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The Divine Council Angelic Rebellion—Part 3

**Elohim, The Divine Council,
and Jesus**

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Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

Job 1:7, “And the Lord said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ So Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’

Job 1:8, “Then the Lord said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?’ ”

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**בְּנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים *bene ha'elohim*,
“sons of God”**

Job 38:4, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

Job 38:5, “Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

Job 38:6, “To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

Job 38:7, “When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

Psa. 89:5, “And the heavens will praise
Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness
also in the assembly of the saints
[*qadshim*].

Psa. 89:6, “For who in the heavens can be
compared to the Lord? Who among the
sons of the mighty [בְּנֵי אֱלֹהִים *bene 'elim*]
can be likened to the Lord?

Psa. 89:7, “God is greatly to be feared in
the assembly of the saints [*qadshim*], and
to be held in reverence by all those around
Him.”

Psa. 89:8, “O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

Psa. 89:9, “You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

Psa. 89:10, “You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

Psa. 89:11, “The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

Psa. 89:12, “The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.”

Psa. 89:13, “You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.

Psa. 89:14, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.”

Dan. 7:9, “I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire;

Dan. 7:10, “A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

Psa. 82: title “A Psalm of Asaph.

Psa. 82:1, “God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.

**Psa. 82:2, “How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked?
Selah”**

***Elohim*, meanings**

- a) a god, Exo. 20:3; Dan. 11:38;**
- b) all other instances, the true God; Gen. 1:1, 28;**
- c) a spirit of a dead person, again, a heavenly being, 1 Sam. 28;**
- d) a demon;**
- e) a spirit, or ghost of a dead person.**

***Elohim*, meanings: The God Yahweh**

Gen. 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ ”

False gods, behind the idols, the gods of the pagan pantheons.

Ex. 20:1, “And God spoke all these words, saying:

Ex. 20:2, “ ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Ex. 20:3, “ ‘You shall have no other gods [*elohim*] before Me.’ ”

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Dan. 11:38, “But in their place he [future antichrist] shall honor a god [*'eloah*] of fortresses; and a god [*'eloah*] which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.”

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to God,
To gods they did not know,
To new gods, new arrivals
That your fathers did not fear.”**

Deut. 32:15, “But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, you are obese! Then he forsook God [*'eloah*] who made him, and scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

Deut. 32:16, “They [Israelites] provoked Him to jealousy with foreign *gods*; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.”

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demons = '*elohim*

**NKJV wrongly italicizes 'gods' here as if it
isn't in the original, but it is—'*elohim*.**

'*elohim* refers to a spirit or ghost of a human, Samuel.

1 Sam. 28:13, “And the king said to her, ‘Do not be afraid. What did you see?’ And the woman said to Saul, ‘I saw a spirit [*elohim*] ascending out of the earth.’ ”

The Semantic Range of “*Elohim*”

Elohim
Yhwh our Elohim

Elohim does
not mean
only “God”

Or only
divine

**Heavenly
Being**

Elohim
“angels”
Psa. 8:5;
Heb. 2:7

Elohim
“gods”
[false]
Deut. 30:17

Elohim
“spirit, ghost”
1 Sam. 28:13

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Psa. 82:1, “*Elohim* (God of Israel) takes His place in the assembly of *El* [or *El*'s assembly]. He [*'Elohim*] judges among the *'elohim* [angels]” [HCSB suggests “heavenly beings” as an option]

“The psalmist envisioned God presiding over an assembly of judges. The word gods (אֱלֹהִים) is used here for authorities in Israel (cf. 45:6; Ex. 21:6; 22:8–9). Some have thought this refers to angels (e.g., the Syriac trans.) in God’s heavenly court. However, the remainder of the psalm clarifies that these are God’s representatives who are in authority on earth.”

~Allen Ross, “Psalms,” *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 1983

Referring to the phrase “the council of God”

“In another context this could be taken to refer to the nation of Israel (see Num. 27:17; Josh. 12:16–17); but in view of the parallel ‘in the midst of the gods’ (בְּקֶרֶב אֱלֹהִים) it would refer to human judges at least. They serve as God’s vice-regents on earth—they are judges who act in his name. But as mentioned above, the language seems to be referring primarily to supernatural beings in a heavenly assembly—not divine beings in a pantheon, for there is no such court of lesser gods in the Hebrew faith.” [italics added]

~Allen Ross, *Psalms*, 2013

“But there is an assembly of angels in the presence of God, and even Satan comes among them (Job 1 and 2). So the psalmist refers to assemblies of judges using language that applies more fully to the divine assembly of supernatural beings to affirm that all powers, real and imagined, are subject to the LORD.”

~Ross, *Psalms*

Psa. 82:6, “I said,

**‘You are gods [*’elohim*],
And all of you are children [sons] of the
Most High.’ ” [וּבְנֵי עֶלְיוֹן] [*ubene ‘elyon*]**

Gen. 14:18, “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High [*El Elyon*].

Gen. 14:19, “And he blessed him and said: ‘Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen. 14:20, “ ‘And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.’ And he gave him a tithe of all.”

Gen. 14:22, “But Abram said to the king of Sodom, ‘I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,’ ”

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Another phrase for *bene ha’elohim

Ex. 22:8, “If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the judges to see whether he has put his hand into his neighbor’s goods.

Ex. 22:9, “For any kind of trespass, whether it concerns an ox, a donkey, a sheep, or clothing, or for any kind of lost thing which another claims to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges [*’elohim*]; and whomever the judges [*’elohim*] condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.” ~NKJV

Ex. 22:8, “If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall come near unto God, to see whether he have not put his hand unto his neighbour’s goods.” ~ESV

Ex. 22:9, “For every matter of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, whereof one saith, This is it, the cause of both parties shall come before God; he whom God shall condemn shall pay double unto his neighbour.” ~ESV

John 10:23, “And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon’s porch.

John 10:24, “Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, ‘How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.’ ”

John 10:27, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

John 10:28, “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 10:29, “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.

John 10:30, “I and My Father are one.”

John 10:31, “Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

John 10:32, “Jesus answered them, ‘Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?’

John 10:33, “The Jews answered Him, saying, ‘For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.’

John 10:34, “Jesus answered them, ‘Is it not written in your law, “I said, ‘You are gods’ ” ’?’”

John 10:35, “If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

John 10:36, “do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”