

Pseudepigrapha Books – Floyd Nolen Jones, Th.D., Ph.D.

1. **Spurious writings**, especially writings **falsely attributed to biblical characters or times**.
2. A body of uninspired texts **written between 200 B.C. and A.D. 200** and spuriously **ascribed to various prophets and kings of Hebrew Scriptures**. (pseu-de-pig-ra-pha)

Jasher, the Book – a volume appeared in 1751 that alleged to be a translation of a discovered copy of the Book of Jasher; however, it is a well-known forgery. It is referred to at Joshua 10:12-13 and 2 Sam. 1:18. My ministry has an “1840” copy published by a cult corporation (Mormon) in 1887. It contains numerous fanciful additions to the Book of Genesis. The Old Testament mentions such literature used by the Hebrews which was not accepted as inspired by either Israel or the Church.¹

The counterfeit known as the Book of Enoch is not referred to in Scripture, and it is far worse than the invented Jasher forgery. The manuscript from which our translation originated was discovered in Ethiopia (1768 AD). It consists of 108 very short chapters. Tertullian (160-240 AD) highly regarded the work; however, by the 4th century AD the book had fallen into considerable disfavor in the West. Both Jerome (c.342-420 AD) and this author declare it as an Apocryphal work.

Chapters 7-19 greatly enlarge on Genesis Chapter 6:1-4, which many pervert to read as though fallen angels married women who bore them sons that were giants. The Book of Enoch declares there were 200 angels involved (7:7 & 9): it names their leader, his 17 “chiefs” (7:9), and that it was the women (19:2) who led the angels astray! Further, these angels taught the women sorcery (7:10). This work even claims (7:12) the giants born of the earth-women were 300 cubits high (300 x 18 inches = 5,400 inches divided by 12 = 450 feet tall!). The remainder of the book is no better. Had Enoch actually written such drivel, God would never have translated him (Gen. 5:18-24). As to Jude 14-15, we assert that the Book of Jude was written first and placed into the Book of Enoch at a later date.

As to a Genesis 6:1-4 interpretation whereby angels and earth-women produced giant sons, we briefly remark that Scripture uniformly portrays angels as spirit beings (Heb. 1:14) and our Lord clearly taught such do not marry (Mat. 22:29-30). Therefore, angels were all *created* and usually called “sons of God” in Scripture: they uniformly appear as such to mankind – never as women. This does not imply they are “males,” which would infer having unnecessary “plumbing.” Now if angels do not procreate angels, why do some suppose they can produce men, or even have DNA that matches that of a woman’s egg? As spirits, angels have no flesh (thus no penis) or bones (Luk. 24:39), and there is no indication of their possessing men in Gen. 6 so as to gain human bodies and become capable of procreation.

Moreover, if angels actually had sex with human women in Genesis 6, why not today? Why did such stop, and why do we not see their giant offspring today?² Scripture please. If your pastor told you such happened did he then warn those in the congregation to never go walking or shopping alone for fear some such angel might suddenly seize and have his way with them? Of course it would do no good to so warn or advise to always venture out in groups with men present for protection as only one angel slew 185,000 Assyrian warriors in a single night (2 Ki. 19:35). The entire doctrine is a foolish, fanciful “Alice in Wonderland” error – and it completely misses the context.

“Took them wives” (Gen. 6:2) implies a real and lasting marriage; thus, the *context* refers to the godly line of Seth (Gen. 4:26) intermarrying with the godless line of Cain (1 John 3:12) – the “sons of God” (fallen angels are never so called!) are the godly, the “daughters of (sic *mere*) men” all the ungodly.

¹ These are: *The book of Nathan the Prophet and Gad, the Seer* (1 Chron. 29:29), *The Book of the Acts of Solomon* (1 Ki. 11:41), *The Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite & The Visions of Iddo the Seer* (2 Chr. 9:29; cp. 12:15, 13:22), *The Book of Shemaiah the Prophet* (2 Chr. 12:15), Isaiah’s *The Acts of Uzziah* (2 Chr. 26:22), and *The Sayings of the Seers* (2 Chr. 33:19).

² But if not angels, from whence do the Bible giants come? It must be in Genesis 1-5, and the only possible happening there is the Mark of Cain! As the mark was to keep him from being slain (Gen. 4:14-15), we conclude that God made Cain as grotesque as his sin – He made him a giant. Such would also provide him protection. This is the Bible explanation for the giants & Cain’s Mark.
