

NEPHILIM, ENOCH, GIANTS & THE UNSEEN REALM

How far can we go beyond what Scripture actually reveals?

Genesis 5:21–6:8 • Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7 • Jude 6, 14–15 • 2 Peter 2:4–5 • Numbers 13:28–33 • Ephesians 6:12

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The unseen realm attracts speculation. Distinguish what Scripture reveals, what the text strongly implies, and what remains interesting but unproven.

Three levels of confidence

SCRIPTURE CLEARLY SAYS

Enoch walked with God and was taken by God. Genesis 6 names sons of God, daughters of men, and Nephilim. The pre-Flood world became corrupt. Angels can rebel. Demons are real. Jude uses Enochic material.

STRONG BIBLICAL INFERENCE

The “sons of God” in Genesis 6 are heavenly beings. Jude 6 and 2 Peter 2:4–5 probably reflect the same rebellion. Genesis 6 describes human and supernatural rebellion.

INTERESTING, UNPROVEN

The biological mechanism; altered Nephilim DNA; Nephilim genetics surviving the Flood; a second angelic incursion; demons as spirits of dead Nephilim.

Interesting is not the same thing as revealed.

The “sons of God” — Genesis 6:1–4

Three major readings are Sethite descendants, royal/tyrant rulers, and heavenly beings. The heavenly-being reading best fits *bene ha'elohim* in Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7. Jude 6 and 2 Peter 2:4–5 strengthen the connection to angelic rebellion and the Flood.

Nephilim and post-Flood giants

The word *Nephilim* has a debated etymology. Genesis connects them with extraordinary figures but does not explain a biological mechanism. Genesis 7 says those outside the ark died. Numbers 13 later uses “Nephilim” in the spies’ fearful report. Goliath is never called a Nephilim.

Enoch and 1 Enoch

Separate Enoch the biblical man from the later literary collection called 1 Enoch. Genesis, Hebrews, and Jude establish Enoch as a historical man who walked with God, was taken without ordinary death, and prophesied. Jude shows Enochic material was known; it does not canonize the entire collection.

SCRIPTURE

Determines doctrine.

1 ENOCH

Helps reconstruct the ancient interpretive world.

Do not collapse the categories

Scripture distinguishes holy angels, fallen angels, Satan, demons/unclean spirits, and rulers/powers. It describes what demons do but never explicitly explains their origin. The dead-Nephilim-spirit theory is Enochic background, not established doctrine.

Genetics: what can we actually say?

Height is polygenic and environmentally influenced. Clinical gigantism is a medical category and does not equal a biblical “giant.” There is no identified Nephilim genome, marker, or specimen. Noah’s “blamelessness” describes character, not genetic purity. Post-Flood giants do not require surviving hybrid DNA.

THE PEARL

Study the unseen realm seriously, hold speculation loosely, and keep Christ—not the Nephilim—at the center of the biblical story.

The Bible reveals an unseen war so that we will trust the King who has authority over it, not become fascinated with darkness.