

The sin of humanity has provoked many questions today. For example: if God is in control, why is there evil and suffering in the world? Hence, this has been a challenging question when we read the Bible and see the wickedness plaguing humanity for centuries. According to Genesis, Adam was the first man of the entire human race created in a state of innocence and the image of God. He was created with intelligence and the ability to communicate with God. However, when he and his wife Eve fell into sin, they brought the curse of sin on the entire human race. The idea that God created humanity to live in his image and likeness has been a far cry from what we have witnessed for centuries. Therefore, to gain a deeper understanding of the rise and fall of humanity, I select Genesis 6:5-7 for my Biblical study, and the ANE text for comparison is the Deliverance of Mankind from Destruction according to Egyptian Myths and Tales. The resources to compare my text are The Ancient Near East: An Anthology of Texts and Pictures by Pritchard, JSTOR (Nyack Library), and the Bible Hub. According to Walton, if we do not bring the information from the ancient cognitive environment to bear on the text, we will automatically impose the parameters of our modern worldview, thus risking severe distortion of meaning. As a result, studying this text will bring enlightenment and eliminate personal views shaping our beliefs in the Christian faith.