



# On the Beginning

## 11. Fit For Destruction

NOTE ESPECIALLY Genesis 6:1-7

Adam's sin made all of his descendants sinners (See Romans 5:19). In the 1,656 years between Creation and the Flood, men became so sinful that God had to wipe out the human race except for one family that "*found grace*" in His eyes. As far as we can tell, the downward slide of humanity resulted in part from the in-born depravity that resulted from Adam's Fall and also from the absence of government authorized to use deadly force to restrain men from evil (See Romans 13:1-4). Although God still loved man, He had to stop the moral freefall and start society over. This He did through a universal flood. Some scholars estimate that the population of the world had reached the size it has reached again in the 21<sup>st</sup> century! But the world "*was corrupt*" and "*filled with violence*" (Genesis 6:11). Romans 1 describes this descent into evil in verses 18 through 32. It occurred before the Flood, and has been repeated before the downfall of great nations. You can see it happening in America's history, too. The steps down are these:

1. Knowing the truth, but not living it (vs. 18-20).
2. Re-creating God according to man's liking (vs. 21-23).
3. Dishonoring their bodies by sexual immorality (vs. 24-25).
4. Turning to sexual perversions (vs. 26-27).
5. Godless minds opening the floodgates of iniquity (vs. 28-32).

The corruption before the flood was manifest in 3 areas of life:

1. Family Life.

Genesis 6:1-2 tells us how "*the sons of God*" lusted after "*the daughters of men*" and married them. Verse 4 says that the offspring of these marriages were the "*giants*" and "*mighty men*" of ancient legends. Jude 6 seems to say that these sons of God were fallen angels, which the Bible elsewhere calls "*devils*." Throughout the Old Testament, the term "*sons of God*" refers to angels and/or demons. The angels were created to serve God and man at the same time that the visible universe was made. Following Lucifer, many rebelled against God and became devils when he became the Devil (See the sheet for Lesson #6). Apparently some of them possessed the bodies of ungodly men in order to satisfy their lust for women, and these devil-possessed men married. Their children were conceived with DNA that had been manipulated by the devils, and that made them into monsters. The evil in these marriages and families polluted all of human society. This fact reminds us of the danger of entering into marriages with the unsaved. It also underscores the importance of what happens in our families.

2. Spiritual Life.

Verse 3 tells us that . . .

*"... the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."*

God's patience was wearing out as the spirits of men resisted the conviction of His Spirit. Striving with God is a dangerous thing to do!

*“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.” (Acts 7:51-53)*

The nation to which this warning was directed (Israel) was destroyed forty years later.

3. Thought Life.

*“The wickedness of man was great in the earth”* (v. 5) because *“every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”* Thoughts in the mind ruined the lives of millions. So do they today. God can read our thoughts, and He expects us to monitor and correct the things that cross our minds. A bad thought can come from the outside, even from the Devil, but we are responsible for what thoughts we cultivate and what thoughts we reject. See Philippians 4:8. Not only can God read our minds, but also our minds and hearts direct our lives. See what Jesus said in Mark 7:20-23. We become what we think. As the minds of men were corrupted, society was corrupted, and judgment came!