

What do you do when a prophet tells you to take a bath? What do you say to a fig tree with no figs? What happens when some young people mock a bald guy? What is a Nephilim? Is the witch of Endor a Star Wars character? Join as we explore these stranger things from the Bible and how they find themselves in the story of God.

Genesis Overview:

Author and Date: Genesis was perhaps written by Moses around 1445 B.C.

First readers and their location: Because Genesis was written so long ago much of what we know about authorship and audience are handed down from tradition. The first audience is thought to be the nation of Israel on their journey in the wilderness.

Why was it written?: Genesis is an historical narrative of God at work in creation and humanity.

Open-up

There are many conspiracy theories in the world today. What are some of the more recent ones you can think of? How do you respond to theories about the Bible?

**Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”**

Read: Genesis 6:1-9

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)

Describe the situation recorded in this passage. How does it describe the spiritual condition of the people?

How does the passage describe how God felt and thought of the situation? What was his plan?

Considering the different theories regarding this passage (See external resources), how does Matthew 22:30 bring clarity to the likely theories?



Into my life—Ask “What does this look like in my personal life?”

How do you respond to God’s condemnation of the ancient people? In your opinion, is the earth as corrupt as described in this passage?

What hope is there in this passage? (See also Genesis 6:9, 8:22-22, Hebrews 11:7, 2 Peter 2:4-10)

How does Matthew 5:13-16 speak to how Christians should live their lives in these times? How will you live? (Pray for each other in this)



Into the World—Ask “what does this look like in my world?”

What role can your group play in keeping the world from getting to the same point in this passage? Your church? You?