

The Book of Genesis

Genesis 6

1 When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them,

2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose.

Remember that the most probable meaning of “the sons of God” is

That these were human rulers who exerted excessive power

This could have been the beginning of harems

And it could have been the spread of selective breeding for giants

The context is that sin and evil were rampant on the earth

3 Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

God’s Holy Spirit is constantly drawing men to righteousness

Man is seen here as resisting God’s influence

And so God says that He “will not contend with man forever”

Romans 1:18–32 – Paul describes mankind as similar to those in Genesis 6

18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

God’s wrath against godlessness and wickedness is shown in the frustration experienced by His curse on the earth

Wicked men suppress the truth about God

19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

God made Himself know to all mankind through His creation

20 For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

God’s eternal power is evident in the greatness of His creation

Only a divine Person could design and create this world and the universe

Since God has revealed Himself then all men are without excuse

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Theory of evolution is a good example of their foolish and darkened hearts

22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

When men refuse to worship God then they worship created things

It has been said, “We were made with a God shaped vacuum in our hearts”

24 Therefore **God gave them over** in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

God gave them over = Paul says this 3 times in this passage

“So you want life without Me – OK you got it”

25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

26 Because of this, **God gave them over** to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, **he gave them over** to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;

31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

32 Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

What Paul is describing is what Noah’s world was like – See Genesis 6:5

Genesis 6

3 Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

God declared that he would give mankind 120 years before judgment came

That judgment would be the worldwide flood that

killed everything that breathed air

During that 120 years Noah would preach to them while building the ark

Presumably he preached - “Repent and be righteous – judgment is coming”