

Unraveling the Nephilim Mystery: Why Genesis 6 Led to the Flood

Many of us have wrestled with the strange references in Genesis 6 to beings called the Nephilim and wondered why the Flood followed so soon after. What exactly was the problem God addressed, and how does Noah's story fit into His broader plan? By exploring these questions, we gain fresh insight into our origins, the depth of human brokenness, and the hope God extends through redemption.

On Prophecy Watchers, host Gary Stearman and guest Lee Brainard unpack this passage. Stearman explains that Genesis 6 "opens with this dramatic arrival of ... the ones who came to corrupt mankind, and then it works its way into the great flood of Noah." Brainard then highlights Noah's unique role: "Noah was perfect in his generations. ... He was able to be used of God to bring forth the messianic line untainted with the serpent seed."

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They explain that the Flood wasn't simply a response to human rebellion but addressed a deeper crisis: "if we don't see that there was a tampering and a tainting of the human DNA ... we're going to have a difficult time comprehending why God was faced ... to wipe out the entirety of humanity except for Noah, his wife, and his three sons and their wives."



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Stearman and Brainard also point out that ancient cultures worldwide recorded similar accounts of cataclysmic floods and

“super beings” living among humans: “there’s some long television programs out there on ... the flood except not from the biblical point of view ... chronicled ... in what became the European countries, Greco, Roman, they all have their histories of the megalithic world and the time when super beings came and lived among men.”

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Yet many believers embrace dragon and flood legends as validating Scripture, “there’s flood stories all around the world. Harmonizes with the Bible,” but shy away from the Nephilim: “when we come to the Nephilim, it’s like the blinders are on.” That contrast only underscores how pivotal this topic is for understanding the full scope of biblical history.

Turning to prophecy, they note how Daniel 2:43 signals a revival of this hybrid line at the end of the age: “as the iron doesn’t mingle with the clay ... it’s referring to the kings don’t mingle with the seed of men.” Those 10 kings in Revelation, along with the Antichrist and False Prophet, are portrayed as the final Nephilim rulers, cast into the abyss and later released.

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Rather than leaving us in despair, this revelation points us firmly to Christ’s redeeming work. As Brainard emphasizes, humanity’s deepest need isn’t just moral correction but full restoration from every form of corruption. Because Jesus came to heal both our sin and our spiritual DNA, we can face the future with confidence, fully assured that God’s plan, woven from Genesis through Revelation, secures our redemption and renews all creation.

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