**Journey through Jude—Verse 6**

Jude's letter is famous for bringing up obscure or controversial points, and this is one of them. In verse 6, Jude speaks of **the angels** who sinned, who are now imprisoned and awaiting a future day of judgment. This is the second of three “apostate groups” (the first one was Israel, verse 5) which he singles-out. This verse requires an understanding of Genesis 6.

**JUDE 6: “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;”**

**Genesis 6:1, ‘** Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

**2** that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

**3** And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive [a](javascript:void(0);) with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

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**References for Genesis 6:3**

* [Footnotes](http://www.biblestudytools.com/nkjv/genesis/6.html#footnote-3)

**4** There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

**5** Then the Lord [b](javascript:void(0);) saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

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**References for Genesis 6:5**

* [Footnotes](http://www.biblestudytools.com/nkjv/genesis/6.html#footnote-5)

**6** And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

**7** So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

**8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

**9** This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

**10** And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**11** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

**12** So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

**13** And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

**14** "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

**15** And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

**16** You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

**17** And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

**18** But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark--you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

**19** And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

**20** Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive.

**21** And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

**22** Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.”

**From the book of 1 Enoch:”And it came to pass that the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters.fff And the angels, the children of heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children ... [They] took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments ... And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants ... And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways**.”

1. **Read Genesis 6:1-9.** During these days of rapid population expansion (especially because of long life spans in the pre-flood world), there was a problem with ungodly intermarriage between the **sons of God** and the **daughters of men**.
2. **Read 2 Peter 2:4. Discuss.** 
   1. **Where is Tartarus?** The only time it appears in the scripture. The original language is “Tartarus.”Same word that is used about the Titans in literature
   2. **Re-visit** [**1 Peter 3:19-20**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=1%20Peter+3:19-20&t1=en_nas)**.**tells us Jesus went to these disobedient spirits in their prison and proclaimed **His victory on the cross over them.**
   3. **Review also** [**2 Peter 3:1-7**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=2%20Peter+3:1-7&t1=en_nas)**.**
   4. **See I Timothy 4:1.** End times doctrine of demons
   5. **Who are “the angels that sinned?”** The angels who did not keep their proper domain:
      1. **Examine this: We only have two places in the Bible where it speaks of angels sinning.**
         1. **First, there was the original rebellion of some angels against God (**[**Isaiah 14:12-14**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/Isa/14/12-14/s_693012)**,**[**Revelation 12:4**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/Rev/12/4/s_1179004)**).**
         2. **Second, there** **was the sin of the sons of God described in**[**Genesis 6:1-2**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/Gen/6/1-2/s_6001)**.**
3. **How do we know there is a sexual aspect to this sin? See Jude 7.** We know that there was some sexual aspect to this sin because Jude tells us in the following verse, [Jude 7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/Jde/1/7/s_1167007): *as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh*. The words *in a similar manner to these* refers back to the angels of [Jude 6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/Jde/1/6/s_1167006), and the words *gone after strange flesh* refers to their unnatural sexual union. We know some things about this unnatural sexual union from [Genesis 6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/Gen/6/1-22/s_6001). We know that this unnatural union produced unnatural offspring. The unnatural union corrupted the genetic pool of mankind, so God had to find Noah, a man *perfect in his generations*([Genesis 6:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/Gen/6/9/s_6009)) - that is, "pure in his genetics." This unnatural union prompted an incredibly drastic judgment of God - a global flood, wiping out all of mankind except for eight people.
   1. **See Ezekiel 28:11-19 and Isaiah 14.** Both passages are addressing a local entity that becomes Satan…addressing the spiritual power behind the king. (Verses 12-17 in Isaiah are key).
      1. **Review Satan’s famous “I will’s” in Isaiah 14:12-20.**
4. **Read Revelation 12:1-17.** 
   1. **When did this happen?**
   2. **Who is the red dragon? Who’s the woman?**
5. **Review Matthew 25:41, the Sheep and Goat Judgment**. Punishment for the devil and his angels.
   1. **See also Isaiah 24:21-31. What two groups are being punished by God?** The hosts on high and the kings of the earth
      1. **Who is being redeemed?** Earth, heaven, believers
6. **What is the difference between the demons and angels?** 
   1. **See angels in Genesis 19:5, 10, and 16.** Can have own bodies
   2. **Review Acts 23:9.** Distinct between spirits and angels.
   3. **Read Luke 8:26-29; discuss.** Demons
   4. **Who are the strange entities in Deuteronomy 32:17?** 
      1. **Examine the Satyrs/he-goats in Isaiah 13:21, 34:14 and Numbers 23:22.**
7. **Who are the sons of God? See Job 1:6, 2:1 and 38:7. Also see Jude 6-7.** The phrase sons of God clearly refers to angelic creatures when it is used the three other times in the Old Testament ([Job 1:6](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Job+1:6&t1=en_nas), 2:1, and 38:7). **The translators of the Septuagint translated sons of God as angels.** They clearly thought it referred to angelic beings, not people descended from Seth. Jude 6 tells us of the *angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own habitation*. Jude goes on (Jude 7) to tell us they sinned *in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh*. Here in Genesis 6, as in Sodom and Gomorrah, there was an unnatural sexual union**.** 
   1. **Further review I Peter 3:19-20.** [1 Peter 3:19-20](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=1%20Peter+3:19-20&t1=en_nas) tells us Jesus went to these disobedient spirits in their prison and proclaimed His victory on the cross over them.
   2. **Review Revelation 9:1-20, 12:7-9 and 2 Peter 2:4-11.**
   3. **Discuss the dilemma brought about by Matthew 22:30.** An objection offered to this understanding is found in [Matthew 22:30](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Matthew+22:30&t1=en_nas), where Jesus said angels *neither marry nor are given in marriage*; but Jesus never said angels were sexless, and He was also speaking about faithful angels (*angels of God in heaven*), not rebellious ones.
      1. **Use also Luke 20:34-36.**
   4. **See also I Enoch.** From the book of 1 Enoch, which is not inspired scripture, but may still contain some accurate accounts:
   5. **Who are the nephilim?** Genesis 6 and Numbers 13
      1. **Read Deuteronomy 3:11. King Og**
8. **Why was Noah chosen to be spared?** 
   1. **Refer to Romans 5:20.** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord: While God commanded all the earth to be cleansed of this pollution, He found one man with whom to begin again: **Noah**, who **found grace in the eyes of the Lord**. Noah didn’t *earn* grace; he *found* it. No one earns grace, but we can all *find* it.
   2. **Examine Genesis 6:9.** **Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations**: This description of Noah - unique to him - not only refers to the righteous life of Noah, but also to the fact he was yet uncorrupted by Satan’s attempt to sow a virus among the genetic pool of mankind. We could translate **perfect in his generations** as, **Noah was pure in his genetic profile.**
      1. **What does “perfect in his generations” mean? Examine Noah’s genealogy in Genesis 6:8-9.**
9. **Why corrupt the “seed of woman?” Refer back to Genesis 3:15. And they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose**: We can deduce *why* Satan sent his angels to intermarry (either directly or indirectly) with human women. Satan tried to pollute the genetic pool of mankind with a satanic corruption, to put a genetic virus to make the human race unfit for bringing forth the *Seed of the woman* - the Messiah - promised in [Genesis 3:15](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+3:15&t1=en_nas). The Savior could not be born of a demon-possessed mother. So if Satan could succeed in infecting the entire race, the deliverer could not come. And Satan *almost* succeeded. The race was so polluted that God found it necessary to start again with Noah and his sons, and to imprison the demons that did this so they could never do this again.
   1. **How could the world be redeemed by the “seed of the woman**?” Luke takes the genealogy of Jesus down through David’s son, Nathan, to Mary, the seed of the woman. Matthew’s genealogy goes through Solomon to Joseph, the legal blood line.
10. **Who were the giants? See Genesis 6:4…Giants on the earth in those days**: This refers to the unnatural offspring of the union between the **sons of God** and the **daughters of men**, though there were people of unusual size on the earth both before and after the flood (**and also afterward**). These ones before the flood were unique because of the demonic element of their parentage. They were the **mighty men of old, men of renown**.
    1. **Examine also Numbers 13:28, 33, Deuteronomy 1:28, 9:2, Joshua 11:21, 14:12, 15:14, I Chronicles 11:23, and I Samuel 17:42.**
11. **Were these nephilim the source of the “great wickedness” on the earth, verses Genesis 6:5-8, in those days?** 
    1. **Discuss how Genesis 6:5 speaks of God’s attitude to the evilness on the earth at this time. Every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**: This says a lot. It means there was no aspect of mans nature not corrupted by sin.
12. **Does Jesus refer to the nephilim in the latter days? Use Matthew 24:37 as reference.** Jesus said, ***as the days of Noah were****, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be* ([Matthew 24:37](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Matthew+24:37&t1=en_nas)). In other words, the conditions of the world before the coming of Jesus will be like the conditions of the world before the flood:
13. **What were the conditions of the earth before the flood?**
    1. **Exploding population (**[**Genesis 6:1**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+6:1&t1=en_nas)**)**
    2. **Sexual perversion (**[**Genesis 6:2**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+6:2&t1=en_nas)**)**
    3. **Demonic activity (**[**Genesis 6:2**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+6:2&t1=en_nas)**)**
    4. **Constant evil in the heart of man (**[**Genesis 6:5**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+6:5&t1=en_nas)**)**
    5. **Widespread corruption and violence (**[**Genesis 6:11**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+6:11&t1=en_nas)**)**
14. **Compare ‘those days’ with today.** **The Lord was sorry that He had made man ... He was grieved in His hear—Genesis 6:6.** Gods sorrows at man, and the grief in His heart, are striking. This does not mean that creation was out of control, nor does it mean that God hoped for something better but was unable to achieve it. God knew all along that this was how things would turn out, but our text tells us loud and clear that as God sees His plan for the ages unfold, it affects Him. God is not unfeeling in the face of human sin and rebellion.
15. **Were the animals and the earth corrupted by the nephilim, as well?** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.
16. **Justify, using scripture, why God would go to such an extreme…..destroying the whole earth, animals, and all of mankind except Noah’s lineage?**. You shall make it: God had not yet told Noah *why* he must build an ark. At this point, all Noah knew was that God will judge the earth, and he was supposed to build a big barge. Since it had not rained yet on the earth, it is reasonable to suppose Noah didn’t know what God was meant yet.
17. **Discuss other scriptures relating to the judgment of the flood.**
    1. **See** [**2 Peter 3:1-7**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=2%20Peter+3:1-7&t1=en_nas)**….** relates the future judgment to the judgment of the flood saying, unbelievers *willfully forget ... the world that then existed perished being flooded with water*. Perhaps, before Jesus returns, God will make it even more necessary for people to *willfully forget* these things.
    2. **What is the reference to pitch**? *Because of this mention of* ***pitch*** *(a petroleum product) in what most people think is the Middle East,* **John D. Rockefeller looked for (and found) oil in that region based on this verse.**
18. **Highlight Noah’s obedience. Use 2 Peter 2:5, Ezekiel 14:14, and Hebrews 11:7.** **According to all that God commanded him, so he did**: The Bible presents Noah as a great hero of God. He was an outstanding example of righteousness ([Ezekiel 14:14](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Ezekiel+14:14&t1=en_nas)), a preacher of righteousness ([2 Peter 2:5](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=2%20Peter+2:5&t1=en_nas)), and Noah condemned the world by offering salvation in the ark that the whole world rejected ([Hebrews 11:7](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Hebrews+11:7&t1=en_nas)).
19. **Why was no one saved during Noah’s 120**-**year ministry?** Noah was a *preacher of righteousness* ([2 Peter 2:5](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=2%20Peter+2:5&t1=en_nas)), yet in his 120-year ministry it seems that no one was saved.
20. **What is the application of Jude 6 for today? Use I Timothy 4:1 and Ephesians 6.** Avoid involvement in the spiritual world. Jude’s point is that this apostasy, using the occult, will send you to hell.
    1. **See also Daniel 10, 2 Kings 6:15-17.**
    2. **Comment on Ephesians 6:10-12 and Isaiah 59:17.**
21. **End the discussion with Matthew 24:37. Relate to today.**

**And, here are the promises:**

**Romans 5:20, “Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:”**

**Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

**And, here are some interesting facts about the ark: i. In 275 b.c. Berosus, a Babylonian historian, wrote: But of this ship that grounded in Armenia some part still remains in the mountains ... and some get pitch from the ship by scraping it off.**

**ii. Around a.d. 75 Josephus said the locals collected relics from the ark and showed them off to his very day. He also said all the ancient historians he knew of wrote about the ark.**

**iii. In a.d. 180 Theophilus of Antioch wrote: the remains [of the ark] are to this day to be seen ... in the mountains.**

**iv. An elderly Armenian man in America said that as a boy, he visited the ark with his father and three atheistic scientists in 1856. Their goal was to disprove the arks existence, but they found it and became so enraged they tried to destroy it, but could not because it was too big and had petrified. In 1918 one of the atheistic scientists (an Englishman) admitted on his deathbed the whole story was true.**

**iv. In 1876 a distinguished British statesman and author, Viscount James Bryce, climbed Ararat and reported finding a four-foot long piece of hand-tooled timber at an altitude of more than 13,000 feet (4,300 meters).**

**vi. Six Turkish soldiers claimed to see the ark in 1916.**

**vii. In the early part of this century, a Russian aviator named Vladimire Rokovitsky claimed the discovery of Noah’s ark. He was stationed in southern Russia near the Turkish border and Mount Ararat. As he tested a plane he and his co-pilot flew over Ararat and discovered on the edge of a glacier what he described as a boat the size of a battleship. He said it was partially submerged in a lake, and he could see there was an opening for a door nearly 20 feet (7 meters) square, but the door was missing. Rokovitsky told his commanding officer and an expedition was dispatched to find the ark and photograph it. The report was forwarded to the Czar, who was soon overthrown and the photos and the report perished.**

**viii. In 1936 a young British archaeologist named Hardwicke Knight hiked across Ararat and discovered interlocking hand-tooled timbers at a height of 14,000 feet (4,600 meters).**

**ix. During World War II two pilots saw and photographed something they believed was the ark on Mount Ararat.**

**x. There have been many more recent attempts to find and document the ark, but they have been hindered by politics and surrounded in mystery.**

**Tartarus (**[**/ˈtɑrtərəs/**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA_for_English)**,**[***tar-tər-əs***](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Pronunciation_respelling_key)**;**[**Greek**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Greek)**: Τάρταρος *Tartaros*),**[**[1]**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartarus#cite_note-1)**in**[**ancient Greek mythology**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_mythology)**, is the deep abyss that is used as a dungeon of torment and suffering for the wicked and as the prison for the**[**Titans**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Titan_(mythology))**.**[**[2]**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartarus#cite_note-definition-2)**As far below**[**Hades**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_underworld)**as the earth is below the heavens,**[**[2]**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartarus#cite_note-definition-2)**Tartarus is the place where, according to**[**Plato**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plato)**in *[Gorgias](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorgias_(dialogue)" \o "Gorgias (dialogue)" \t "_blank)* (c. 400 BC),**[**souls**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soul)**were judged after death and where the wicked received divine punishment. Like other primal entities (such as the Earth, Night and Time), Tartarus was also considered to be a primordial force or deity**