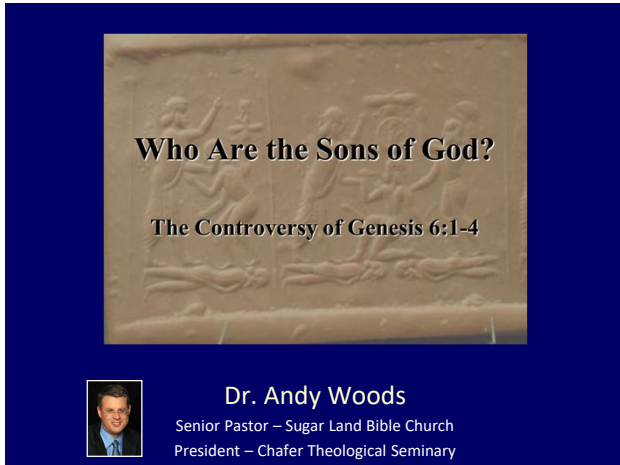


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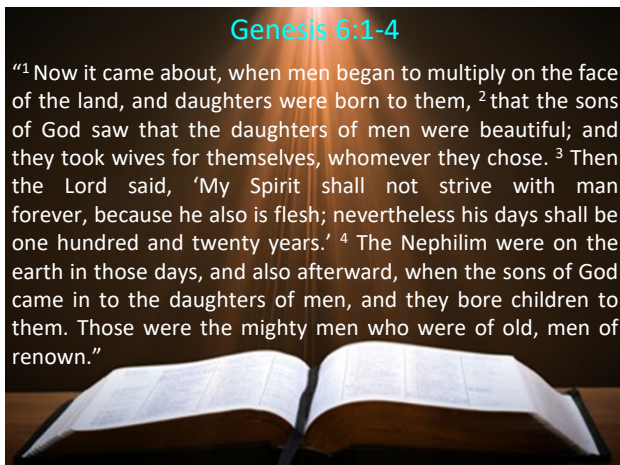
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Renald Showers

Those Invisible Spirits Called Angels (Bellmawr, NJ: Friends of Israel, 1997), 96-97.



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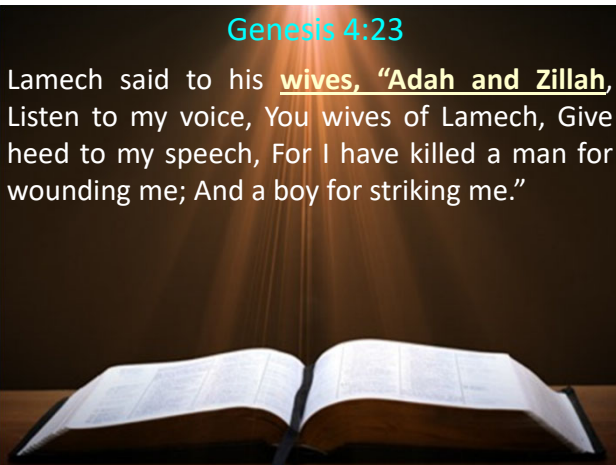
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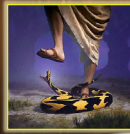
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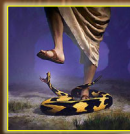
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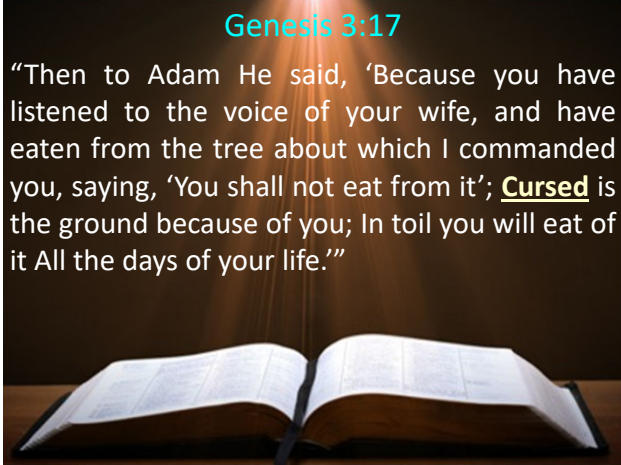


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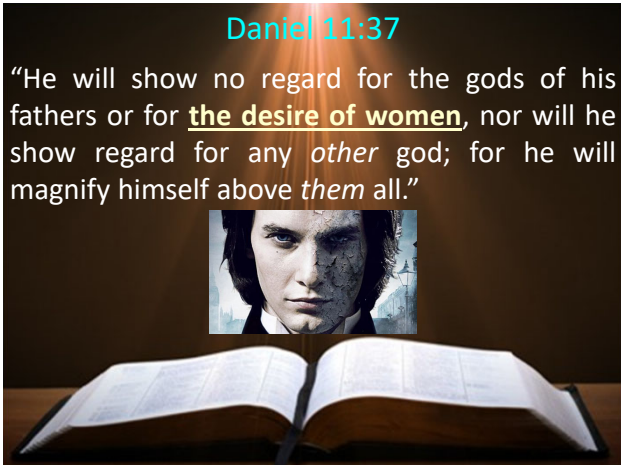
“Then to Adam He said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; **Cursed** is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.”



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Daniel 11:37

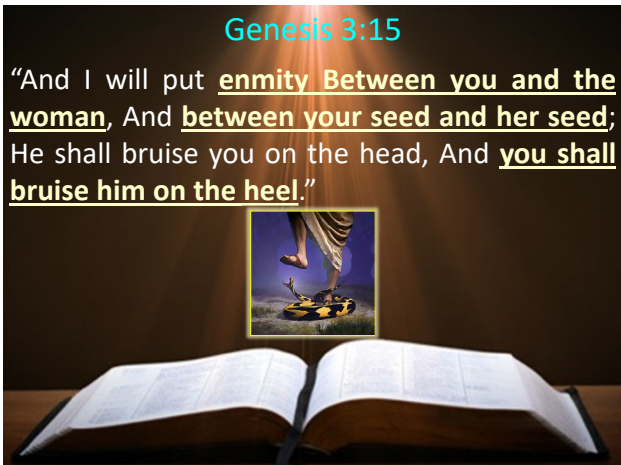
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3. Pharaoh; Ex. 1
4. Athaliah; 2 Chron. 22
5. Haman; Esther
6. Matt 4:5-7



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Satan's Progressive Defeat

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2. Eden (Gen 3:15)
3. Pre-diluvian world (1 Pet 3:19-20)
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6. Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)
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Job 1:6


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Ezekiel 28:14, 16


“¹⁴ You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.”... ¹⁶ By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire.”



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Job 2:1

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Job 38:7

“When the morning stars sang together
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?”



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Deuteronomy 14:1

“You are the sons of the Lord your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave your forehead for the sake of the dead.”



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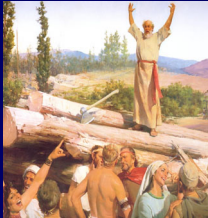
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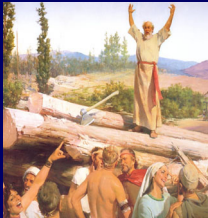
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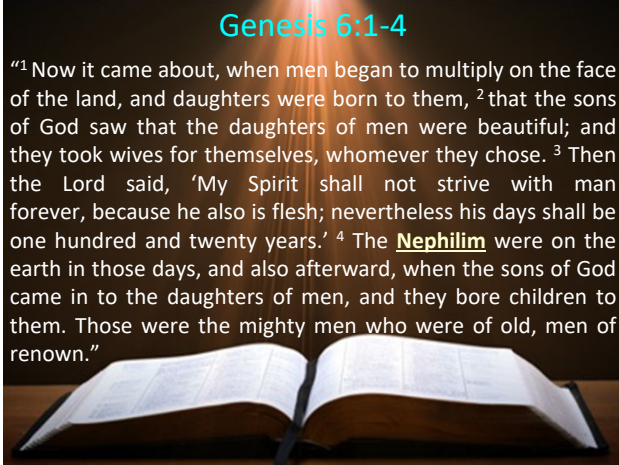


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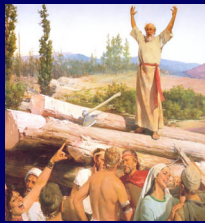
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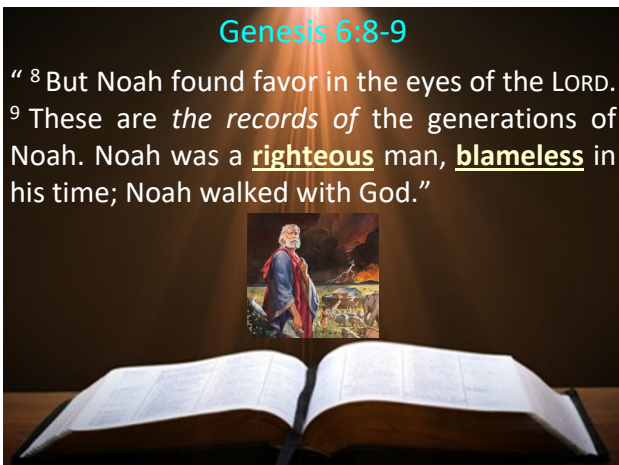
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Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].



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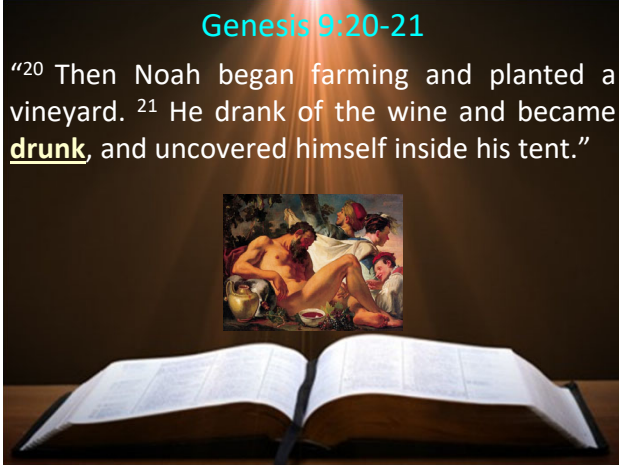



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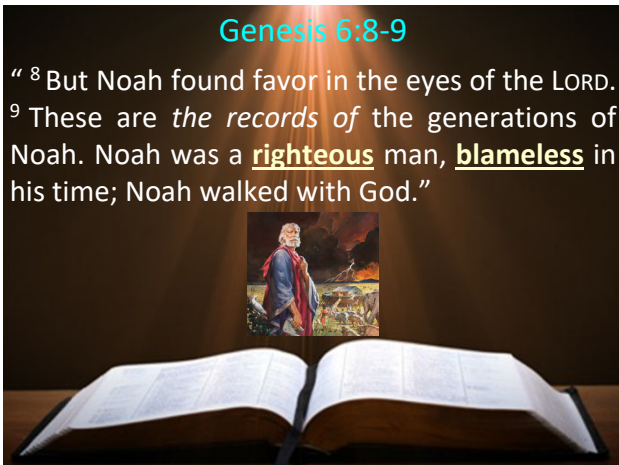

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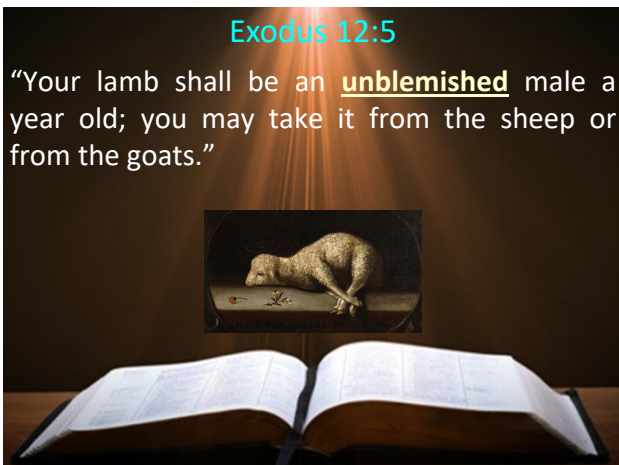

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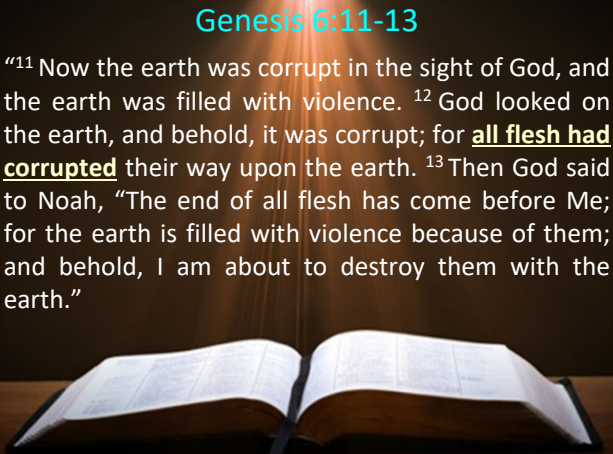
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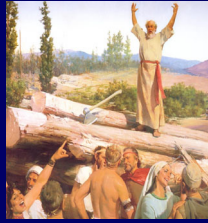


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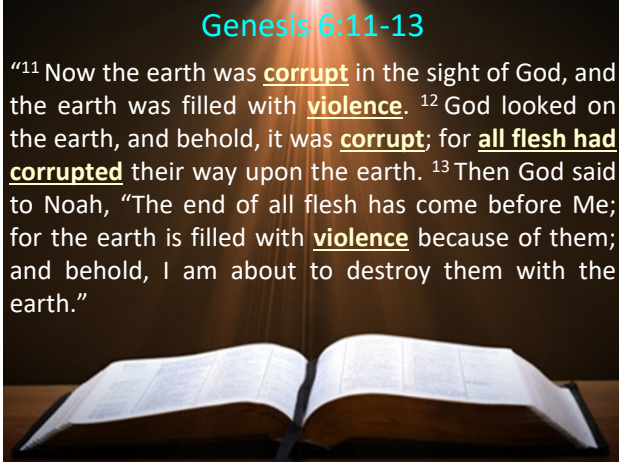


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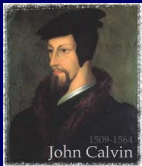
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 - Gen. 3:22
 - Matt. 7:11
 - Acts 10:1-2
 - Rom. 2:14-15



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"The Scriptures speak of human nature as totally depraved. However, the doctrine of 'total depravity' is easily misunderstood and misinterpreted. From the negative standpoint, it is important to know both what it does not mean and what it does mean. This does not mean that every sinner is devoid of all qualities pleasing to men; that he commits or is prone to every form of sin; or that he is bitterly opposed to God as it is possible for him to be. Jesus recognize the existence of pleasing qualities in some individuals (Mark 10:21); He said that the scribes and Pharisees..."

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... did some things God demanded (Matt. 23:23); Paul asserted that some Gentiles 'do instinctively the things of the law' (Rom. 2:14); God told Abraham that the iniquity of the Amorites would grow worse (Gen. 15:16); and Paul says that 'evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse' (2 Tim. 3:13)."

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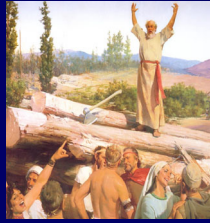


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