
REBELS

BASED ON THE SERMON: "Three Rebellions"

THE BIG IDEA: Most of Christian history has focused on the rebellion in Genesis 3 with Adam & Eve. The next two rebellions in Genesis 6 & 11 are often overlooked for their importance in regard to the spiritual battles we face on our journey to the City of God.

PRIMER Q: What comes to your mind when you think of spiritual rebellion? Human rebellion?

SERMON RECAP Q: What stood out to you in this week's sermon? Why did it stand out? How has God used the sermon to challenge and/or change you this week?

REMEMBER: One of the most important aspects of reading the Bible is remembering that the Bible was written FOR us but not TO us. The Bible was written to ancient people who had a different view of the world, and learning to see through their eyes will help us better interpret the Bible in context.

WATCH: "The Satan and Demons" by the The Bible Project (<https://youtu.be/CamYtVpoTNk>) is a 6 minute video to help us understand spiritual beings in the Bible. Take notes as you watch this video on your own or in a group. **Q:** What stood out to you in this video? **Q:** What questions do you have up to this point?

READ: Let's turn in our Bibles and read about the 1st recorded rebellion in **Genesis 3** paying careful attention to the serpent character. **Q:** What stood out to you in this passage? Why did it stand out? **Q:** What was the serpents tactic to tempt Adam and Eve (see vs.1 & 4)? How have you seen this tactic used in your life?

(Bonus Passage for study about the fall of Satan): In this passage we see God speaking through Ezekiel to the King of Tyre, but in the message Ezekiel begins to speak passed the king of Tyre and addresses the being behind the curtain. Read **Ezekiel 28:11-19** **Q:** Which verses seem to be talking to talking about the evil one? How do we know? **Q:** What does this teach us about why this being fell from God? **Q:** How does this help us remain faithful to God?

To Jesus: The original fall of Adam and Eve gave humanity a problem with death and sin. How did Jesus undo this problem of death (**Revelation 1:8, Romans 6:23, John 11:25**)?

READ: Let's turn in our Bibles and read about the 2nd recorded rebellion in **Genesis 6:1-4**. **Q:** Have you read this story before? What verses stand out in this passage? Why? **Q:** Why do you think lesser elohim would want to make their own children apart from God's children?

Sneak Peak

Read the following passages to prepare for next week:

- Isaiah 6:1-6
- Ezekiel 1:4-28
- Revelation 4
- Hebrews 13:2
- Psalm 103:20

For Bible Nerds

For an in depth introduction to this topic watch "The Unseen Realm documentary with Dr. Michel Heiser."

It's free on YouTube and was produced by Logos Bible Software.

<https://youtu.be/2QM7anD5vSI>

Prayer Requests

Take prayer requests in your group. Instead of *only* praying for people at your gathering set up a calendar event or reminder on your phone later in the week with prayer details as well.

Nephilim Discussion: These Nephilim (and their offspring) are the hybrid humans called mighty men and giants throughout the early parts of the Old Testament. Moses gets news of them when spying out the promised land. Joshua is commanded to conquer them. King David completes the task with the killing of the Goliath and his family members in Gath.

Q: Why would God want to remove these beings from earth?

READ: *Nephal* means "to fall" thus the *Nephilim* are "the fallen ones." **Q:** What does this Hebrew word insight teach us about why God wanted the Nephilim and all their descendants killed?

To Jesus: The fall of the Nephilim expanded the problem of immorality. **Q:** How did Jesus deal with the problem of immorality/sin (**1 John 1:9, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:24, 1 Peter 2:24**)?

READ: Let's turn in our Bibles and read about the 3rd recorded rebellion in **Genesis 11:1-9**. **Q:** What verses stand out to you in this story? Why?

READ: Let's read **Deuteronomy 32:8-9**. **Q:** What do these verses teach us about how God determined the borders of people at Babel? **Q:** Have you travelled to another place and noticed the spiritual battles and struggles seem different in different locations? **Q:** How is this connected to these geographical spirit rulers? (Related story to illustrate cosmic geography can found in Daniel 10.)

To Jesus: The Babel rebellion divided the nations because humans invented new ways to try and control their own lives. **Q:** How does Jesus redeem the anti-God nation mentality (**Acts 2:4-8, Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Peter 2:9**)? *Notice our part to play in bringing healing to the nations through the preaching of the gospel!

Closing Thoughts: Taking this week's sermon and bible study into account, what area of faith and doctrine do you feel compelled to study further?

CLOSE IN PRAYER