

Last week's Torah portion was Numbers 19-25. The one before was Numbers 16-18. Both of these contain references to the identity of the Nephilim in Genesis 6 but almost always go unnoticed because we are conditioned to look for something other than who they really are. When we let scripture interpret scripture, though, things become a lot clearer. We're going to work backwards to show you how this works, but you may end up having a "aha" type moment!

Slide 2 He took up his discourse and said, "The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened, The oracle of him who hears the words of God, And knows the knowledge of the Most High, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered. "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob, A scepter shall rise from Israel, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth.(Num 24:15-17 NAS95)

These verses are remarkable for many reasons. Balaam, a bible figure who is not popular in the New Testament at all, is permitted to know about Yeshua and give a very powerful prophesy of the Him. This scepter that rises from Israel is going to overcome the sons of Sheth, or Seth for us in the US. Who are these people? Seth is the child who replaces Able as the holy line. The line of Cain are the wicked line. Genesis 5 tells us who the descendants of Seth are up to Noah. The genealogy of the Messiah includes the Seth as well, in Luke 3 tracing it all the way back. Luke 3 is key because it calls Adam the son of God. Now we know who the sons of Sheth are, they are the holy line. So that begs the question: why would they need to be overcome? The word for overcome there is qarar which means to tear down or overcome. It's not ambiguous. Well, I will explain why they need to be overcome in a bit. The next step is that we will look at another verse that helps us solve this mystery of the Nephilim.

Slide 3 Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took action, and they rose up before Moses, together with some of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, chosen in the assembly, men of renown. (Num 16:1-2 NAS95)

Here's something that makes the eyebrow raise. Rebellious Levites are called men of renown. In Hebrew that's ish shem, literally men name. That means they are men who are trying to make a name for themselves. This is a bad thing in the bible. Bad, bad, bad. Yahweh is the shem, or Name, that is over everything. His Son's Name, Yeshua, meaning salvation, is the Name by which we all may be saved. Making a name for oneself in this context is very, very, bad. It means they are sinning in order to become famous and to grab power and authority they aren't supposed to have. In this case, they are already men of high office and they are trying to take the highest offices by force. Men of renown are people who are so power hungry that they are willing to do anything for that power. Think about Saul after he lost his anointing. He was willing to go against his own decrees in

order to regain a sliver of the insight he had prior. That's being a man of renown. You can see what happens to these men of renown by reading the rest of Numbers 16. They get annihilated with their entire families as if they never existed. They were blotted out of Israel.

Slide 4 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created. When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth. Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died. Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh. (Gen 5:1-6 NAS95)

If you follow this ministry, or maybe have heard this or realized it before, you know the chapters and verse numbers aren't really in the bible. They were added over 1000 years after Yeshua's ascension. We use the chapters and verses because, well, they are there and are a helpful tool... until they aren't. But please realize that the book of Genesis has no chapters and verses. Even though I'm using them as markers. Genesis 5 defines the sons of Seth. The sons of Seth are synonymous with the sons of God in Genesis 6:4. We think these sons of God in 6:4 are some other characters because of the artificial break put in with the chapters and numbers. But without them, it's awfully clear the prior verses tell us who the sons of God are and they are the sons of Seth. If you want further proof of that, read the lineage of Yeshua in Luke 3, where Adam is called the son of God. Then all the rest of that line are subsequently the son of God because they are the righteous line.

They are the righteous line because Cain slew Able. Able was favored at the sacrifice, Cain got jealous and killed his brother, so Seth replaces Able as the righteous son, or the Son of God, and all the good people come from this line. So why would they ever need to be overcome per the prophecy from Balaam?

Slide 5 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then YHVH said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." The Nephilim were 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. (Gen 6:1-4 NAS95)

Now the stage is set, do you see that the Nephilim are defined as men of renown, just like the Levitical rebels? This is the pattern of scripture that Yahweh really does not like at all. When people who have an exalted position, even if just slightly, do things to grab power to take things they are not supposed to have. These sons of God are the sons of Seth who decided to corrupt their holy line

by intermarrying with whomever they chose based on lust. And Yahweh decides to destroy earth and start over with Noah and his family. Now that we've been studying the Torah portions for half a year, can you think of any other times Yahweh wanted to destroy His chosen people because they sinned? How many times has Moses interceded to stop Yahweh from doing this again because the people who were called by His Name were corrupting themselves?

Slide 6 While Israel remained at Shittim, the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab. For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor, and YHVH was angry against Israel. YHVH said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before YHVH, so that the fierce anger of YHVH may turn away from Israel." So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you slay his men who have joined themselves to Baal of Peor." (Num 25:1-5 NAS95)

Guess what? They did it again and again. The children of Yahweh, right after the Balaam and Balak episode, joined themselves with the women of Moab. The same exact sin that the sons of Seth committed in Genesis 6:4. Do you realize this is *right after Balaam* said the scepter would overcome the sons of Seth? It's literally the next page.

This is the beauty of our walk. This is the beauty of our use, study, and application of the entire bible, from Genesis to Revelation. This allows us to see the pattern that is going to ultimately lead to the destruction of this world and the ushering in of the next. This defines harlotry in the book of Revelation as people whom Yahweh has called, through His Son Yeshua, who mix religions because it's fun, convenient, or simply pleasurable. This is why being called out of Babylon means to separate ourselves with these abominable practices and turn to a pure and true form of worship, keeping the commandments of Yahweh and the faith of Yeshua.

Slide 7 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be." (Mat 24:36-39 NAS95)

Doesn't this give us a clearer picture of what the days of Noah were like? They were like now. Do we have illicit marriages happening today? Do we have people who are supposed to be clergy endorsing and even participating in abominable sins? Do we have people in positions of authority who are willing to use any means to get more authority or get the authority they used to have back? Do we have people who will do absolutely anything to gain fame and become men of renown? If anybody thinks the answer to this is no, please explain that in the comment section on firstcenturychristianity.net