**‘The Animals in Noah’s Day’**

***6And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7So 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.”***  Genesis 6:6-7

***11The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.*** Genesis 6:11-12

***19And 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. 20Of 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. 21And 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.”*** Genesis 6:19-21

In the waters of the flood, all air-breathing creatures would die. No creature on earth can tread water for forty days and nights, or for the year that it was going to take for the flood waters to recede from the face of the earth. It appears that something else is going on here, which is something we would not catch with a casual reading.

We know that man sinned, and from Genesis 6:1-2 we know that a fallen angel incursion into the earth aggravated the situation exponentially. It appears from a more focused reading of these passages that the corruption God saw, and was grieved by, didn’t remain confined to man. It included ***“all flesh.”*** The term, ***“all flesh,”*** would encompass mankind, animals, birds of the air, and every creeping thing upon the earth.

How could creatures, other than man, become corrupt? The only option which makes any sense is that these creatures were corrupted in the very same way mankind had become corrupted, through fallen angels mating with them. This is such an outlandish suggestion that we probably don’t even want to go there. Nevertheless, we must. How could legendary mythological creatures have made their way into the literature and sculptures of people groups throughout the world? They are not only in literature and sculpture, but in cave drawings! Is there biblical evidence of these creatures? Yes, but only obliquely. [[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2018/02/page/2/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn1)

The word “corrupted” could also have been translated “spoiled.” No doubt the mating of fallen angels and non-human creatures would have resulted in the DNA of these creatures being spoiled, corrupted, or ruined. What had God said in the beginning when these animals were created? He said that each was to reproduce and multiply after its own kind (Genesis 1:24). The DNA of each animal species was not to become mixed with animals of other species. To do so would corrupt God’s creatures and spoil His creation.

It is unfortunate, but such God-forbidden mating did take place, and hybrid creatures were born upon the earth. Since God was going to start over with Noah, He’d have to start over with the animals also. But how could He do this, after all flesh had become corrupted? Or had it?

Noah was ***“perfect in his generations.”***[[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2018/02/page/2/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn2) Couldn’t there have been creatures whose DNA wasn’t spoiled? Yes, there could have been and it appears there was. How do we know? It’s in the text.

In Genesis 6:19 God instructs Noah, ***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.”*** Now that would be a humongous task! Noah wasn’t actually going to be the one going out to gather all of these animals. This was going to be God’s part. Yes, God chose the animals that would be aboard the ark. The Lord says in verse 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.”*** Isn’t this amazing? Noah wouldn’t have known all of the creatures which were to come aboard the ark, much less whether a particular animal’s DNA was corrupt. But God knew! God would have been aware, if even so much as the tiniest DNA code was awry. Since God knew, and since God was starting over, He would have only directed animals whose DNA wasn’t corrupted to come to Noah and the ark.

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[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2018/02/page/2/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref1) Steve Quayle. *Angel Wars.* End Time Thunder Publishers. Bozeman, Montana. 2013. p.152-153. 2 Samuel 23:20 “And Benaiah to son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lion-like men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow.” The Hebrew word *‘ariy’el* is comprised of two Hebrew words. The first half ‘*ariy* means the “picture or image of a lion.” The second word is *‘el* which is used for “angels,” a “god,” a “false god,” or “demons” among other things. So, these creatures must have looked very much like lions, while having enough human genetics within them to be called men – with the writer choosing a compound word that denoted the fallen or demonic origin of these creatures.

[[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2018/02/page/2/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref2) <http://yourbibleblog.com/2018/02/05/noah-perfect-in-his-generations/>