



Sons of God – Earthly Men or Angelic Beings?



Why it matters: Your ability to answer who the Sons of God were in [Genesis 6](#) will play a significant role in your ability to understand the events of the past, present, and future.

🔍 **Who were the Sons of God mentioned in Genesis 6?** Sextus Julius Africanus lived from c. 160 A.D. – c. 240 A.D. and attended schools in Alexandria, which were in stark contrast to the schools of Antioch.¹ He was the first strong promoter of the *Sethite Theory*, which influenced Eusebius, Origen, the early Church of Rome, and many others.^{2, 3} “The supposition that the Sons of God were the sons of Seth, and the daughters of men (Heb. Adam) were the daughters of Cain, to whom great numbers of very beautiful women were born (it is supposed), has no foundation in Scripture: nay, it is against Scripture, for Seth was not God, and Cain was not Adam.”⁴ Interestingly, even those who were prone to allegorizing the supernatural aspects of Scripture did not do so in this case. For example, Clement of Alexandria believes that *sons of God* | υἱοὶ τοῦ Θεοῦ | בְּנֵי הַאֱלֹהִים (*Bene HaElohim*) means *angelic beings*, and *daughters of men* | בְּתוּלֵי אָדָם (*Benoth Adam*) means *daughters of Adam*, which matches the meaning throughout the Bible. Philo, Josephus, Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Lactantius, and others also agreed.⁵ Also speaking of angelic beings comingling with humans, many authors of the 1800s had the following to say: “this view was maintained by the ancient Jewish synagogue, by Hellenistic Jews at, and before, the time of our Saviour’s sojourn on earth,”⁶ another stated, “they are angels... is most strongly represented in the old synagogue and church.”⁷

🔍 **What influenced changing the ancient Sons of God view?** The apostates Celsus (a 2nd-century Pagan Greek philosopher) & Flavius Claudius Julianus (a 3rd century Roman Emperor) used the traditional belief (Sons of God = Angelic Beings) to attack Christianity,^{8, 9} so Sextus Julius Africanus resorted to the *Sethite theory* as more comfortable ground.¹⁰ Cyril of Alexandria (4th century Patriarch of Alexandria),¹¹ who promoted Mary worship,¹² then used it to repudiate the orthodox position of Sons of God as angelic beings as “monstrous and profane”.¹³ Augustine of Hippo (a 4th-5th century influential Roman Christian Theologian and follower of Plato’s Greek philosophical teachings)¹⁴ embraced the *Sethite theory*.¹⁵ This view prevailed into the Middle Ages¹⁶ and is still commonly taught today.

🔍 **Biblical and Modern Evidence:**

“Sons of God” is mentioned [five times in the Old Testament](#) and [six times in the New Testament](#), and in every case, it is referring to a being who is considered part of God’s heavenly family who has (or future tense will have) an angelic body. The following is biblical evidence for the offspring of fallen angelic beings: [Goliath the giant](#) and [other giants who David and his men fought](#) and killed, the giant [Ishbi-benob with a massive spear](#), the giant [Saph](#), the giant [king Og and his huge bed](#), [men like grasshoppers in size compared to the giants](#), a tall [giant with six fingers and toes](#) is described. The view that fallen angelic beings comingled with humans also fits [modern UFO abduction reports](#) involving reproduction and DNA, whereas the *Sethite Theory* does not. Keep in mind, angels can be [mistaken for physical people](#) and they can [eat and drink](#).

🔍 **Past and Future Biblical Ramifications:**

Physical giants, which were bent on evil like their fallen-sinful-angelic-fathers, were the result of procreation with human women (daughters of Adam), hence the need for the flood of Noah. After the flood, there was a need for several military campaigns to wipe out whole groups of genetically DNA tainted sin-filled giants, who were born after the flood. This included the tribal people groups who followed after their wicked ways (see the military campaigns of Joshua and David in the Bible). Throughout the Bible, supernatural forces have attempted to physically, mentally, and spiritually corrupt mankind, while simultaneously suppressing the historical record that provides evidence for their three-pronged attack plan (see below), which has also been assisted by human agents either knowingly or unknowingly.

🔍 **The Fallen Attack Plan (this is not an all-inclusive list):**

Physical Attacks: By war, direct or indirect manipulation of God’s DNA blueprints for life, etc.^{17, 18, 19}

Mental Attacks: By alcohol,²⁰ brainwashing drugs,^{21, 22} manipulated/slanted news,^{23, 24} AstroTurf confirmation bias,²⁵ social engineering society,²⁶ truth suppressed,^{27, 28, 29} stress-induced reaction-based decision-making processes, etc.^{30, 31}

Spiritual Attacks: By compromising God’s Word and God’s defined ideal moral and ethical standards, plus the promotion of forged manuscripts,³² false beliefs, Ouija boards, seances, alien contact, etc.

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