

Shadows In the Bible

Sons of God

There is a strange chapter in the Bible that most people cannot explain. I would go further to say that all the current scholars cannot explain. Sure, some people have an opinion, but it's their view. We just don't have the facts. There is not enough data. What chapter am I talking about? It's chapter 6 of Genesis. The first 11 chapters in total are short and mysterious. Over half of the Bible timeline is covered in these first 11 chapters. So much time and so little data.

This chapter opens with God seeing that the earth had gone to seed in a bad way. I do believe this is very old writing. Genesis 6:4 refers to men of "old." The word "old" in Hebrew has a connotation of meaning distant old. Beyond our years. Further to this is the term "Sons of God." It is used here in Genesis and in the book of Job. Some scholars place the book of Job as far back as Genesis. The writing in Genesis and Job are similar. I read a ton of books from all periods of time. You can tell an old book.

What it all means is that the term "Sons of God" is an old term. It meant something significant to those in that time period. Most scholars have no clue what it means. Usually we can speculate based on other writings. The trouble is in the other writings. There is very little of

it. The first 11 chapters of Genesis are broken up into generations. The Book of Job has that same feel of ancient times. A time when the “Sons of God” came to make an account of themselves to God. In Genesis 6 we have “Sons of God.” We also have these strange people called the “Nephilim.” So, right after the mention of these two people groups it mentions men of old and renown. Are they the same people? Are they ancient men?

There are five mentions of the “sons of God” in the New Testament. All of them refer to being of good stature with the Lord. There is the difference between the Old Testament and New Testament. Our version in the Old refers to men who are bad. They are possibly wild or violent men. This mention of “sons of God” is a shadowy description. It would not be fair to connect them to the mentions in the New Testament.

Some people call these men Gods. Others like to call them angels or divine creatures. Honestly, we just don’t know. This story lives in the shadows of the Bible. Who are they? What we do know is that they caught Gods attention. Did they sleep with human women? Was this a threat to God? Some things we just don’t get to know until we enter heaven. What is the real story? What is clear is that even in ancient times people did not follow Gods plan. We are still struggling with that today. Will people one thousand years from now read about our culture the same way. Men of old and renown wisdom?