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**PART I**  
CHAPTERS 1 - 5



**The History of  
Extraterrestrialism**

A Chronological Survey  
from Genesis to the Present

*“ So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly,  
and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the  
reading.” Nehemiah 8:8*

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## The Alien Paradigm Begins

Its Origin & History in Scripture

*“Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.” Ecclesiasties 1:10*

Over the years much speculation has been offered up concerning the apparent puzzle of what dwells beyond the reaches of our planet. For the 21st century Christian, a large chunk of that conjecture has resulted from popular and fictional scientific theories which propose thousands, if not millions, of other worlds could possibly exist which support advanced alien life. While many Christians have an interest in this subject, and rightfully so, the larger part of church leaders today completely ignore the issue. It's unknown whether this mass shunning is a result of fear, ignorance or a willful disregard. But the fact remains that Bible-believing Christian education, as a whole, is woefully behind on establishing a firm Bible-based foundation regarding one of the great realities of the universe. This first chapter examines the scriptural origins of

this fascinating issue, and will set the stage for a phenomenon that has endured throughout the ages – the belief in intelligent life beyond Earth.

### **Capturing the Minds of Men**

The thought of the possibility of intelligent life beyond Earth has been around for millennia. For the Bible-believing Christian its origins can be traced back to the days following the Great Flood around 4,350 years ago. This was the era which witnessed the rise of the heathen cults of old. Pagan religions which focused their worship on the heavenly bodies, and the beings which they now supposed dwelt there. As Bible-believing Christians, it's imperative to keep in mind that the written word of God contains the true accounts which outline the history of mankind. The Bible not only contains the history of man, but its Revelation lies outside of time and space itself. The Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Word incarnate, is the Beginning, the End, and even more so, the Eternal, Everlasting God.

*“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8*

*“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” Psalms 90:2*

*“The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.” Psalms 93:1-2*

Because Scripture encompasses time and space, reaching even beyond those bounds, and because it contains the true record of the earliest exploits of the human race, it should be no real problem locating where the first thoughts of the belief in extraterrestrial life emerge. Because of this, it's important to always remember the following:

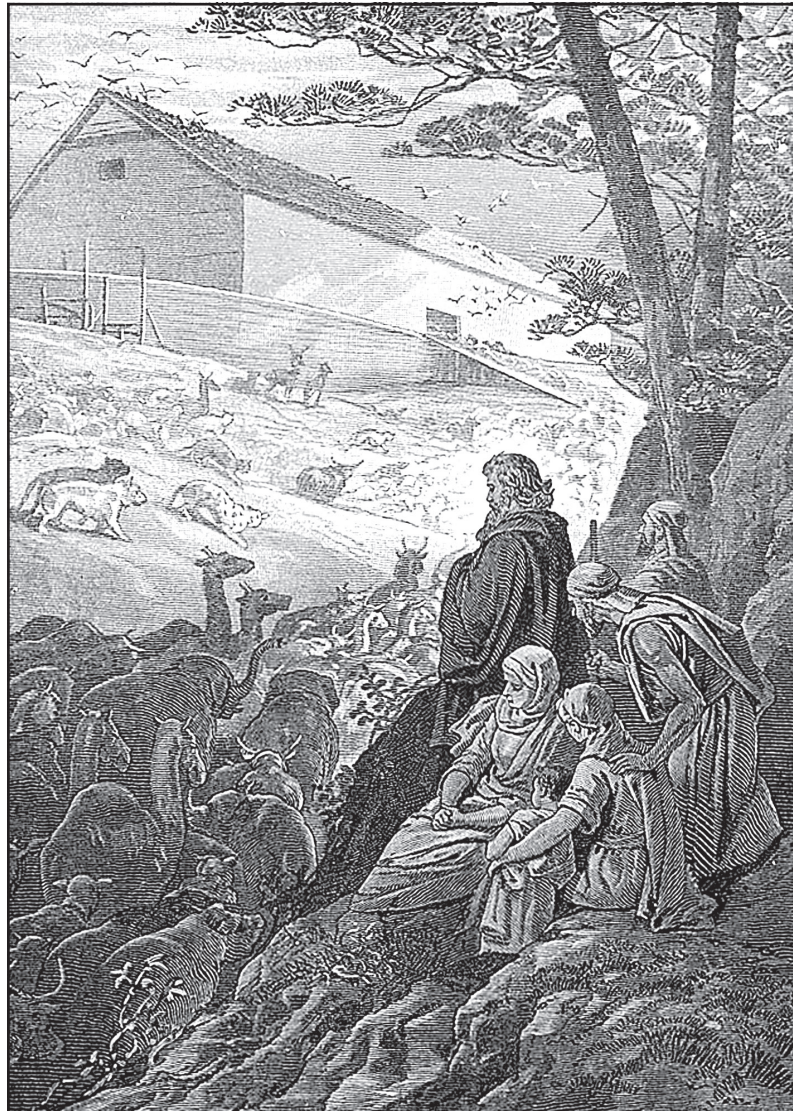
- 1.)** The human race began with the creation of one man (Adam).
- 2.)** Man's original relationship with God was good (Monotheistic), and there were no false cults or religions.
- 3.)** Man was highly intelligent at the time of his creation, with wisdom imputed directly from God Himself (super-intelligent by today's standards).
- 4.)** Man's fall into sin.
- 5.)** The history of man's early succeeding generations.

The reason for emphasizing these 5 points is when stepping back and viewing them as a whole, it's equally important to grasp what captured the minds of the first generations of man, leading him away – en masse – from his Creator. Was it merely a rapid progression of man's new "sin nature" (Rom. 5:12) that caused his early ancestry to apostatize so abruptly, or did he have help? Remember, the generations which followed Adam were much more closer to "innocence" and "goodness" than the man of today. Their hearts did not have a record of thousands of years of history of rebelling against the Almighty on which to build. Even early man's relation with the animal world was different. There were no "wild" animals, for their "fear of man" was a nature instilled by the Creator only AFTER Noah's Flood (Gen. 9:1-2). So this begs the question: Do the Scriptures point

to some critical singular event occurring somewhere in man's past which could have accounted for such a sudden departure from God? If so, why and for what reasons? The Scriptures indicate that some sort of major paradigm shift – a major change in man's thinking – took place at some point AFTER the fall of Adam, but BEFORE the Flood of Noah. Between the approximate years of 3800 BC and 2450 BC – an interval of around 1,350 years. However, the New Testament describes a future time of apostasy which will parallel "the days of Noe" (Matt. 24:37, Lk. 17:26), indicating that the entire ancient downfall was within the pre-flood lifetime of Noah. An interval of only 600 years (Gen. 7:6). This early transformation in global thinking is not mentioned explicitly by Scripture. But its fruits are clearly seen resulting in God's wrath being judiciously poured out on a young mankind. Note and contrast the following Scriptures which were BOTH indicative of a time period which preceded the Great Flood:

*"[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. [28] And GOD BLESSED THEM ... [31] And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, IT WAS VERY GOOD. ..." Genesis 1:27, 28 & 31*

*"[5] And God saw that the WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS GREAT in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY EVIL continually. [6] And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. [7] And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." Genesis 6:5-7*



IMAGE/Foster Bible Pictures, 1897

The Days of Noah (c. 2350 BC)

The Gospels specifically point to the “days of Noe”, a period of 600 years preceding the Flood, as an era represented by a global transformation in man’s thinking towards God. A change that resulted in God describing man’s heart as “very good”, to God describing man’s heart as “only evil continually”. What factors could contribute to such an abrupt change that resulted in God destroying nearly all life on the planet?

The hearts of men changed from being “very good”, to being “only evil continually” in God’s eyes. Man went from being “blessed” by God, to being the object of the Creator’s grief. God went from instructing mankind to “replenish the earth” (Gen. 1:28), to destroying mankind “from the face of the earth”. Those are huge differences. What could have accounted for such a sudden spread and worldwide saturation of sin and evil? The Scriptures point primarily to one event, and that singular event directly precedes the statement of God’s indictment (Gen. 6:5). Because of this chronology in wording, I believe it’s safe to assume that THESE VERSES CONTAIN THE ANSWERS to man’s rapid, early descent into wickedness.

*“[1] And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, [2] That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. [3] And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. [4] There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”*

*Genesis 6:1-4*

The expression “it came to pass” is used 457 times in the King James Bible. The Lord uses the phrase to point out something important that is about to happen. Note the usage; “it” came to pass. And the readers response should be; “what” came to pass? The Bible then proceeds to define the “it”. The first time this phrase is used is found in Genesis 4:3 where a contrast is drawn between the offering of Cain and Abel (an important event). The second time

the phrase appears (Gen. 4:8) marks the first murder in recorded history (an important event). Genesis 6:1 contains the third use of the expression. This third usage is at a time “when” Earth’s population was on the increase. Man was fulfilling his command to “replenish the Earth” (Gen. 1:28), and the third “it came to pass” more specifically highlights the time when beings from beyond took notice of Earth’s budding female population. Here’s what the Bible points out:

*“... MEN began to multiply on ... EARTH, and DAUGHTERS were born unto THEM ... the sons of God saw the daughters of MEN ... and they took them wives ...”*

Sounds simple and quaint enough doesn’t it? Note particularly the words; (1) men, (2) earth and (3) daughters of men. Why not simply use the phrase “sons of men” in conjunction with “daughters of men”? Because the Scriptures are highlighting a difference. The unique phraseology “*daughters of men*” is found nowhere else in Scripture. And when used in context with men multiplying “*on the face of the earth*”, it implies that the “sons” which were taking these “daughters” were somehow not born of earthly fathers. The origin of these “sons” are from somewhere else. While a seemingly insignificant and innocent event on the surface (sons marrying daughters), the Scriptures go on to show that it was *this series of radical occurrences that marked the beginning of worldwide apostasy*, eventually incurring the wrath of God (Gen. 7). Much more will be said about these interesting verses later in the book, as we delve into the details and look specifically at life forms created by God, and other types of life. This is simply an introduction.

## **The First Visitors & the Seeds of Corruption**

When dealing with the subject of “Extraterrestrial” life, this book takes the word at its literal meaning; intelligent life forms “of or from

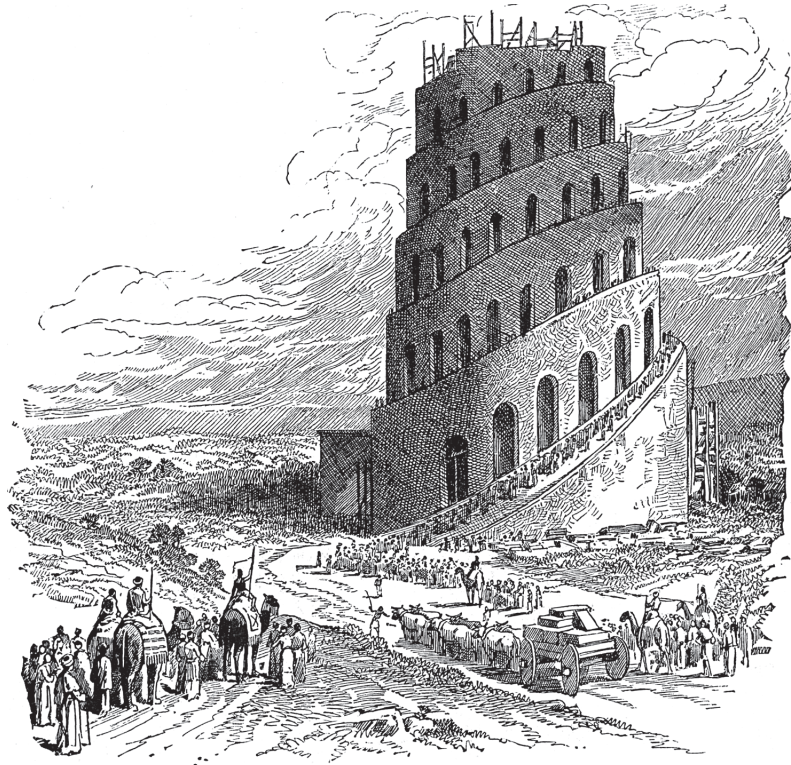
outside the earth or its atmosphere”. Unless otherwise noted, the use of this word does not imply in any way the more colloquial idea of the term, that of “little green men” from Mars. That is a definition which has hijacked the term over the past century. According to the Scriptures, the first extraterrestrial “close encounters” take place in the sixth chapter of Genesis. This marks the first account of extraterrestrial invaders, both biblically and in recorded history, and it triggered a detrimental change in mankind’s attitude and thinking towards God. The influences of these alien visitors helped exacerbate the new sin nature of man to such a degree (Gal. 5:19-21), that it not only helped shape the thinking of much of the world prior to the days of the Great Flood, but also afterward. Pre-flood peoples had direct, firsthand access to these things, their Earth-born children (the giants), and the corrupt higher wisdom which they espoused. There was no real need at the time for cultic and sorcerous religious type systems which sought to delve into the “Hidden Mysteries”, because the beings which embodied such beliefs were right there in their midsts. Graven images, idols and rituals came later. Such close contact between a young, more-innocent man and a race of beings which had no conscience regarding their gross evils, placed man’s sin nature on the fast-track and on a collision course with God. Sins which not only affected mankind, but according to the Bible, somehow affected the world’s animals as well. God proceeded to judge the WHOLE EARTH because “both man and beast” no longer represented the “very good” condition in which they were originally made. It is the Bible itself which names BOTH life forms as joint offenders, and not some unfounded pretext.

*“[5] And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. [6] And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it*

*grieved him at his heart. [7] And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; BOTH MAN, AND BEAST, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made THEM.” Genesis 6:5-7*

Post-flood memories of these encounters manifested themselves in the form of paganism and witchcraft, giving rise to the world of the occult and the ancient “Mystery Religions”. Cultic sects which utilized graven images and forbidden practices in an effort to rediscover and/or reproduce the lost wisdom of an evil world now past. Devilish wisdom which revered the “creature” (men-like gods, giants, animals and mongrelized hybrid monsters) more than the Creator. This was a new concept for man. After being mindful of the Truth (whether in writ, word or deed) from the patriarchs of mankind (Adam, Abel, Seth, Enoch, Noah etc.), the Earth took a turn for the worse. In the post-flood world, this type of belief was one of the major reasons why God called out a people unto Himself in the person of Abram. Had the Lord not done this, it is the belief of this author that God would’ve soon judged the world again by major catastrophe much like He did in Genesis 1:2, and 7. But God had a plan. Instead of hitting the “reset button” and starting over again (for the third time), God separated a people unto Himself and formed an unbreakable covenant (Gen. 15:18). But let’s not get ahead of ourselves. The beings which invaded the Earth in Genesis 6 had a MAJOR IMPACT on man’s attitude towards his Creator. One man stood apart however. The Scriptures refer to Noah as “a just man” who “walked with God” (Gen. 6:8). God blessed this just man (Gen. 9:1), and his beliefs helped form the foundation of the new world.

*“And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.” Genesis 7:1*



IMAGE/Foster Bible Pictures, 1897

Tower of Babel (c. 2250 BC)

The memories of pre-flood events were consolidated in the land of Shinar. Later, witchcraft and polytheism spread across the globe after the dispersal at Babel.

*“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them,  
Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.”*

*Genesis 9:1*

The righteous influence of Noah did not last long however. The memories of the pre-flood “Sons of God” and their unholy exploits were still fresh, and within a mere 425 years (approx.) after the Great Deluge, God calls Abram “out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house” (Gen. 12:1). The book of Joshua clarifies why the Lord required this separation:

*“[2] And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and THEY SERVED OTHER GODS. [3] And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. [14] Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away THE GODS WHICH YOUR FATHERS SERVED on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.” Joshua 24:2-3 & 14*

[NOTE: When Joshua mentioned “the other side of the flood”, he was not referring to the Flood of Noah, but to the land on the other side of the Jordan River.]

History points to Nimrod and his city and tower of Babel as the birthplace of the first concerted effort to organize the pre-flood memory of “god-men from space” into a religious system under a new world order. The Lord put a stop to this however, by confounding their language (Gen. 11:7). Unable to understand one another’s speech, the Earth divided in the days of Peleg (approx. 100 years after Noah’s Flood – Gen. 10:25). Each nation then went its separate way, carrying with it the generational stories and memories of the Genesis 6 “invasion”. By the time of Abram’s birth (Gen. 11:26), the concept of polytheism was operating globally in full force. The bulk of mankind now revered fallen beings from space and looked to them for truth and guidance, instead of their Creator. These blasphemous, budding beliefs were not simply an attempt to anthropomorphize the sun, moon and stars, but went way beyond such simplistic concepts as applying man-like qualities to the heavenly bodies. The truth runs much deeper. Remember, early

man was not a bunch of ignorant, dumb thumps hauling around clubs and living in caves. According to the Bible, the human race started out as HIGHLY INTELLIGENT MONOTHEISTS (don't forget that). Men who worshiped and acknowledged the True Living God. But this truth was derailed by "something" that was literally witnessed. Something Earth's early ancestors literally SAW WITH THEIR EYES. An unexpected global event that shook and changed the foundations of man's beliefs at the core. Instead of listening to those men of their day who "walked with God" or were "preachers of righteousness" (men like Adam, Enoch and Noah – see Gen. 5:22-24 & 2 Peter 2:5); the larger part of humanity chose to judge this incident, like their mother Eve, according to the flesh and outward appearance (Gen. 3:6). The seeds of corruption had been sown, and through the new sin nature of man, grew and flourished into a world unidentifiable with its beginning. A beginning which God once referred to as "very good". As time marched on, succeeding generations were birthed which knew nothing of the True God (Acts 17:30). The post-flood return of the giants were also a reminder of the now-lost, pre-flood "wisdom" after which the dominant pagan cults and mystery religions now sought (James 3:15). Further perusal of the Bible shows the link between the gods of the ancient cults and their connection with outer space and the stars.

### **Glorifying Men from the Stars**

*"But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves." Amos 5:26*

*"[42] Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilder-*

ness? [43] Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.” Acts 7:42-43

“ [22] Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars’ hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. [23] For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.” Acts 17:22-23

“And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?” Acts 19:35

With subtle references to things like “worship the host of heaven”, “the star of your god”, “the star of your god Remphan”, devotions



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Diana of Ephesus, a fertility goddess, is associated with an image which came to Earth from Jupiter.

to gods on “Mars’ hill” and an unidentified “image” coming to Earth “from Jupiter”, I propose there is more going on here than we probably realize. Because of their access to pre-flood history, ancient peoples undoubtedly knew more about true extraterrestrial life than we do today. Firsthand accounts of the events that lead to the Great Flood were available for over 500 years after the catastrophe (via word-of-mouth of Noah and his wife, and their sons and wives Gen. 9:28-29). Scriptures also record that the “giants” somehow made a return following the flood (Gen. 6:4). However, as Old Testament races of the creatures were eradicated (Deut. 2), and the memory of their off-world fathers forgotten, the history and knowledge of their existence became buried in legend and myth. Since that time, the belief in extraterrestrial life has waxed and waned from one century to the next, as philosophers, scientists and theologians have all contributed both for and against the argument. An argument which persists right up to the twenty-first century.

## **Chapter 1 Summary**

Genesis chapter 6 reveals the first contact between man and “extraterrestrial” life forms. These first Scriptural details are somewhat vague, and we’ve yet to address exactly “who” or “what” these beings are, but their impact on Earth’s early ancestors and the outcome of their arrival turned man’s thinking regarding his Creator upside-down. An event which set in motion a sharp rise in sin and evil, including the formation of groups and practices which regarded these things as “gods” and sought to establish their corrupt wisdom as the foundation for global spiritual thinking.

This first chapter has jumped into the subject rather abruptly. Further chapters will slow-down this thinking process and look at biblical details much more closely, as we investigate such topics as: The origins of outer space and its relation to darkness and the fall of Lucifer; an illustrated field guide and classification system to all



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Artist's concept of modern "extraterrestrial" life form (since 1961)

The *New Oxford American Dictionary* defines the word "extraterrestrial" as "of or from outside the earth or its atmosphere". This is the correct usage of the term. Yet, for modern man, many wrongly assume that the word always implies encounters with beings much like the ones shown above – highly evolved, saucer-flying "little green men" from "Mars". But there's no real proof for this concept. Only theories. In order to get the proper perspective and full truth regarding this subject, many readers may have to unlearn what they've unknowingly been conditioned to think.

life forms; a look at the little-known and rarely discussed mystery of counterfeit life; biblical cosmology and the Three Heavens; life in outer space and ancient space travel; angels, giants, devils and other strange creatures; science fiction and its role in the advancement of technology and end-times prophecy; and much more. The next 4 chapters will follow the historical evolution of the concept of extraterrestrial life, and examine the leading opinions, philosophies and movements which surround it up to the present day.



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