

# Bereans Bible Institute

## Module V – Redemption of the Creation

### Lesson 4: The First “Sons of God”

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#### I. The Sons of Seth as God’s covenant people:

A. Genesis 4:26 When Seth fathered Enos, he began to call himself by the name of the LORD. (LXX: “This one hoped, to call to himself the name of the Lord God”)

1. The name “YHVH” is God’s covenant name, the name that men take to become God’s people. (Ex. 20:7, John 17:26, Acts 22:16)

#### II. Genesis 6:1-18 The “Sons of God” rebel against the Lord.

A. Noah was just in his “generation” (Gen. 6:9) and walked with God.

B. Noah was among the “Sons of God” who had a covenant with God (Gen. 6:18) [establish = abide or continue].

C. God’s Spirit had been dwelling among “these men” (LXX) (Gen. 6:3)

1. Ex. 25:8 “*And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.*” Ex. 29:45 “*I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.*” Haggai 2:4-5 “*Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,*’ says the LORD; ‘*and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,*’ says the LORD, ‘*and work; for I am with you,*’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘*According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!*’” Isa. 63:11 “*Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses. Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them.*”

#### III. Why did the Sons of God rebel against God?

A. Josephus, Antiquities, Book I, ch. 2-3 “*Now Adam, who was the first man, and made out of the earth, (for our discourse must now be about him,) after Abel was slain, and Cain fled away, on account of his murder, was solicitous for posterity, and had a vehement desire of children, he being two hundred and thirty years old; after which time he lived other seven hundred, and then died. He had indeed many other children, but Seth in particular. As for the rest, it would be tedious to name them; I will therefore only endeavor to give an account of those that proceeded from Seth. Now this Seth, when he was brought up, and came to those years in which he could discern what was good, became a virtuous man; and as he was himself of an excellent character, so did he leave children behind him who imitated his virtues. All these proved to be of good dispositions. They also inhabited the same country without dissensions, and in a happy condition, without any misfortunes falling upon them, till they died. ... Now this posterity of Seth continued to esteem God as the Lord of the universe, and to have an entire regard to virtue, for seven generations; but in process of time they were perverted, and forsook the practices of their forefathers; and did neither pay those honors to God which were appointed them, nor had they any concern to do justice towards men. But for what degree of zeal they had formerly shown for virtue, they now showed by their actions a double degree of wickedness, whereby they made God to be their enemy. For many messengers of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call giants. But Noah was very uneasy at what they did; and being displeased at their conduct, persuaded them to change their dispositions and their acts for the better: but seeing they did not yield to him, but were slaves to their wicked pleasures, he was afraid they would kill him, together with his wife and children, and those they had married; so he departed out of that land. Now God loved this man for his righteousness: yet he not only condemned those other men for their wickedness, but determined to destroy the whole race of mankind, and to make another race that should be pure from wickedness.*”

B. They remained pure through 7 generations – Enoch (Jude 1:14)

#### IV. The First “Sons of God” in the Kingdom (Rev. 14:1-5)