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Aaron threw down his rod of wood before Pharaoh's throne.

It was transformed by God into a living serpent that devoured all the magician's rod-serpents: "For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods." Exodus 7.12



Dry bones live!

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A live man, Elijah, was carried up into heaven in a chariot of fire, powered by horses of fire. (II Kings 2.11)

Ezekiel saw four man-like living creatures, each with four faces (man, lion, ox, and eagle), four wings, and straight feet. A wheel-within-a-wheel, full of eyes was joined with them, and when the creatures moved they travelled at light speed!



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Lot's wife's body was changed into a literal pillar of salt in a moment, as her heart fretted over what was becoming of Sodom: "But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt." Genesis 19.26

God himself made flesh, conceived in a womb without natural intervention:

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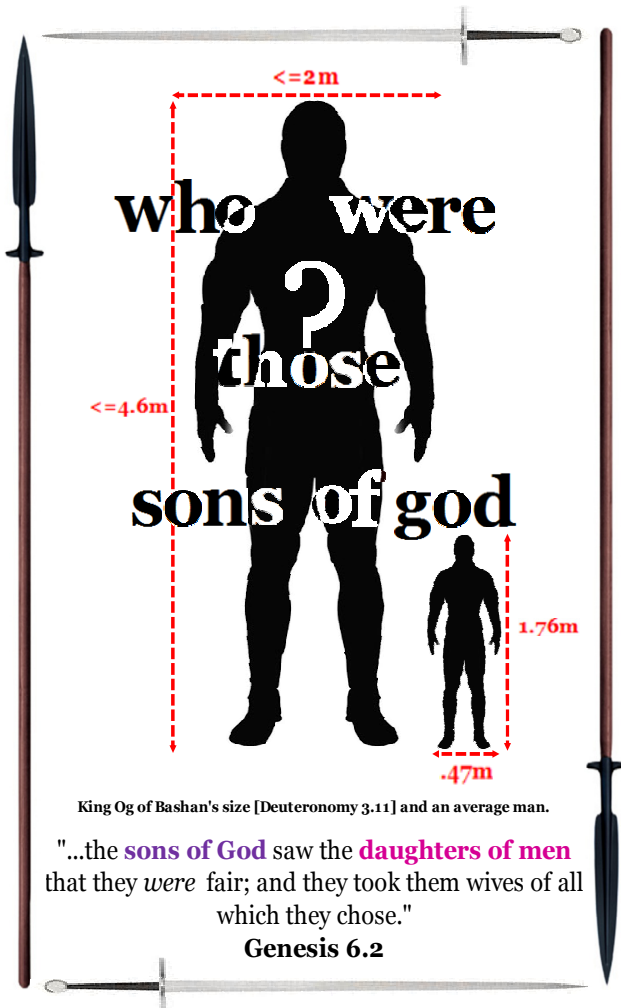
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To be saved from sin is to believe in a miracle: a dead man coming back to life after three days. After this you also become a son of God. How strange believing this in your heart, and the other miracles, yet refusing to consider the sons of God were angels which mated with the daughters of men?

"...there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD."<sup>12</sup>

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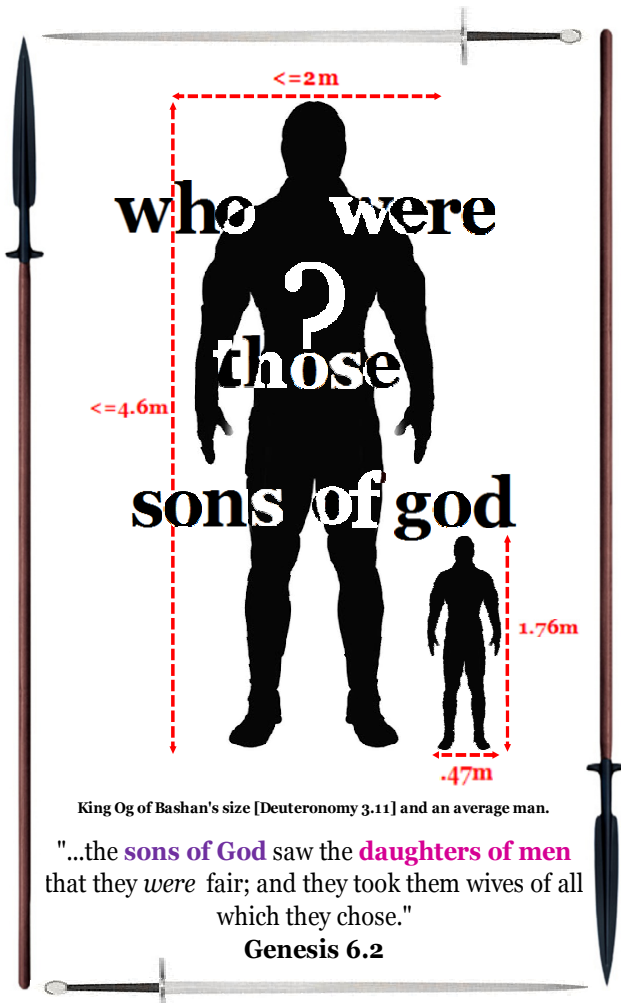
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## ANGELIC OR ADAMIC?

While it is true angels do not marry in heaven, it is an error of logic they cannot have sexual relations [the fallacy of 'denying the antecedent']. It is akin to taking Mark 16.16 and concluding if someone is not baptised in water they will be damned (popular Mormon<sup>2</sup> and Roman Catholic<sup>3</sup> heresies). Belief without baptism can be acceptable to God (like the thief on the cross in Luke 23.43).



The unbaptised thief made it to heaven.

What physical things *are* angels capable of?

Eating food<sup>4</sup> → requires a working digestive system.

Fighting battles<sup>5</sup> [e.g. 185,000 death toll] → requires a physical body.

Victims of rape<sup>6</sup> → requires a physical body.

'Sons of God' and 'daughters of men' put side by side is the grammatical construct *antithesis*. The subject [sons of God] is being pitted against the object [daughters of men]. This only makes sense if opposition between the two exists—daughters from men are earthy, so mingling with heavenly angels from God is unnatural. Jesus uses a similar device in John 8.23 [quoting from Isaiah 55.8-9]: "And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world." Admitting the style of language, one view has the sons of God as a line of 'good and godly' men from Seth, Adam's third son, and the evil 'daughters of men' from Cain: (i) if these sons of God were human males, 'sons of men' would be the obvious term—sons of God only appears to avoid poor language and repetition.

(ii) despite being the heavenly man and Son of God, Jesus used the title Son of **man** to stress his lineage from men. As daughters of men are to Adam, so are 'sons of men' to Adam. Jesus' shunning of his title 'Son of God' implies it carries a mark of his heavenly origin—sons of God also carries such a mark.

(iii) the first verse is clear men of Seth and the 'daughters of men' had been marrying for quite some time, yet their children only ever grew into normal men and women. What changed? Also, this phenomenon continued *after* Noah's Flood. (iv) the idea *all* and *only* Seth's sons were 'good and godly' is against the grain of scripture seeing all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

(v) from verse four, the sons of God were not in the same location as the daughters of men, they first had to *come in* unto them, from an external place.

(vi) only a selective genetic trait, or targeted miracle could make offspring of Seth's sons and the 'daughters of men' into **giants**, while Cain's sons could not produce them.

Something extraordinary happened in Genesis 6.2!

<sup>1</sup>In general, if event 'Y' follows event 'X', when 'X' is true Y must be (X→Y). The mistake is made in reverse—when Y is *false*, assuming X must be too (i.e. Y→X). For example, if Jesus was the Son of God [X, true], he could have come down from the cross [Y, true]—a sound argument. Jesus did not come down from the cross [Y, true] therefore Jesus was not the Son of God [X, false]—an *unsound* argument. The Pharisees were proud and haughty—although Jesus *could* come down from the cross, he *chose* not to to keep the Father's will. <sup>2</sup>lds.org/topics/baptism?lang=eng <sup>3</sup>Notwithstanding the 'baptism of blood or desire' 'get-out' clauses. Cf. CCC1257, vatican.va/archive/ccc\_ess/archive/catechism/p2s2c1a1.htm <sup>4</sup>Genesis 19.1-3. <sup>5</sup>II Kings 19.35. <sup>6</sup>Genesis 19.5.

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## GIANTS IN THOSE DAYS

Most ancient cultures speak of a race of great beings that once walked the earth<sup>7</sup>: Greek: battle between a race of god-giants the Titans, and Olympian gods led by Zeus; also the legend of Odysseus and the cyclopes, including Polyphemus whom he blinded.

**Scandinavian**: the first giant (*Ymir*) gave rise to a race of evil Frost Giants. All but one were killed in a global flood, then the surviving giant and his wife continued the line of giants.

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A red Oni

While muddled with mythology, the kernel of these traditions lies in Bible history: a race of great, but evil men from fallen angels once lived, and God destroyed all by water except Noah and family who were untainted. The devil again tried the same tactic of polluting the human bloodline, this time mainly in Canaan—the promised land for Israel and future birthplace of Messiah:

**"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day...But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat...but the tares are the children of the wicked one;"** **Jude 6, Matthew 13.25ab,38c**

What would children of women and supernatural beings [angels], look like? They would *not* be average people. The Bible references these giants in many places:

Ten spies of Israel reported they were as grasshoppers to the people already living in Canaan—the giants, or sons of Anak. **Numbers 13.32-33**

In Ar (coast of Moab/in Jordan on the Dead Sea) lived a race of giants called Emims, who were as tall as the Anakim race of giants. **Deuteronomy 2.10-11**

King Og of Bashan (Syria) was a giant whose land was conquered by Moses. Og had a huge iron bed (9 by 4 cubits/~9.3m<sup>2</sup>) to fit his body. **Deuteronomy 3.11**

The region of Argob (in Bashan) was called the land of giants. **Deuteronomy 3.13** At over six cubits (~3m) tall, Goliath of Gath was a little giant. One giant of Gath had six fingers and toes on his hands and feet. **I Samuel 17.4, II Samuel 21.20**

On documented evidence, the historian Josephus claimed to have seen the bones of giants during his day, stewarded some 1,600 years for a witness:

"...they [Judah and Simeon] removed their camp to Hebron; and when they had taken it they slew all the inhabitants. There were till then left the race of **giants**, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shown to this very day..."<sup>8</sup>

In more modern times (late 19<sup>th</sup>/mid 20<sup>th</sup> C) giant bone finds were reported in the U.S.—some up to 10ft tall and having two rows of teeth.<sup>9</sup>

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