

# **The Book of Enoch and the Nephilim**

*Genesis 6:4 & of Daniel 4:13, 17, 23*

*Jude 1:6-7 & 2 Peter 2:4*

In the 1970's a book called *Chariots of the Gods* became a bestseller. The world was fascinated with UFO's, giants, pyramids, and the concepts of time and space travel. Shortly thereafter, Hal Lindsey published *The Late Great Planet Earth*, and the Christian world became more interested in giants and ancient civilizations.

While *Chariots of the Gods* theorized that the world was visited (and perhaps populated) by beings from another planet, Lindsey's book suggests that ancient civilizations of giants were formed by demons (fallen angels) who intermarried with humans. He believed demons came to earth and had relations with mortal females to produce half demon/half mortal babies who became the mighty men of old, supposedly described in Genesis 6:4.

The real source of his information was not a Biblical source at all, but from the uncanonized book of Enoch.

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## **The Fallen Angels View Sons of God: Fallen angels**

Nephilim: Mix of human and angel

This is one of the most popular views. It stems from angels being called "sons of God" or interpreted as such in Job 1:6, 2:1, and 38:7. In fact, if the Nephilim were indeed half human/half fallen angel then it would give great understanding to the many ancient religious views after Babel and demi-gods. As pointed out, Nephilim is related to the verb series "to fall" in Hebrew, giving support to the view that this is related to fallen angels. So, it does hold some status among biblical scholars.

Defenders of this view also find support in two key New Testament passages. In 2 Peter 2:1–11, the Apostle wrote:

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly

from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

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### Watcher (angel)

In the Book of Enoch, the watchers (Aramaic עִירִין *iyrin*) are angels dispatched to Earth to watch over the humans. They soon begin to lust for human women and, at the prodding of their leader Samyaza, defect en masse to illicitly instruct humanity and procreate among them. The offspring of these unions are the Nephilim, savage giants who pillage the earth and endanger humanity.

Samyaza and his associates further taught their human charges arts and technologies such as weaponry, cosmetics, mirrors, sorcery, and other techniques that would otherwise be discovered gradually over time by humans, not foisted upon them all at once. Eventually God allows a Great Flood to rid the earth of the Nephilim, but first sends Uriel to warn Noah so as not to eradicate the human race. The watchers are bound "in the valleys of the Earth" until Judgment Day (Jude verse 6 says, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.").

The chiefs of tens, listed in the Book of Enoch, are as follows:

7. And these are the names of their leaders: Sêmîazâz, their leader, Arâkîba, Râmêêl, Kôkabiêl, Tâmiêl, Râmîêl, Dânêl, Êzêqêêl, Barâqîjâl, Asâêl, Armârôs, Batârêl, Anânêl, Zaqîêl, Samsâpêl, Satarêl, Tûrêl, Jômjâêl, Sariêl. 8. These are their chiefs of tens.

—□R. H. Charles translation, *The Book of the Watchers*, Chapter VI.

The book of Enoch also lists leaders of the 200 fallen angels who married and commenced in unnatural union with human women, and who taught forbidden knowledge. Some are also listed in Book of Raziel (*Sefer Raziel HaMalakh*), the *Zohar*, and *Jubilees*.

Araqiel (also Arakiel, Araqaël, Araciël, Arqaël, Sarquaël, Arkiël, Arkas) taught humans the signs of the earth. However, in the Sibylline Oracles, Araqiël is referred to not as a fallen angel, or watcher, but as one of the five angels who lead the souls of humans to judgment, the other four being Ramiel, Uriel, Samael, and Azazel.

Armaros (also Amaros) in Enoch I taught humanity the resolving of enchantments.

Azazel taught humans to make knives, swords, shields, and how to devise ornaments and cosmetics.

Gadreel (or Gader'el) taught the art of cosmetics, the use of weapons and killing blows.

Baraqel (Baraquiël) taught astrology.

Bezaliel mentioned in Enoch I, left out of most translations because of damaged manuscripts and problematic transmission of the text.

Chazaqiel (sometimes Ezeqeel or Cambriel) taught humans the signs of the clouds (meteorology).

Kokabiel (also Kakabel, Kochbiel, Kokbiel, Kabaiel, and Kochab), In the Book of Raziel he is a high-ranking, holy angel. In Enoch I, he is a fallen watcher, resident of the nether realms, and commands 365,000 surrogate spirits to do his bidding. Among other duties, he instructs his fellows in astrology.

Penemue "taught mankind the art of writing with ink and paper," and taught "the children of men the bitter and the sweet and the secrets of wisdom." (I Enoch 69.8)

Sariel (also Suriel) taught humankind about the courses of the moon (at one time regarded as forbidden knowledge).

Samyaza (also Shemyazaz, Shamazya, Semiaza, Shemhazi, Semyaza and Amezyarak) is one of the leaders of the fall from heaven in *Vocabulaire de l' Angelologie*.

Shamsiel, once a guardian of Eden as stated in the Zohar, served as one of the two chief aides to the archangel Uriel (the other aide being Hasdiel) when Uriel bore his standard into battle, and is the head of 365 legions of angels and also crowns prayers, accompanying them to the 5th heaven. In Jubilees, he is referred to as one of the Watchers. He is a fallen angel who teaches the signs of the sun.

Yeqon or Jeqon (Hebrew: יקום, romanized: Yaqum, lit. 'he shall rise') was the ringleader who first tempted the other Watchers into having sexual relations with humans.[13] His accomplices were Asbeel, Gadreel, Penemue, and Kasdaye (or Kasadya), who were all identified as individual "satans".

## **Second Book of Enoch**

For the masculine given name, see Grigory.

The Jewish pseudepigraphon Second Book of Enoch (Slavonic Enoch) refers to the Grigori, who are the same as the Watchers of 1 Enoch.[14] The Slavic word Grigori used in the book is a transcription[15] of the Greek word ἄγρογοροι egrōgoroi, meaning "wakeful".[16] The Hebrew equivalent is מירע, meaning "waking", "awake".[17]

Chapter 18 presents the Grigori as countless soldiers of human appearance, "their size being greater than that of great giants". They are located in the fifth heaven and identified as "the Grigori, who with their prince Satanail rejected the Lord of light",[18][19] One version of 2 Enoch adds that their number was 200 myriads (2 million).[20][21][22] Furthermore, some "went down on to earth from the Lord's throne" and there married women and "befouled the earth with their deeds", resulting in confinement underground.[18][23] The number of those who descended to earth is generally put at three,[citation needed] but Andrei A. Orlov, while quoting the text as saying three,[15] remarks in a footnote that some manuscripts put them at 200 or even 200 myriads.[14]

Chapter 29, referring to the second day of creation, before the creation of human beings, says that "one from out the order of angels"[24] or, according to other versions of 2 Enoch, "one of the order of archangels"[25][26] or "one of the ranks of the archangels"[27] "conceived an

impossible thought, to place his throne higher than the clouds above the earth, that he might become equal in rank to [the Lord's] power. And [the Lord] threw him out from the height with his angels, and he was flying in the air continuously above the bottomless." Although in this chapter the name "Satanail" is mentioned only in a heading added in one manuscript,[22][28] this chapter too is often understood to refer to Satanail and his angels, the Grigori.[22][27]

The Mercer Dictionary of the Bible makes a distinction between the Grigori and the fallen angels by stating that in fifth heaven, Enoch sees "the giants whose brothers were the fallen angels." [29]

The longer recension of 2 Enoch 18:3 identifies the prisoners of second heaven as the angels of Satanail.[30]

## **Daniel**

In the Book of Daniel 4:13, 17, 23 (ESV)[5] there are three references to the class of "watcher, holy one" (watcher, Aramaic `iyar; holy one, Aramaic qaddiysh). The term is introduced by Nebuchadnezzar who says he saw "a watcher, a holy one come down (singular verb) from heaven." He describes how in his dream the watcher says that Nebuchadnezzar will eat grass and be mad and that this punishment is "by the decree of the watchers, the demand by the word of the holy ones" ... "the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men." After hearing the king's dream Daniel considers for an hour and then responds:

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