

The End of That Age

Satan, once an angel of high rank, having departed from the right way, developed ambitious schemes. (Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-20.) He realised that his kingdom of dying subjects would make but a poor showing however. He conceived a plan to outwit God and developed a new order of beings.

The angels at that time possessed a God-given power of materialisation. In Genesis 6:2-5 we are told that the 'sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair, and they took unto themselves wives of all they preferred.' Thus the angels became the fathers of a new race, distinct from Adam's. The record is that these were giants,—physically and intellectually—'men of renown', who filled the earth with violence.

Long have the learned wondered what foundation Grecian Mythology might have had. Now taking heed to the sure word of God, we perceive that the angels who materialised before the flood were the gods of Mythology, while their offspring, the giants, were the demigods.

The flood was necessary in order to destroy the corrupted humanity and the offspring of these fallen angels. With the flood the ability of these evil spirit beings or demons to materialise ceased. (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; 1 Peter 3:20.) They however personate the dead, communicating through spirit-mediums.



MATERIALIZED ANGELS TOOK WIVES



NEPHILIM DESTROYED



GOD SPARED
NOT THE ANGELS
THAT SINNED
ST. PETER 2:4 ST. JUDE 6



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Nephilim Destroyed

The account of the fall of the angels from being sons of God to be demons helps us to understand why God decreed the Deluge to wipe out all of the human race except Noah and his family. We perceive that God from the first intended to deal only with Adam and his family. The giant sons of the fallen angels (Nephilim) came into being contrary to the Divine will; hence, properly, no provision was to be made for them. They never had a right to life, nor will they have a resurrection. On the other hand, all of Adam's posterity, redeemed by Jesus' death, must be recovered from death, with full opportunity to secure everlasting life.

After the Deluge, the demon angels dematerialised—resumed their spirit conditions. St. Peter and St. Jude reveal the penalty inflicted upon them. 'Those angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation [spirit condition], God restrained under chains [restraints] of darkness, unto the Judgment of the Great Day.'—2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6.

The liberties of the fallen angels—demons—were restrained. They are unable to use deceptions in the light—unable to materialise as formerly. Note, however, that the limitation 'unto' implies that when the 'great Day of Wrath' shall come, these fallen angels will be permitted to materialise and become potent factors in the strife. Other Scriptures indicate that these fallen angels will have much to do with the great 'time of trouble' with which this Age will close, and in which Messiah's Kingdom will be inaugurated.

These fallen angels were cast to tartarus—our Earth's atmosphere. Satan, a cherub-angel of higher rank, is styled the Prince of Demons. They are not in some far-off place stoking fires, but keep as close to humanity as possible. Not permitted to materialise, they seek to obsess, to demonize by clairvoyance and clairaudience. Mankind would properly resent them if their true character were known. They therefore personate the dead, communicating through spirit-mediums.—[PD17]