

## Ancient Jewish Views of the Nephilim

Ancient Jewish literature provides some of the most detailed descriptions of the Nephilim beyond the brief references found in Genesis 6.

In texts such as the Book of Enoch, the Nephilim are described as enormous beings who brought chaos and violence to the earth. These writings expand upon the Genesis account and present a dramatic picture of a world filled with powerful and destructive figures.

According to these traditions, the Nephilim consumed vast resources and eventually turned against humanity itself. Their presence contributed to the widespread corruption that ultimately led to the judgment of the flood.

The stories also claim that rebellious heavenly beings taught humans forbidden knowledge. This included warfare, weapon-making, and other practices that increased violence within society.

Although these writings are not included in most biblical canons, they show how ancient readers attempted to understand the mysterious verses in Genesis. They also reveal the importance of the Nephilim tradition in early Jewish thought.