WOE, here is what happened at the flood.

• Gen 6:8 But <u>Noah found grace in the eyes of YAHWEH</u>. Gen 6:9 These *are* the generations of Noah: <u>Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations</u>, *and* Noah walked with ELOHIM.

This is important to note because of this specific generation of mankind. Noah was obviously special to YAHWEH ELOHIM amongst this otherwise perverse generation. Let's note something very important to what we now know is the plan of salvation of ELOHIM.

- Heb 11:4 <u>By faith Abel offered unto ELOHIM a more excellent sacrifice</u> <u>than Cain</u>, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, ELOHIM testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. Heb 11:5 <u>By faith</u> <u>Enoch was translated that he should not see death</u>; and was not found, because ELOHIM had translated him: for before his translation <u>he had this</u> <u>testimony</u>, <u>that he pleased ELOHIM</u>.
- Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of ELOHIM of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.
- Heb 11:11 <u>Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive</u> <u>seed</u>, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, <u>because she judged</u> <u>him faithful who had promised</u>.
- Heb 11:13 <u>These all died in faith</u>, <u>not having received the promises</u>, <u>but</u> <u>having seen them afar off</u>, <u>and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced</u> <u>*them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth</u>.

These five persons all had faith in ELOHIM to inherit the promises. They were strangers and pilgrims on the earth during their generations, and apparently, the only five who exhibited this faith in their generation. Of these five faithful servants of YAHWEH, three of them existed prior to the flood. <u>All other flesh, all descendants of these three, were so wicked and full of the imaginations of their heart that YAHWEH destroyed the remnants by the flood</u>. Think of the consequences of this. This demanded a reset by ELOHIM.

We know that Adam and Eve, the first man and women were commanded to "fill the earth" with others after their kind in the image of ELOHIM. And now, with Noah, a major change occurred. Noah had found grace in the eyes of YAHWEH.

• Gen 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

We are not told that these three sons found grace in the eyes of YAHWEH.

Gen 6:11 <u>The earth also was corrupt before ELOHIM, and the earth was filled with violence</u>. Gen 6:12 And ELOHIM looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; <u>for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth</u>. Gen 6:13 And <u>ELOHIM said unto Noah</u>, <u>The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them</u>; <u>and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth</u>.

So, "**all flesh**" had corrupted their way upon the earth and thus ELOHIM decided to "destroy them with the earth". Let's step back and recognize that this destruction was all-inclusive of the descendants of all of the sons and daughters of Adam. This suggests that the cause of the corruption and violence that filled the earth, the wickedness and imaginations of man's heart, was also all-inclusive of the descendants of all of the sons and daughters of Adam.

Let's make it plain. Those destroyed by the flood were the descendants of Cain, Seth, and all of the other sons and daughters begat by Adam except for Enoch, Noah and his wife, and Noah's three sons and their wives. That's it. All other flesh was destroyed. Let's continue.

• Gen 7:13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; Gen 7:14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. Gen 7:15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life. Gen 7:16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as ELOHIM had commanded him: and YAHWEH shut him in.

Eight persons were allowed to enter the ark. If we accept the Bible as the WOE, which I do, all other flesh was destroyed by this flood. But again remember, only Noah found grace in the eyes of YAHWEH. The others received this blessing as a result of Noah's standing with ELOHIM. We see something similar when the Old Covenant was instituted which allowed all women of the COY to partake in the Passover because either their fathers or their husbands were physically circumcised.

So again, with the understanding that except for Noah and his family, all flesh descendants of Adam were corrupt, violent, and wicked with the imaginations of man's heart, I ask once again. Who were these "sons of elohim"?

Well, another brother made the point that all five instances of the phrase "sons of elohim" in the WOE refer only to angels. His first instance of course is Genesis 6, verses 2 and 4. Later in the WOE we see the following:

- Job 1:6 Now <u>there was a day when the sons of ELOHIM came to present</u> <u>themselves before YAHWEH</u>, and Satan came also among them. Job 1:7 And YAHWEH said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered YAHWEH, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
- Job 2:1 Again <u>there was a day when the sons of ELOHIM came to present</u> <u>themselves before YAHWEH</u>, and Satan came also among them to present himself before YAHWEH. Job 2:2 And YAHWEH said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered YAHWEH, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Yes, these are angels, and Satan was with them. And yet are these just one form of angels, or, are these all of the angels, that go to and fro in the earth for YAHWEH? Why do I say "for YAHWEH"? Do you remember the following?

1Ki 22:19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of YAHWEH: I saw YAHWEH sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 1Ki 22:20 And <u>YAHWEH said</u>, <u>Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead?</u> And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 1Ki 22:21 And <u>there came forth a spirit, and stood before YAHWEH, and said, I will persuade him</u>. 1Ki 22:22 And <u>YAHWEH said unto him</u>, <u>Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets</u>. <u>And he said</u>, <u>Thou shalt persuade him</u>, and prevail also: go forth, and do <u>so</u>. 1Ki 22:23 Now therefore, behold, YAHWEH hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and YAHWEH hath spoken evil concerning thee.

In this discourse, YAHWEH, in heaven, wanted to persuade Ahab so that he would fall at Ramothgilead. Who stepped forward to do this for HIM? It was a lying spirit that YAHWEH gave permission to lie to all of Ahab's prophets. We should remember these other examples, besides Job (Yob) and Satan, in the WOE.

- Jdg 9:23 Then **ELOHIM sent an evil spirit** between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:
- 1Sa 16:14 But the Spirit of YAHWEH departed from Saul, and <u>an evil spirit</u> <u>from YAHWEH</u> troubled him.
- 1Sa 19:9 And <u>the evil spirit from YAHWEH</u> was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand.

These and other scriptures in the WOE testify to the fact that YAHWEH controls all angels, whether righteous or evil. They work for HIM.

Perhaps Yob answers this question of whether he earlier spoke only of one form of angels.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Job 38:5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Job 38:6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of ELOHIM shouted for joy? Job 38:8 Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, *as if* it had issued out of the womb?

These are the sons of YAHSHUA and YAHWEH, which in the beginning, included Satan along with all the other angels. It was all-inclusive.

When we read the final instance of the "sons of God" that are angels according to this brother, what was Nebuchadnezzar's thinking?

• Dan 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and <u>the form of the fourth is like the Son</u> <u>of ELOHIM</u>.

Was he thinking of this fourth being as an evil spirit or a good spirit? Was he thinking it was YAHWEH, or simply one of those "sons of ELOHIM" that Yob spoke of? He eventually answered this question.

Dan 3:28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, <u>Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego</u>, <u>who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him</u>, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, <u>that they might not serve nor worship any god</u>, <u>except their own God</u>.

Obviously, this was not an evil angel. And interestingly, the words for God here are not ELOHIM nor "elohim". It was "elahh" in all three instances. Perhaps this was Aramaic. And yet, the protocols of the name of ELOHIM and "elohim" still exists. Nebuchadnezzar now understood that there was the true ELOHIM, and there were other "elohim". Shouldn't we all of the HOF understand this protocol?

And so, yes, there are "sons of ELOHIM" that are in fact angels. There should be no dispute in this truth. However, doesn't the salvational plan of YAHSHUA and YAHWEH allow mankind two other options as well? Can't mankind also choose to be of two different kinds of "sons"; either the sons of the false "elohim", or the sons of the true ELOHIM, YAHSHUA and YAHWEH? Let's explore this.

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. Joh 1:12 But <u>as many as received him</u>, <u>to them gave he power to become the sons of ELOHIM</u>, *even* to them that believe on his name:

These are mankind, with the option to become the sons of the true ELOHIM, YAHSHUA and YAHWEH. How do you become one of these "sons of ELOHIM"?

- Rom 8:14 For <u>as many as are led by the Spirit of ELOHIM</u>, <u>they are the sons of ELOHIM</u>. Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of ELOHIM: Rom 8:17 And <u>if children</u>, <u>then heirs</u>; <u>heirs of ELOHIM</u>, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.
- Php 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, <u>the sons of ELOHIM</u>, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Obviously, there is a bit of duality and perhaps these verses are also metaphoric. And yet the apostle Paul says plainly that "as many as are led by the Spirit of ELOHIM, they are the sons of ELOHIM". He did not say that "they" shall be "the sons of ELOHIM".

If led by the spirit of ELOHIM, we are now the sons of ELOHIM, while we are still walking in these physical tabernacles of flesh. If we endure, we shall have the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham through his blessed seed. The Apostle Yochanon adds the needed clarity to this.

1Jn 3:1 <u>Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of ELOHIM</u>: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1Jn 3:2 Beloved, <u>now are we the sons of ELOHIM</u>, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: <u>but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him</u>; for we shall see him as he is. 1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Now we are the sons of YAHSHUA and YAHWEH, "the true ELOHIM", if we are led by THEIR spirit. Yet, the promise is not yet fulfilled, until we shall see YAHSHUA at HIS return.

So, if we are now the sons of ELOHIM, by being led by the spirit of ELOHIM, what about those who are led by the false spirits. **The WOE presents only two distinctive possibilities for man**. The Book of Revelations provides the conclusive evidence of these two distinct possibilities.

• Rev 20:15 And <u>whosoever was not found written in the book of life was</u> <u>cast into the lake of fire</u>.

There they are. Either we shall be found written in the Book of Life, or we shall be cast into the lake of fire. According to the WOE, there cannot be and shall not be any other alternative. What we know is that those to whom the apostles of YAHSHUA referred to as now being the sons of ELOHIM are also now included in the Book of Life. And, as long as they endure until the end, their names shall remain in the LAMB's Book of Life.

As such, if one is not now a son of ELOHIM, who are we the sons of?

We must by strong explicit implication be the sons of someone else. Well, the WOE answers the question by YAHSHUA's own mouth.

• Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

First, the Pharisees could not hear. We have to be careful of who we are listening to. Now, let's listen to the words of YAHSHUA, the CHRIST.

• Joh 8:44 <u>Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will</u> <u>do</u>. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. Joh 8:45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

So, the devil has children, in the flesh. Isn't this the same as if it would read, the sons of the devil? And if you are the sons of the devil, you are doing the lusts of the devil. According to what we know, wouldn't we be the sons of false "elohim", if we are not led by the Spirit of Truth, but by the lies of the devil?

So, based on the wickedness of man that resulted in total destruction at the flood, doesn't it appear reasonable, and indeed more likely, that these "sons of elohim" in Genesis 6 verses 2 and 4 were in fact the sons of false gods, i.e., led by their father, Satan? The very context of those verses is implicitly and explicitly human.

However, as we continue to grow in the WOE, we know we must be open to consider all of the possibilities without fear. There are some other scriptures that have led some to teach that the "sons of elohim" in Genesis 6 were spirits/angels.

However, before we read those, what does the WOE teach us about angels in general?

• Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Heb 1:14 <u>Are they not all</u> <u>ministering spirits</u>, <u>sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation</u>?

This was why they were created. It teaches that they are "all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation". How complete is "all"?

And, who are the "heirs of salvation"? The faith chapter strongly teaches that it began with Adam, because his son Abel in fact inherited this salvational promise. Thus, this was the commission of all of the angels in the beginning, their purpose for being. Some walked away from that commission.

Jud 1:6 And <u>the angels which kept not their first estate</u>, <u>but left their own</u> <u>habitation</u>, <u>he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the</u> <u>judgment of the great day</u>. Jud 1:7 <u>Even as Sodom and Gomorr</u>ha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, <u>are set forth for an example, suffering the</u> <u>vengeance of eternal fire</u>.

This is the first set of scriptures some use in the angels/sons of God theory. What are we reading and being taught by the WOE here? We first have these angels who "kept not their first estate". What was their "first estate"? We have read what their purpose or commission was. Well, the word "first estate" is the Greek word "arche". This word is translated "beginning" 40 times, principality 8 times, corner 8 times, first 2 times, etc.

What does this teach us? First, the translators interpreted this word "arche" as "first estate". Is that a correct translation? Should it not have been simply "beginning"? Let's look at the first few instances of this word in the WOE, which will provide a context.

• Mat 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, <u>that he</u> <u>which made them at the beginning made them male and female</u>, Mat 19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Mat 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore ELOHIM hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Mat 19:7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? Mat 19:8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but <u>from the beginning it was not so</u>.

Here, YAHSHUA is responding to the always tempting Pharisees about men putting away their wives. In verses 4 and 8 we see where in the beginning there was "male and female" and divorce "was not so". This word beginning is the same Greek word "arche", translated as "first estate" in Yude 1:6. Notice something we read earlier.

• Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. <u>He was a murderer from the beginning</u>, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

This is another instance of the Greek word "arche". Satan was a murderer from the beginning. He was also a liar, and the father of it (lies). He fed man the "fruit of lies" right from the beginning. When was this beginning of his being both a murderer and a liar? Was it when he was first created, or was it when man was first created?

• Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of ELOHIM; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Eze 28:14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so:* thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Eze 28:15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

In his beginning, when he was created, this anointed cherub was perfect. That is, until iniquity was found in him. In the beginning of their creation, the angels were created with a commission too, to become ministers, servants of another of ELOHIM's creations, man; who alone were created to become heirs of salvation. This was their "first estate", their beginnings. Remember when the sons of ELOHIM all shouted for joy when YAHWEH laid the foundations of the earth, Satan was there. The other angels were there. This was how it was in the beginning. This was their beginning and their habitation.

As we look at Yude 1:6. These specific angels who kept not their first estate but left their own habitation, did not keep their beginnings but left their own commission before YAHWEH. Their commission was to "to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation". These angels were created to minister unto man.

However, Satan became full of iniquity. And obviously, these others were so adeptly successful in failing in that commission, which was both their beginning and their habitation, that YAHWEH "hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day".

One of the brothers who also believes very strongly in the Book of Enoch and that the sons of "elohim" were angels, also made an interesting point when speaking about the Hebrew word "elohim". He said that it also represents "fallen spirits". So according to his implication, these could be the sons of fallen spirits in Genesis 6. I agree.

How does one become a son of anything? The WOE says that man begets. Adam was a son of ELOHIM through creation. Angels were sons of ELOHIM through creation. YAHWEH came in the flesh as the "Son of Man" and was declared the SON of ELOHIM through the power of the resurrection. Man can become a son of ELOHIM by being led by the Spirit of Truth. Which also is implicit and perhaps even explicit that man can become the sons of false "elohim", if led by the spirit of lies.

My brother may not have understood what he was saying. If those sons of "elohim" in Genesis 6 were the sons of "fallen spirits", would they still be man? I know of no document that teaches that angels procreate with one another, let alone woman. So, even by my brother's own admission, these sons are man, and not angels.

Notice what else the WOE teaches about some of these angels. These texts place the timetable of these angels in the days of Noah.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to ELOHIM, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: Dan <u>By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; 1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient</u>, <u>when once the longsuffering of ELOHIM waited in the days of Noah</u>, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Some have taught in error that CHRIST went and preached to these spirits while in the grave, which also is the imagination of the heart. Let's get some understanding.

1 Peter 3:18-19 says that it was after "being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" that YAHSHUA "went and preached" to these spirits. First, being "quickened by the Spirit" after HIS death teaches us that this was after HIS resurrection. Another Apostle teaches us the following.

 1Co 15:45 And so it is written, <u>The first man Adam was made a living soul</u>; <u>the last Adam was made a quickening spirit</u>. • 1Co 15:46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

We have heard the imaginations of man's heart as some teach, that HE went to visit these spirits in prison while in the grave. These imaginations teach that when buried, we are still alive in some format. I believe this false belief gained greater traction by the Greeks. However, the WOE teaches that YAHSHUA was "quickened by the Spirit" as HE was resurrected from the dead. This is when HE "preached" to those spirits who were in prison.

And next, this word "preached" is the Greek word "kerysso", which means to preach, publish and/or proclaim. When you look at the context of the usage throughout the New Covenant, one could easily make a strong argument that proclaim is a better word. Let's look at a typical usage.

- Mat 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, <u>preaching in the wilderness of</u> <u>Judaea</u>, Mat 3:2 And <u>saying</u>, <u>Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at</u> <u>hand</u>.
- Mat 4:17 From that time YAHSHUA began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- Mat 10:7 And as ye go, **preach, saying**, **The kingdom of heaven is at hand**.

In each instance we should readily discern that this preaching was a form of a proclamation being made. So, YAHSHUA preached/proclaimed to these fallen imprisoned spirits. What do we think HE proclaimed to these spirits in prison, after HIS resurrection? Let's see if we are given a hint by the WOE.

• Mat 28:16 Then <u>the eleven disciples went away into Galilee</u>, <u>into a</u> <u>mountain where YAHSHUA had appointed them</u>. Mat 28:17 And when <u>they saw him</u>, <u>they worshipped him</u>: but some doubted.

This also was after HIS resurrection. What happened?

• Mat 28:18 And <u>YAHSHUA came and spake unto them</u>, <u>saying</u>, <u>All power</u> <u>is given unto me in heaven and in earth</u>.

After HIS resurrection from the dead, HE proclaimed to the remaining disciples that "<u>All power is given unto ME in heaven and in earth</u>"? Isn't it strongly probable that this too was HIS proclamation to those angels in prison? In fact, HE may have also proclaimed to them that their treachery failed. The plan of salvation is now set in stone, as designed by ELOHIM, YAHSHUA and YAHWEH. I.e., your disobedience, your leaving your beginnings and your habitations, failed. The reset was successful.

When we look at the reset, we must understand a few observations.

• Gen 9:1 And ELOHIM blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, <u>Be</u> <u>fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth</u>.

What were Noah and his three sons replenishing? It was mankind itself, because **all other flesh had been destroyed by the flood**. The influence of these spirits upon mankind in the days of Noah was obviously so great that it threatened the plan of salvation, as originally designed. And as a result, mankind of that generation obviously became too wicked. I.e., they were serving only the creature in the form of false "elohim", rather than YAHSHUA and YAHWEH, "the true ELOHIM".

This is why ELOHIM determined that a reset was needed, as YAHSHUA and YAHWEH, through longsuffering, waited for Noah so that THEY could reset the plan of salvation. Look at how the reset took place.

Adam and Eve were commissioned to "fill" the earth with their kind. This did not work, in great part because of Satan and these angels who turned their backs on their original commission.

So, in those days, some of the angels had been sometimes so disobedient that they were put in prison, or "chains of darkness", for leaving what they were commissioned to do in their beginning. Let's learn more about this prison.

• Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. Rev 20:2 And <u>he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan</u>, <u>and bound him a thousand years</u>,

- Rev 20:3 <u>And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a</u> <u>seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more</u>, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
- Rev 20:7 And <u>when the thousand years are expired</u>, <u>Satan shall be loosed</u> <u>out of his prison</u>,

Just as Satan shall be locked up in prison (the bottomless pit) for a thousand years in the future, these angels that left their "first estate" were locked up. ELOHIM then reset the plan of salvation through Noah and his three sons. And, always remember that Satan and other evil spirits are still in existence. However, those angels who previously threatened the plan of salvation in such a worldwide manner were imprisoned.

As I near a close, let's revisit the words in Yude briefly.

• Jud 1:6 And <u>the angels which kept not their first estate</u>, <u>but left their own</u> <u>habitation</u>, <u>he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the</u> <u>judgment of the great day</u>. Jud 1:7 <u>Even as Sodom and Gomorr</u>ha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, <u>are set forth for an example, suffering the</u> <u>vengeance of eternal fire</u>.

These angels "left their own habitation". We know what they were commissioned to do. We know what their "first estate" was. What was their habitation? Habitation was translated from the Greek word "oikētērion", which means house or habitation. There is one other instance of this word.

• 2Co 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of ELOHIM, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2Co 5:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

Each instance of the word house in these two verses fall within a category of the Greek words "oikia", "oikodome", and "oikētērion". The latter could imply a body. However, it might also imply the original location or state of being, which metaphorically would mean angelic presence. 1 Peter clearly identifies them as "spirits in prison". So, there is no reason to think that they remain anything but angels.

What Yude is simply saying is that these angels, YAHSHUA has reserved "in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day", even as "Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner", "are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire". Their fates are intrinsically bound together for a future judgement and punishment.

And just what is that punishment?

• Rev 20:10 And <u>the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire</u> <u>and brimstone</u>, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

This too shall be the fate of these spirits in prison.

• Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, **prepared for the devil and his angels**:

To our knowledge, Satan is the worst of these angels who left their beginning commission. His lies and actions have led to the death of so many men and women throughout the man's history. However, the everlasting fire was prepared for both he and his angels.

Some may question why Satan has been allowed to hang around, and yet those other angels were imprisoned during the days of Noah. Well, there is no explicit answer given on this in the WOE. Yet, we know it happened. One answer might be that these angels were so rebellious in their actions that their actions actually caused ELOHIM to have to perform a reset in the first place. Remember that the circumstances of those days caused YAHWEH ELOHIM to say in Genesis 6:6 that "it repented YAHWEH that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart". We know that shortly afterwards YAHWEH destroyed all flesh but Noah and his family.

Their impact of their actions was so awful that these had to be removed until the day of judgement. As we study the Book of Yob, we know that Satan, in spite of all his treachery, still reports to YAHWEH. We know that YAHWEH has used Satan to allow an alternative narrative to challenge man to make the choice between the two possible conclusions: the Book of Life or the lake of fire. Based on the evidence, those angels that are in prison made a defiant choice between honoring the purpose for which they were created, or else. Now, Satan, for that matter, was never accused as having sexual relations with women. All of this, and the fact that never has there been any instance of an angel becoming man. They had the ability to appear as men, but when mistaken by men to be ELOHIM, they quickly corrected man. There has been no instance where the angels were either allowed to, or chose to, become as man.

So, what about the man?

Heb 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. Heb 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, <u>What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?</u> Heb 2:7 <u>Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands</u>: Heb 2:8 <u>Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.</u> For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put <u>under him</u>. But now we see not yet all things put under him. Heb 2:9 But <u>we see YAHSHUA, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of ELOHIM should taste death for every man.
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Man was made a little lower than these angels, however with a potential to become crowned with glory and honor. Perhaps the angels in prison resented the potential that man had been given. Satan knows what will happen and tries to influence the failure of as many men and women as possible. Man still is in control of the choices, thus Satan is allowed the influence that he has. Those angels in prison may now have accepted the plan of salvation and tried to wreck the entire plan, not simply influence as many as possible.

Now, although there are enough Biblical provisions to the point to prove that only flesh and blood men saw and married the daughters of men, I will not overlook the implications of the word habitation in Yude 1:6. The true meaning of this word is implicit, yet not explicit.

However, if we profess to accept and believe that YAHWEH HIMSELF came in the flesh in the name of HIS FATHER YAHSHUA, we must accept HIS own words.

• Mat 22:23 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,

Mat 22:24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Mat 22:25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Mat 22:26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. Mat 22:27 And last of all the woman died also. Mat 22:28 <u>Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven</u>? for they all had her.

The Sadducees were similar to the Pharisees, always tempting YAHSHUA, as men continue to do against the scriptures. Here, they presented HIM with their own little parable to trick HIM about the Old Covenant laws versus Kingdom law. And YAHSHUA never shied away from them. HE simply taught man a little more about the Kingdom, and the spirit world.

 Mat 22:29 <u>YAHSHUA answered and said unto them</u>, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of ELOHIM. Mat 22:30 For <u>in the resurrection</u> <u>they neither marry, nor are given in marriage</u>, <u>but are as the angels of</u> <u>ELOHIM in heaven</u>.

Men can justify their own thoughts in any way they choose. But YAHSHUA clearly is teaching here that angels, spirit beings, do not marry. Once man attains to what they shall become in the resurrection, they two shall not marry, for their days of procreation shall be ended. This should be plain enough.

Angels are created spirit beings who were not created for the purpose of procreation. If they were, there simply is no reason for the WOE to not clearly make this distinction. Although the WOE is written in metaphorical language, through patience and obedience, the commission of the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, is the following:

Joh 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Joh 16:13 Howbeit <u>when he</u>, <u>the Spirit of truth</u>, <u>is come</u>, <u>he will guide you into all truth</u>: for he shall not speak of himself; but <u>whatsoever he shall hear</u>, *that* <u>shall he speak</u>: and <u>he will shew you things to come</u>. Joh 16:14 <u>He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine</u>, <u>and shall shew *it* unto you</u>. Joh 16:15 <u>All things that the Father hath are mine</u>: therefore said I, <u>that he shall take of mine</u>, and shall shew *it* unto you.

The Spirit of Truth's commission is to guide the sons of ELOHIM (YAHSHUA and YAHWEH) into all truth. However, none of us shall receive all truth instantly. There are protocols like hearing, discerning, studying, being broken, becoming like little children, and obedience, that we must continually master before we can qualify to receive "all truth". However, the Apostle Paul, in the power of the Spirit of Truth, wrote and taught us the following:

1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; 1Ti 2:2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1Ti 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of ELOHIM our Saviour; 1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one ELOHIM, and one mediator between ELOHIM and men, the man Christ YAHSHUA; 1Ti 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

How powerful are these words to us? Here is the mind of ELOHIM, who would that ALL men "be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth". This was ELOHIM's desire from the beginning. Thus, it should be perfectly clear that if such an act of any angels changing their tabernacle from spirit to flesh in order to cohabitate with women were truth, the WOE would "make it plain". However, as these and other scriptures, such as the entire 6th chapter of Genesis explicitly proclaim, the plan of salvation is all about man. We must understand that there are certain actions that ELOHIM simply does not allow. From the beginning, all power remains in THEIR hands.

Now, one last thing. Except for the following scripture, all 46 instances of the phrase "the Son of ELOHIM" in the New Covenant of the WOE, refer to YAHSHUA.

• Luk 3:38 Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was *the son* of ELOHIM.

Adam was of ELOHIM (YAHSHUA and YAHWEH), not the false "elohim". This is because he was created by ELOHIM. YAHSHUA came from the FATHER, to live in the flesh to fulfill the plan of salvation, and then returned to the FATHER in glory and power. But we must never forget one final type of the "sons of ELOHIM", man.

Earlier, we read Romans 8:14 which that those who are now led by the Spirit of ELOHIM" "are the sons of ELOHIM". However, there is duality in this saying. YAHSHUA said the following:

• Mat 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but <u>he that</u> <u>endureth to the end shall be saved</u>.

What does this mean? Well, YAHSHUA admonished us in Yochanon (John) 17:20 to believe in HIM through the words of HIS disciples. One of those disciples taught us this.

• Jas 1:12 <u>Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation</u>: <u>for when he is tried</u>, <u>he shall receive the crown of life</u>, <u>which the Lord hath promised to them</u> <u>that love him</u>.

YAHSHUA HIMSELF taught us this.

- Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- Joh 14:23 YAHSHUA answered and said unto him, <u>If a man love me, he will</u> <u>keep my words</u>: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
- Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Man has been given two choices. Man can make the choice to be the "sons of elohim", small case, who are the false deities worshipped out of the imagination of wicked men as influenced by Satan and his angels. However, the above scriptures highlight the choice that YAHWEH came in the flesh in the name of HIS FATHER, YAHSHUA, to offer all those willing to be led by the Spirit of ELOHIM until their end. With this option, we can be the sons of ELOHIM (YAHSHUA and YAHWEH), large case, with the potential of becoming a part of the family of ELOHIM, to rule with YAHSHUA on this earth for one thousand years.

You decide based on the WOE evidence who were these "sons of elohim" who married the "daughters of men", resulting in the destruction of every man and woman on the earth of that day, except for Noah and his family.

As we decide, keep in mind that one view depends on outside influences. As we have grown in our faith, ask yourselves this question. Is there any relevant spiritual question that you have encountered in your spiritual walk that has required you to turn to sources outside of the WOE for the answers?

I can strongly assert that the answer for me is NO. The WOE is sharper than any twoedged sword. How should we receive it?

• Rev 1:1 The Revelation of YAHSHUA Christ, which ELOHIM gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

The revelation of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC came to HIM from YASHUA ELOHIM, the FATHER. YAHSHUA, the SON of ELOHIM the FATHER, sent and signified by HIS angel unto Yochanon. Here is the protocol of protocols. This was ultimately given to us by Yochanon, one of the primary disciples/apostles of YAHSHUA. YAHSHUA HIMSELF taught us of how we should be led by this protocol, by teaching us of another final layer of this protocol.

- Joh 17:8 For <u>I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and</u> <u>they have received</u> *them*, <u>and have known surely that I came out from thee</u>, <u>and they have believed that thou didst send me</u>. Joh 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
- Joh 17:20 <u>Neither pray I for these alone</u>, <u>but for them also which shall</u> <u>believe on me through their word</u>; Joh 17:21 <u>That they all may be one</u>; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

These scriptures (Revelations 1:1, Yochanon 17:8-9 and 17:20-21) teach the HOF the protocols of the WOE about how ELOHIM's truth is given unto us. This is how we become the sons of ELOHIM. If we are led by some other protocol, we open the possibility that we may be the "sons of elohim", bowing down to fallen spirits, idols, and the imaginations of man's heart.

The WOE is nothing but consistent. YAHSHUA taught us so much more about the protocols of ELOHIM.

• Joh 14:26 But <u>the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost</u>, <u>whom the Father</u> <u>will send in my name</u>, <u>he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to</u> <u>your remembrance</u>, <u>whatsoever I have said unto you</u>.

The Comforter/Holy Spirit is sent by the FATHER in the name of YAHSHUA to teach us all things, to bring all things to our remembrance that YAHSHUA has said unto us.

• Mat 7:24 Therefore **whosoever heareth these sayings of mine**, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

What has CHRIST taught us about the sons of ELOHIM?

• Joh 15:26 But <u>when the Comforter is come</u>, <u>whom I will send unto you from</u> <u>the Father</u>, *even* <u>the Spirit of truth</u>, <u>which proceedeth from the Father</u>, <u>he</u> <u>shall testify of me</u>:

The Comforter/Holy Spirit/Spirit of Truth is actually sent by YAHSHUA from the FATHER to testify of YAHSHUA.

• Joh 16:13 Howbeit <u>when he, the Spirit of truth, is come</u>, <u>he will guide you</u> <u>into all truth</u>: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. Joh 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. Joh 16:15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

The Comforter/Holy Spirit/Spirit of Truth guided the disciples/apostles in all truth, which began with the FATHER, was given unto the SON, and received from the SON to give unto YAHSHUA's disciples via HIS angels.

And then YAHSHUA plainly taught us the conclusion of these protocols.

Joh 17:17 <u>Sanctify them through thy truth</u>: <u>thy word is truth</u>. Joh 17:18 <u>As</u> <u>thou hast sent me into the world</u>, <u>even so have I also sent them into the</u> <u>world</u>. Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, <u>that they also might</u> <u>be sanctified through the truth</u>.

As YAHSHUA, the SON of ELOHIM, was sent into the world, HE has sent HIS disciples into the world, sanctified through the FATHER's truth, the FATHER's word. And finally, let's repeat Yochanon 17:20 and 21.

• Joh 17:20 <u>Neither pray I for these alone</u>, <u>but for them also which shall</u> <u>believe on me through their word</u>; Joh 17:21 <u>That they all may be one</u>; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

These sanctified disciples became the shepherds of ELOHIM's truth. Those of us who understand and accept these words from the WOE should be one. Are we? Well, if not, we should be by accepting the truth given to YAHSHUA by HIS FATHER, which HE HIMSELF gave to HIS disciples by way of the Comforter/Holy Spirit/Spirit of Truth.

If we follow the words of the disciples of YAHSHUA, we now know who are "the sons of ELOHIM", versus "the sons of elohim". They are all man, who either bow to the will of ELOHIM, or to the will of the "elohim", the false deities who spew forth lies that feed the imaginations of man's hearts.

The choice is ours to make.

Shalom!