

The Unseen Realm

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Yahweh's Divine Council

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morning stars

sons of God

assembly of the holy ones

council of the holy ones

council of the LORD

my council

watchers

holy ones

host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left

divine council

Job 38:4-7	Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
Psa 89:5-7	Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones , and awesome above all who are around him?
Jer 23:18	For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
Jer 23:21-22	I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council , then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.
Dan 4:17	The sentence is by the decree of the watchers , the decision by the word of the holy ones , to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.'

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1 Kings 22:19-23	And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left ; and the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another . Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, ‘I will entice him.’ And the LORD said to him, ‘By what means?’ And he said, ‘I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.’ Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; the LORD has declared disaster for you.”
2 Chron 18:18-22	And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. And the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab the king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, ‘I will entice him.’ And the LORD said to him, ‘By what means?’ And he said, ‘I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.’ Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets. The LORD has declared disaster concerning you.”
Job 1:6-7	Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. The LORD said to Satan , “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”
Job 2:1-2	Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said to Satan , “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”
Psa 138:1	I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
Gen 1:26	Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
Gen 1:27	So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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Gen 3:22	Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil."
Gen 11:5-9	And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.
Deut 32:8-9	When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God . But the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.
Deut 29:25-26	Then people will say, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them.'
Acts 17:26-27	And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place , that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,
Psa 82	God has taken his place in the divine council ; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah. Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High , all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince." Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations !

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Divine Beings

Created divine beings are referred to as-

gods (H-elohim), (Psa 82:1, 6)

god (G-theos)

sons of God, (H-bene elohim) (Job 38:7; Psa 82:6)

watchers,

host of heaven (Isa 24:21)

prince (H-sar/sarim) (Dan 10:13, 20-21)

chief princes (G-archonton/archon) (Dan 10: 13)

holy ones, (Zech 14:5)

angels (describes function-messenger – H-mal’ak, .G-aggelos/angelos)

Satan

demons (G-daimon/daimonion)

elders (Isa 24:23)

guardian cherub

powers (G-dynamis) (Rom 8:38; Eph 1:21)

rulers (G-archonton/archon) (1 Cor 2:8)

rulers / principalities (G-arche) (Eph 1:21; 3:10; 6:12; Col 2:15)

powers / authorities (G-exousia) (Eph 1:21; 3:10; 6:12; Col 2:15)

world rulers (G-kosmokrator) (Eph 6:12)

spiritual forces (G-pneumatikos) (Eph 6:12)

thrones (G-thronos)

dominions / lords (G-kyrios) (Eph 1:21)

glorious ones (G-doksas) (2 Pet 2:10; Jude 8)

archangel (Jude 9)

Gen 6:1-4	When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.
Ex 12:12	For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.
Ex 15:11	Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods ? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

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Ex 18:10-11	Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods , because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people."
Lev 16:7-10	Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel . And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering, but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel .
Lev 17:7	So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons , after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.
Num 33:4	while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck down among them. On their gods also the LORD executed judgments.
Deut 3:24	O Lord GOD, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours?
Deut 4:19-20	And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven , you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance , as you are this day.
Deut 10:17	For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords , the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.
Deut 17:2-5	If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing his covenant, and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven , which I have forbidden, and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel, then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil thing, and you shall stone that man or woman to death with stones.

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Deut 29:25-26	Then people will say, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them.
Deut 32:12	the LORD alone guided him, no foreign god was with him.
Deut 32:16-17	They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods ; with abominations they provoked him to anger. They sacrificed to demons that were no gods, to gods they had never known, to new gods that had come recently, whom your fathers had never dreaded.
Deut 33:2-3	He said, "The LORD came from Sinai and dawned from Seir upon us; he shone forth from Mount Paran; he came from the ten thousands of holy ones , with flaming fire at his right hand. Yes, he loved his people, all his holy ones were in his hand; so they followed in your steps, receiving direction from you, . . ."
Judges 3:5-6	So the people of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And their daughters they took to themselves for wives, and their own daughters they gave to their sons, and they served their gods .
Judges 6:10	And I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But you have not obeyed my voice.
2 Sam 7:22-24	Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods ? And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God.
1 Kings 8:23	O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath,

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2 Kings 5:17-19	Then Naaman said, “If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth , for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon , when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon , the LORD pardon your servant in this matter.” He said to him, “Go in peace.”
2 Kings 6:16-17	He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.
1 Chron 21:1	Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.
2 Chron 2:5	The house that I am to build will be great, for our God is greater than all gods .
Neh 9:6	You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host , the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; hand you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.
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Psa 8:5	Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

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Psa 29:1	Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings , ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Psa 82	God has taken his place in the divine council ; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah. Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High , all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.” Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!
Psa 86:8	There is none like you among the gods , O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
Psa 89:5-7	Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones ! For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones , and awesome above all who are around him?
Psa 95:3	For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods .
Psa 96:4	For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods .
Psa 97:9	For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods .
Psa 106:37-38	They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons ; they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood.
Psa 136:2	Give thanks to the God of gods , for his steadfast love endures forever.
Psa 138:1	I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

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Isa 6:1-8	<p>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."</p>
Isa 14:12-20	<p>"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?' All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb; but you are cast out, away from your grave, like a loathed branch, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a dead body trampled underfoot. You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, you have slain your people."</p>
Isa 24:21-23	<p>On that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth. They will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit; they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished. Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed, for the LORD of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.</p>
Isa 34:1-6	<p>Draw near, O nations, to hear, and give attention, O peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that fills it; the world, and all that comes from it. For the LORD is enraged against all the nations, and furious against all their host; he has devoted them to destruction, has given them over for slaughter. Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree.</p>

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Jer 18:15	But my people have forgotten me; they make offerings to false gods ;
Ezekiel 28:11-19	Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me: “Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. You were an anointed guardian cherub . I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub , from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought fire out from your midst; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever.”
Dan 4:13	“I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a watcher , a holy one , came down from heaven.”
Dan 4:17	The sentence is by the decree of the watchers , the decision by the word of the holy ones , to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.’
Dan 4:23	And because the king saw a watcher , a holy one , coming down from heaven and saying,
Dan 4:35	he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

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Dan 7:9-10	<p>As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.</p> <p>[doesn't include Jesus' throne – v13]</p>
Dan 7:11-12	<p>I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.</p>
Dan 7:13-14	<p>I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.</p>
Dan 7:25-27	<p>He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'</p>
Dan 10:12-14	<p>Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."</p>

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Dan 10:18-21	Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia ; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince .”
Zech 3:1-2	Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD , and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. And the LORD said to Satan , “The LORD rebuke you, O Satan ! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?”
Zech 14:5	And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.
Matt 4:8-9	Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”
Matt 16:21-23	From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan ! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”
Luke 10:17-18	The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”
John 10:34-36	Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods ’? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”
John 12:31	Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.
Acts 7:38	This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers.

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Acts 7:53	you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.
Acts 17:26-27	And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place , that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,
Rom 8:18-24	For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God . For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?
Rom 8:38-39	For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers , nor things present nor things to come, nor powers , nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Rom 16:20	The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
1 Cor 2:6-8	Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
1 Cor 5:4-5	When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.
1 Cor 6:3	Do you not know that we are to judge angels ? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

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1 Cor 8:1-6	Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, she is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “ gods ” and many “ lords ”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.
1 Cor 10:18-22	Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons . You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons . You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons . Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?
2 Cor 12:7-10	So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
Gal 3:19-20	Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.
Gal 4:8	Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods .
Eph 1:20-21	that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion , and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

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Eph 2:1-3	And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air , the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
Eph 3:8-11	To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places . This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Eph 6:11-12	Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil . For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers , against the authorities , against the cosmic powers over this present darkness , against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places .
Col 2:8-10	See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world , and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority .
Col 2:15	He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
1 Tim 4:1	Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons ,
Heb 1:13-14	And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?
Heb 2:2	For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,
Heb 2:7	You made him for a little while lower than the angels ; you have crowned him with glory and honor,

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Heb 2:11-12	For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers ; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”
Heb 9:5	Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.
James 2:19	You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!
1 Pet 1:12	It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.
1 Pet 3:18-22	For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison , because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.
2 Pet 2:4	For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;
2 Pet 2:10-11	Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones , whereas angels , though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.
Jude 6	And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day
Jude 8-9	Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones . But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil , was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”

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Jude 14-15	It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones , to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."
Rev 4:4	Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders , clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.
Rev 4:6-8	And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures , full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures , each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"
Rev 4:9-10	And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
Rev 5:5	And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."
Rev 5:8	And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
Rev 5:11	Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels , numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
Rev 5:14	And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.
Rev 9:20	The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk,

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Rev 12:7-12	<p>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”</p>
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The Nations, Their gods & Yahweh's Inheritance

Gen 11:5-9	And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth , and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth .
Ex 7:11-12	Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts . For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.
Ex 7:21-22	And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts . So Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.
Ex 8:7	But the magicians did the same by their secret arts and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.
Ex 12:12	For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.
Ex 23:23-24	When my angel goes before you and brings you to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, and I blot them out, you shall not bow down to their gods nor serve them, nor do as they do, but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their pillars in pieces.
Num 21:29	Woe to you, O Moab! You are undone, O people of Chemosh!
Num 25:1-3	While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods , and the people ate and bowed down to their gods . So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor . And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

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Num 33:4	while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck down among them. On their gods also the LORD executed judgments.
Deut 32:8-9	When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God . But the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage .
Judges 6:10	And I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But you have not obeyed my voice.
Judges 10:6	The people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroath , the gods of Syria , the gods of Sidon , the gods of Moab , the gods of the Ammonites , and the gods of the Philistines . And they forsook the LORD and did not serve him.
Judges 11:23-24	So then the LORD, the God of Israel, dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel; and are you to take possession of them? Will you not possess what Chemosh your god gives you to possess ? And all that the LORD our God has dispossessed before us, we will possess.
1 Kings 11:33	because they have forsaken me and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians , Chemosh the god of Moab , and Milcom the god of the Ammonites ,
2 Kings 1:2-3	Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron , whether I shall recover from this sickness." But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron ?'"
2 Kings 5:17-19	Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth , for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon , when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon , the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." He said to him, "Go in peace."
2 Kings 17:29-31	But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the shrines of the high places that the Samaritans had made, every nation in the cities in which they lived. The men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth , the men of Cuth made Nergal , the men of Hamath made Ashima , and the Avvites made

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	Nibhaz and Tartak ; and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech , the gods of Sepharvaim.
2 Sam 7:22-24	Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods ? And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God.
Psa 82	God has taken his place in the divine council ; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah. Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High , all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.” Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations !
Psa 106:28	Then they yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor , and ate sacrifices offered to the dead;
Isa 2:2	It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,
Isa 19:24-25	In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance .”
Isa 34:1-6	Draw near, O nations , to hear, and give attention, O peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that fills it; the world, and all that comes from it. For the LORD is enraged against all the nations , and furious against all their host ; he has devoted them to destruction, has given them over for slaughter. Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree.
Ezekiel 38:23	So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations . Then they will know that I am the LORD.

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Dan 7:13-14	I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.
Dan 10:12-14	Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes , came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”
Dan 10:18-21	Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia ; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince .”
Zeph 2:11	The LORD will be awesome against them; for he will famish all the gods of the earth , and to him shall bow down, each in its place, all the lands of the nations .
John 10:34-36	Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods ’? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”
Acts 17:26-27	And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place , that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,
Acts 19:27	And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship.
Acts 19:34	But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians! ”

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Acts 19:35-36	And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, “Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis , and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky? Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash.”
Eph 1:18	having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,
Col 2:15	He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
Rev 2:26-27	The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations , and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.
Rev 11:18	The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.
Rev 12:5	She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,
Rev 15:3-4	And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations !
Rev 18:3	For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.
Rev 18:23	for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.
Rev 19:15	From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations , and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
Rev 20:3	and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that she might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended.

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Rev 20:7-8	And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth,
Rev 21:24-26	By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations .
Rev 22:2	also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations .

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Giants

The giants are referred to as:

Nephilim – Num 13:33

Anakim – Num 13:33; Deut 9:1-3

Emim – Deut 2:10

Rephaim – Deut 3:11

Zamzummim – Deut 2:20-21

Amorites – Amos 2:9

The Horites and the Avvim are never referred to as being giants, but they surface in connection with giant clans in a number of passages. Individuals known to have been giants include Og king of Bashan, Sihon king of Heshbon, Sippai, Goliath, and Goliath's brothers (Lahmi & ??).

Gen 6:1-4	When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.
Gen 14:5-7	In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.
Gen 15:18-21	On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim , the Amorites , the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."
Num 13:22	They went up into the Negeb and came to Hebron. Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak , were there.
Num 13:27-28	And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there."

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Num 13:32-33	So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak , who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”
Deut 2:10-11	The Emim formerly lived there, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim . Like the Anakim they are also counted as Rephaim , but the Moabites call them Emim .
Deut 2:19-23	And when you approach the territory of the people of Ammon, do not harass them or contend with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.’ (It is also counted as a land of Rephaim . Rephaim formerly lived there—but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim —a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim ; but the LORD destroyed them before the Ammonites, and they dispossessed them and settled in their place, as he did for the people of Esau, who live in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites before them and they dispossessed them and settled in their place even to this day. As for the Avvim , who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and settled in their place.)
Deut 3:1-4	Then we turned and went up the way to Bashan . And Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites , who lived at Heshbon.’ So the LORD our God gave into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan , and all his people, hand we struck him down until he had no survivor left. And we took all his cities at that time—there was not a city that we did not take from them—sixty cities, the whole region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan .
Deut 3:11	(For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim . Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)
Deut 3:13	The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan , the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of Rephaim .)
Deut 9:1-3	Hear, O Israel: you are to cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fortified up to heaven, a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim , whom you know,

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	and of whom you have heard it said, ‘Who can stand before the sons of Anak ?’ Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the LORD your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as the LORD has promised you.
Joshua 11:21-22	And Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua devoted them to destruction with their cities. There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did some remain.
Joshua 12:4-5	and Og king of Bashan , one of the remnant of the Rephaim , who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei and ruled over Mount Hermon and Salecah and all Bashan to the boundary of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and over half of Gilead to the boundary of Sihon king of Heshbon.
Joshua 13:1-7	Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess. This is the land that yet remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all those of the Geshurites (from the Shihor, which is east of Egypt, northward to the boundary of Ekron, it is counted as Canaanite; there are five rulers of the Philistines, those of Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron), and those of the Avvim , in the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the boundary of the Amorites , and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo-hamath, all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, even all the Sidonians. I myself will drive them out from before the people of Israel. Only allot the land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you. Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh.”
Joshua 13:12	all the kingdom of Og in Bashan , who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (he alone was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); these Moses had struck and driven out.

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Joshua 14:12-15	<p>“So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said.” Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD, the God of Israel. Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.</p>
Joshua 15:8	<p>Then the boundary goes up by the Valley of the Son of Hinnom at the southern shoulder of the Jebusite (that is, Jerusalem). And the boundary goes up to the top of the mountain that lies over against the Valley of Hinnom, on the west, at the northern end of the Valley of Rephaim.</p>
Joshua 15:13-14	<p>According to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the people of Judah, Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak). And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi, the descendants of Anak.</p>
Joshua 17:15	<p>And Joshua said to them, “If you are a numerous people, go up by yourselves to the forest, and there clear ground for yourselves in the land of the Perizzites and the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you.”</p>
Joshua 18:16	<p>Then the boundary goes down to the border of the mountain that overlooks the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is at the north end of the Valley of Rephaim.</p>
Judges 1:10	<p>And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (now the name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba), and they defeated Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi.</p>
2 Sam 5:18	<p>Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim.</p>
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2 Sam 23:13	<p>And three of the thirty chief men went down and came about harvest time to David at the cave of Adullam, when a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim.</p>

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1 Chron 20:4-8	And after this there arose war with the Philistines at Gezer. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Sippai , who was one of the descendants of the giants , and the Philistines were subdued. And there was again war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair struck down Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number, and he also was descended from the giants . And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, struck him down. These were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.
Amos 2:9-10	Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars and who was as strong as the oaks; I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath. Also it was I who brought you up out of the land of Egypt band led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite .
1 Pet 3:18-22	For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison , because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.
2 Pet 2:4	For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;
Jude 6	And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day

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Bashan & Mount Hermon

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Num 21:33-35	Then they turned and went up by the way to Bashan . And Og the king of Bashan came out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. But the LORD said to Moses, “Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.” So they defeated him and his sons and all his people, until he had no survivor left. And they possessed his land.
Num 32:33	And Moses gave to them, to the people of Gad and to the people of Reuben and to the half-tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan , the land and its cities with their territories, the cities of the land throughout the country.
Deut 1:3-4	In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them, after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan , who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei.
Deut 3:1-4	Then we turned and went up the way to Bashan . And Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites , who lived at Heshbon.’ So the LORD our God gave into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan , and all his people, hand we struck him down until he had no survivor left. And we took all his cities at that time—there was not a city that we did not take from them—sixty cities, the whole region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan .

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Deut 3:8-11	So we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion , while the Amorites call it Senir), all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan , as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan . (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim . Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)
Deut 3:13-14	The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan , the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of Rephaim . Jair the Manassite took all the region of Argob, that is, Bashan , as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called the villages after his own name, Havvoth-jair, as it is to this day.)
Deut 4:41-43	Then Moses set apart three cities in the east beyond the Jordan, that the manslayer might flee there, anyone who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without being at enmity with him in time past; he may flee to one of these cities and save his life: Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.
Deut 4:47-48	And they took possession of his land and the land of Og, the king of Bashan , the two kings of the Amorites, who lived to the east beyond the Jordan; from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, as far as Mount Sirion (that is, Hermon),
Deut 29:7-8	And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out against us to battle, but we defeated them. We took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites.
Deut 32:14	Curds from the herd, and milk from the flock, with fat of lambs, rams of Bashan and goats, with the very finest of the wheat—and you drank foaming wine made from the blood of the grape.
Deut 33:22	And of Dan he said, “Dan is a lion's cub that leaps from Bashan .”
Joshua 9:9-10	They said to him, “From a very distant country your servants have come, because of the name of the LORD your God. For we have heard a report of him, and all that he did in Egypt, and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan , who lived in Ashtaroth.

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Joshua 11:1-5	When Jabin, king of Hazor, heard of this, he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, and to the kings who were in the northern hill country, and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and in Naphoth-dor on the west, to the Canaanites in the east and the west, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, and the Jebusites in the hill country, and the Hivites under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. And they came out with all their troops, a great horde, in number like the sand that is on the seashore, with very many horses and chariots. And all these kings joined their forces and came and encamped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.
Joshua 11:16-17	So Joshua took all that land, the hill country and all the Negeb and all the land of Goshen and the lowland and the Arabah and the hill country of Israel and its lowland from Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir, as far as Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon . And he captured all their kings and struck them and put them to death.
Joshua 12:1-5	Now these are the kings of the land whom the people of Israel defeated and took possession of their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon , with all the Arabah eastward: Sihon king of the Amorites who lived at Heshbon and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and from the middle of the valley as far as the river Jabbok, the boundary of the Ammonites, that is, half of Gilead, and the Arabah to the Sea of Chinneroth eastward, and in the direction of Beth-jeshimoth, to the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, southward to the foot of the slopes of Pisgah; and Og king of Bashan , one of the remnant of the Rephaim , who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei and ruled over Mount Hermon and Salecah and all Bashan to the boundary of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and over half of Gilead to the boundary of Sihon king of Heshbon.

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Joshua 13:1-7	<p>Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess. This is the land that yet remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all those of the Geshurites (from the Shihor, which is east of Egypt, northward to the boundary of Ekron, it is counted as Canaanite; there are five rulers of the Philistines, those of Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron), and those of the Avvim, in the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the boundary of the Amorites, and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo-hamath, all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, even all the Sidonians. I myself will drive them out from before the people of Israel. Only allot the land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you. Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh.”</p>
Joshua 13:8-12	<p>With the other half of the tribe of Manasseh the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them: from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the tableland of Medeba as far as Dibon; and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the boundary of the Ammonites; and Gilead, and the region of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salecah; all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (he alone was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); these Moses had struck and driven out.</p>
Joshua 13:29-31	<p>And Moses gave an inheritance to the half-tribe of Manasseh. It was allotted to the half-tribe of the people of Manasseh according to their clans. Their region extended from Mahanaim, through all Bashan, the whole kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities, and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. These were allotted to the people of Machir the son of Manasseh for the half of the people of Machir according to their clans.</p>
Joshua 17:1	<p>Then allotment was made to the people of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph. To Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, were allotted Gilead and Bashan, because he was a man of war.</p>
Joshua 17:5-6	<p>Thus there fell to Manasseh ten portions, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is on the other side of the Jordan, because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance along with his sons. The land of Gilead was allotted to the rest of the people of Manasseh.</p>

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Joshua 19:47	When the territory of the people of Dan was lost to them, the people of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and after capturing it and striking it with the sword they took possession of it and settled in it, calling Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor.
Joshua 20:8-9	And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they appointed Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland, from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan , from the tribe of Manasseh. These were the cities designated for all the people of Israel and for the stranger sojourning among them, that anyone who killed a person without intent could flee there, so that he might not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, till he stood before the congregation.
Joshua 21:6	The Gershonites received by lot from the clans of the tribe of Issachar, from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan , thirteen cities.
Joshua 21:27	And to the Gershonites, one of the clans of the Levites, were given out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Beeshterah with its pasturelands—two cities;
Joshua 22:7	Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan , but to the other half Joshua had given a possession beside their brothers in the land west of the Jordan.
Judges 1:34-36	The Amorites pressed the people of Dan back into the hill country, for they did not allow them to come down to the plain. The Amorites persisted in dwelling in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim, but the hand of the house of Joseph rested heavily on them, and they became subject to forced labor. And the border of the Amorites ran from the ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.
Judges 3:3-4	These are the nations: the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and the Hivites who lived on Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as Lebo-hamath. They were for the testing of Israel, to know whether Israel would obey the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.
Judges 18:1-2	In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the people of Dan was seeking for itself an inheritance to dwell in, for until then no inheritance among the tribes of Israel had fallen to them. So the people of Dan sent five able men from the whole number of their tribe, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to explore it.

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Judges 18:27-31	But the people of Dan took what Micah had made, and the priest who belonged to him, and they came to Laish, to a people quiet and unsuspecting, and struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire. And there was no deliverer because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings with anyone. It was in the valley that belongs to Beth-rehob. Then they rebuilt the city and lived in it. And they named the city Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor, who was born to Israel; but the name of the city was Laish at the first. And the people of Dan set up the carved image for themselves, and Jonathan the son of Gershom, son of Moses, and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land. So they set up Micah's carved image that he made, was long as the house of God was at Shiloh.
1 Kings 4:13	Ben-geber, in Ramoth-gilead (he had the villages of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead, and he had the region of Argob, which is in Bashan , sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars);
1 Kings 4:19	Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan . And there was one governor who was over the land.
2 Kings 10:32-33	In those days the LORD began to cut off parts of Israel. Hazael defeated them throughout the territory of Israel: from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the Valley of the Arnon, that is, Gilead and Bashan .
1 Chron 5:11-16	The sons of Gad lived over against them in the land of Bashan as far as Salecah: Joel the chief, Shapham the second, Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan . And their kinsmen according to their fathers' houses: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia and Eber, seven. These were the sons of Abihail the son of Huri, son of Jaroah, son of Gilead, son of Michael, son of Jeshishai, son of Jahdo, son of Buz. Ahi the son of Abdiel, son of Guni, was chief in their fathers' houses, and they lived in Gilead, in Bashan and in its towns, and in all the pasturelands of Sharon to their limits.
1 Chron 5:23	The members of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land. They were very numerous from Bashan to Baal-hermon , Senir , and Mount Hermon .
1 Chron 6:62	To the Gershomites according to their clans were allotted thirteen cities out of the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali and Manasseh in Bashan .
1 Chron 6:71	To the Gershomites were given out of the clan of the half-tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands and Ashtaroth with its pasturelands;

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Neh 9:22	And you gave them kingdoms and peoples and allotted to them every corner. So they took possession of the land of Sihon king of Heshbon and the land of Og king of Bashan .
Psa 22:12-13	Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
Psa 29:5-6	The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
Psa 42:6	My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon , from Mount Mizar.
Psa 68:15-18	O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan ; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan ! Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the LORD will dwell forever? The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.
Psa 68:21-23	But God will strike the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways. The Lord said, "I will bring them back from Bashan , I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, that you may strike your feet in their blood, that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from the foe."
Psa 89:12	The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.
Psa 133:1-3	Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon , which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.
Psa 135:10-12	who struck down many nations and killed mighty kings, Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan , and all the kingdoms of Canaan, and gave their land as a heritage, a heritage to his people Israel.

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Psa 136:17-22	to him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; and killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; Sihon, king of the Amorites, for his steadfast love endures forever; and Og, king of Bashan , for his steadfast love endures forever; and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures forever; a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures forever.
Song of Sol 4:8	Come with me from Lebanon, my bride; come with me from Lebanon. Depart from the peak of Amana, from the peak of Senir and Hermon , from the dens of lions, from the mountains of leopards.
Isa 2:12-14	For the LORD of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up—and it shall be brought low; against all the cedars of Lebanon, lofty and lifted up; and against all the oaks of Bashan ; against all the lofty mountains, and against all the uplifted hills;
Isa 14:12-20	“How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north ; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ But you are brought down to Sheol , to the far reaches of the pit. Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?’ All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb; but you are cast out, away from your grave, like a loathed branch, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a dead body trampled underfoot. You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, you have slain your people.”
Isa 33:9	The land mourns and languishes; Lebanon is confounded and withers away; Sharon is like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves.
Jer 18:13-14	Therefore thus says the LORD: Ask among the nations, Who has heard the like of this? The virgin Israel has done a very horrible thing. Does the snow of Lebanon leave the crags of Sirion ? Do the mountain waters run dry, the cold flowing streams?
Jer 22:20	Go up to Lebanon, and cry out, and lift up your voice in Bashan ; cry out from Abarim, for all your lovers are destroyed.
Jer 50:19	I will restore Israel to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and in Bashan , and his desire shall be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead.

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Ezekiel 27:6	Of oaks of Bashan they made your oars; they made your deck of pines from the coasts of Cyprus, inlaid with ivory.
Ezekiel 39:18-19	As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD: Speak to the birds of every sort and to all beasts of the field: ‘Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth—of rams, of lambs, and of he-goats, of bulls, all of them fat beasts of Bashan . And you shall eat fat till you are filled, and drink blood till you are drunk, at the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you.
Amos 4:1-3	“Hear this word, you cows of Bashan , who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, ‘Bring, that we may drink!’ The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the last of you with fishhooks. And you shall go out through the breaches, each one straight ahead; and you shall be cast out into Harmon ,” declares the LORD.
Micah 7:14	Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance, who dwell alone in a forest in the midst of a garden land; let them graze in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old.
Nahum 1:4	He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; he dries up all the rivers; Bashan and Carmel wither; the bloom of Lebanon withers.
Matt 16:13-20	Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi , he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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It is also known as Baal Hermon and Baal Gad in the Old Testament. It was later known as Panias after the Greek god Pan, who was worshipped there.

Matt 17:1-8	And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.
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The city of Dan is near Caesarea Philippi. Dan is also referred to as Laish and Leshem.

The phrase pulai hadou (gates of hell) is a Jewish expression meaning “realm of the dead.”

Deut 3:8-11	So we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion , while the Amorites call it Senir), all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan , as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan . (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim . Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)
Deut 3:13-14	The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan , the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of Rephaim . Jair the Manassite took all the region of Argob, that is, Bashan , as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called the villages after his own name, Havvoth-jair, as it is to this day.)
Deut 4:47-48	And they took possession of his land and the land of Og, the king of Bashan , the two kings of the Amorites, who lived to the east beyond the Jordan; from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, as far as Mount Sirion (that is, Hermon),
Deut 33:22	And of Dan he said, “Dan is a lion's cub that leaps from Bashan .”

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Joshua 12:1-5	<p>Now these are the kings of the land whom the people of Israel defeated and took possession of their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon, with all the Arabah eastward: Sihon king of the Amorites who lived at Heshbon and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and from the middle of the valley as far as the river Jabbok, the boundary of the Ammonites, that is, half of Gilead, and the Arabah to the Sea of Chinneroth eastward, and in the direction of Beth-jeshimoth, to the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, southward to the foot of the slopes of Pisgah; and Og king of Bashan, one of the remnant of the Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei and ruled over Mount Hermon and Salecah and all Bashan to the boundary of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and over half of Gilead to the boundary of Sihon king of Heshbon.</p>
Joshua 13:8-12	<p>With the other half of the tribe of Manasseh the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them: from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the tableland of Medeba as far as Dibon; and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the boundary of the Ammonites; and Gilead, and the region of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salecah; all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (he alone was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); these Moses had struck and driven out.</p>
Joshua 13:29-31	<p>And Moses gave an inheritance to the half-tribe of Manasseh. It was allotted to the half-tribe of the people of Manasseh according to their clans. Their region extended from Mahanaim, through all Bashan, the whole kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities, and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. These were allotted to the people of Machir the son of Manasseh for the half of the people of Machir according to their clans.</p>
Joshua 19:47	<p>When the territory of the people of Dan was lost to them, the people of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and after capturing it and striking it with the sword they took possession of it and settled in it, calling Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor.</p>
Judges 18:1-2	<p>In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the people of Dan was seeking for itself an inheritance to dwell in, for until then no inheritance among the tribes of Israel had fallen to them. So the people of Dan sent five able men from the whole number of their tribe, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to explore it.</p>

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Judges 18:27-31	But the people of Dan took what Micah had made, and the priest who belonged to him, and they came to Laish, to a people quiet and unsuspecting, and struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire. And there was no deliverer because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings with anyone. It was in the valley that belongs to Beth-rehob. Then they rebuilt the city and lived in it. And they named the city Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor, who was born to Israel; but the name of the city was Laish at the first. And the people of Dan set up the carved image for themselves, and Jonathan the son of Gershom, son of Moses, and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land. So they set up Micah's carved image that he made, was long as the house of God was at Shiloh.
1 Kings 4:13	Ben-geber, in Ramoth-gilead (he had the villages of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead, and he had the region of Argob, which is in Bashan , sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars);
1 Chron 5:23	The members of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land. They were very numerous from Bashan to Baal-hermon , Senir , and Mount Hermon .
Psa 22:12-13	Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
Psa 68:15-18	O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan ; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan ! Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the LORD will dwell forever? The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.
Psa 68:21-23	But God will strike the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways. The Lord said, "I will bring them back from Bashan , I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, that you may strike your feet in their blood, that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from the foe."

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Ezekiel 39:18-19	As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD: Speak to the birds of every sort and to all beasts of the field: ‘Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth—of rams, of lambs, and of he-goats, of bulls, all of them fat beasts of Bashan . And you shall eat fat till you are filled, and drink blood till you are drunk, at the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you.
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Matt 16:13-20	Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi , he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.
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Church tradition identifies the mountain of transfiguration as Mount Tabor, about 12 miles southwest of the Sea of Galilee, but most scholars favor Mount Hermon, outside of Galilee and rising 9,166 feet above sea level. Caesarea Philippi is at the southwest base of Mount Hermon. It is also known as Baal Hermon and Baal Gad in the Old Testament. It was later known as Panias after the Greek god Pan, who was worshipped there.

Matt 17:1-8	And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.
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Use of “us” in Genesis

Who is the “us” in the early chapters of Genesis?

Gen 1:26	Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
Gen 3:22	Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil.”
Gen 11:7	Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.

Job 38:4-7 tells us the “sons of God,” also called “morning stars,” existed when God created the earth.

Job 38:4-7	Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
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Could it be these “sons of God” are the “us” in the early chapters of Genesis? Let’s explore this a bit more.

Some people believe this is a reference to the Trinity, with an explanation similar to this:

Note that when it comes to man, God specifically refers to Himself in the plural -- let "Us" make man in "Our" image -- a clear reference to the triune God, and His determination to create man as a spiritual being in the image of God -- and instead of merely saying, "Let there be...", He speaks to Himself about the making of man in His own likeness

This was, of course, the subject of discussion within the Godhead long before now -- as we know, our Lord was the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world -- I Pet 1:20, Rev 13:8 and II Tim 1:9-10

There are a number of issues with seeing the Trinity in these verses. This would be, in effect, reading the New Testament back into the Old Testament, something that isn’t a sound interpretive method for discerning what an Old Testament writer was thinking. The Jews to whom this was written did not believe in and had no concept of the Trinity. Unlike the New Testament, the Old Testament has no Trinitarian phrases (e.g., “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”; cf. Matt 28:19-20). The triune godhead idea is never transparently expressed in the Old Testament.

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The ancient Israelite interpretation of these scriptures is much more straightforward. This is a single person (God) addressing a group – the members of his divine council. This council is referred to in several different ways in the Old Testament.

It is Gods “council” and the “assembly of the holy ones”:

Psa 82:1	God has taken his place in the divine council ; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: “
Psa 89:5-7	Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones ! For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones , and awesome above all who are around him?
Jer 23:18	For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
Jer 23:21-22	I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council , then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

It is referred to as God’s “court”:

Dan 7:10	A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. [doesn’t include Jesus’ throne – v13]
Dan 7:26	But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.

It is referred to as the “host of heaven”:

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1 Kings 22:19-23	And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left; and the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, ‘I will entice him.’ And the LORD said to him, ‘By what means?’ And he said, ‘I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.’ Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; the LORD has declared disaster for you.”
2 Chron 18:18-22	And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. And the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab the king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, ‘I will entice him.’ And the LORD said to him, ‘By what means?’ And he said, ‘I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.’ Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets. The LORD has declared disaster concerning you.”
Neh 9:6	You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host , the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; hand you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.
Dan 4:35	he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

We’ve already seen a verse in which the members of God’s council are referred to as gods:

Psa 82:1	God has taken his place in the divine council ; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
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The members of God’s council are also referred to as “morning stars,” “sons of God,” and “sons of the Most High”:

Job 1:6-7	Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. The LORD said to
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	Satan , “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”
Job 2:1-2	Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said to Satan , “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”
Job 38:4-7	Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
Psa 82:6	I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High , all of you;”

Job 38:4-7, just quoted, tells us the “sons of God” (God’s council), while created themselves (Psa 148:1-5), existed when God created the world.

God’s council assists in carrying out his decisions.

Duet 32 makes a very important statement about the “sons of God” who are members of his council.

Deut 32:8-9	When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God . But the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.
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The nations are divided up among the “sons of God,” while God’s heritage is Israel (in the New Testament, true Israel includes Gentiles and is referred to as the Church and as the body of Christ).

Psalm 82 tells us the gods God set over the nations rebelled and would be punished.

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Psa 82	God has taken his place in the divine council ; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah. Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High , all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.” Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations !
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Deuteronomy 4 puts this in a little different way.

Deut 4:19-20	And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven , you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance , as you are this day.
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Other scriptures refer to the punishment of the rebellious gods.

Isa 24:21-23	On that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven , in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth. They will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit; they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished. Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed, for the LORD of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders .
Isa 34:1-6	Draw near, O nations , to hear, and give attention, O peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that fills it; the world, and all that comes from it. For the LORD is enraged against all the nations , and furious against all their host ; he has devoted them to destruction, has given them over for slaughter. Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree.

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The gods of the Nations are real, albeit lesser gods than the Lord God Almighty

Ex 7:11-12	Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts . For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.
Ex 7:21-22	And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts . So Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.
Ex 8:7	But the magicians did the same by their secret arts and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.
Ex 12:12	For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.
Ex 15:11	Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods ? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
Ex 18:10-11	Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods , because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people."
Num 33:4	while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck down among them. On their gods also the LORD executed judgments.
Judges 11:23-24	So then the LORD, the God of Israel, dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel; and are you to take possession of them? Will you not possess what Chemosh your god gives you to possess ? And all that the LORD our God has dispossessed before us, we will possess.

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Psa 82	God has taken his place in the divine council ; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah. Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High , all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.” Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!
Psa 86:8	There is none like you among the gods , O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

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“I said, you are gods” in John 10:34

John 10:33-39	The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.
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It has never made any sense to me that the “you are gods” refers to human leaders, which is what most of the commentators claim. If this was true, what Jesus would have been saying is essentially, “Father God called human leaders gods, so why do you think I am claiming anything specially by calling myself the Son of God?” We know he was claiming something special by referring to himself as the Son of God. In fact, he doubled down on this in his next statement in which he said, “the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” The last sentence quoted above shows the Jews were not satisfied with his statement, as they still “sought to arrest him.”

In my mind, it appears that commentators are claiming that Jesus was denying that calling himself “Son of God” equates himself with God. We know Jesus never denied his deity, so what does this mean?

Jesus quoted from Psalm 82, which, again, many commentators, if not most, claim is referring to human leaders. Let’s look at that psalm.

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The Hebrew word “Elohim” occurs in this psalm three times. The psalm starts with the word “God,” which is the first occurrence of “Elohim.” The other two occurrences are translated as “gods,” because the context shows they are plural. These are in verses one and six – “in the midst of the gods” and “I said, ‘You are gods.’” This psalm is the major piece of evidence used by many commentators to show the name “Elohim” can refer to human leaders. From what I

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can tell, every other occurrence of “Elohim” in the Old Testament in which it refers in some way to a human being is in reference to that human as a representative of God or appearing to be a god. I believe Psalm 82 refers to heavenly beings, rather than human leaders.

So, let’s explore the meaning of Psalm 82, if, in fact, the “gods” referenced really do refer to heavenly beings. The scriptures included below will support my understanding of Psalm 82 as stated in this next paragraph.

The Old Testament tells us 1) God has a divine council, referred to as “council” or “assembly.” We are also told 2a) God divided people into nations, apparently at the time of God’s response to the Tower of Babel. We are also told 2b) God Almighty set lesser gods, members of his divine council, over these nations, while he kept the descendants of Abraham, the nation of Israel, as his own inheritance. We are told in the New Testament 3) the elect among both the Israelites and the Gentiles are included as “true Israel,” God’s inheritance. Psalm 82 tells us the gods that God Almighty set over the nations rebelled against him. 4) God Almighty will bring judgement against the rebellious gods of the nations. 5) Ultimately, all nations shall be God Almighty’s inheritance.

1) God has a divine council, referred to as council, assembly, host of heaven, sons of god, watchers, holy ones, and court. God’s council assists in carrying out his decisions.

1 Kings 22:19-23	And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left; and the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, ‘I will entice him.’ And the LORD said to him, ‘By what means?’ And he said, ‘I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.’ Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; the LORD has declared disaster for you.”
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Job 1:6-7	Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. The LORD said to Satan , “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”
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Dan 4:17	The sentence is by the decree of the watchers , the decision by the word of the holy ones , to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.’
Dan 7:10	A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. [doesn’t include Jesus’ throne – v13]
Dan 7:25-27	He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court shall sit in judgment , and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.’

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2a) God divided people into nations, apparently at the time of God’s response to the Tower of Babel.

2b) God Almighty set lesser, created gods, members of his divine council, over these nations, while he kept the descendants of Abraham, the nation of Israel, as his own inheritance.

Gen 11:5-9	And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.
Deut 32:8-9	When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God . But the LORD’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.
Acts 17:26-27	And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place , that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

3) The elect among both the Israelites and the Gentiles are included as “true Israel,” God’s inheritance.

Isa 19:24-25	In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance. ”
Rom 2:28-29	For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter.

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Gal 3:7-9	Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.
Gal 3:28-29	There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.
Gal 6:15-16	For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.
Php 3:3	For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh

4) God Almighty will bring judgement against the rebellious gods of the nations.

Ps 82:6-8	I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince." Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!
Isa 34:1-6	Draw near, O nations , to hear, and give attention, O peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that fills it; the world, and all that comes from it. For the LORD is enraged against all the nations , and furious against all their host ; he has devoted them to destruction, has given them over for slaughter. Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree.
Zeph 2:11	The LORD will be awesome against them; for he will famish all the gods of the earth , and to him shall bow down, each in its place, all the lands of the nations .
Rev 11:18	The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.
Rev 19:15	From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations , and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

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5) Ultimately, all nations shall be God Almighty's inheritance.

Psa 82:8	Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!
Isa 2:2	It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,
Dan 7:13-14	I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.
Rev 12:5	She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,
Rev 15:3-4	And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! "
Rev 21:24-26	By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.
Rev 22:2	also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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Biblical References to 1 Enoch

1 Pet 3:18-22	For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison , because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.
2 Pet 2:4	For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;
Jude 6	And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day
Rev 9:1-3	And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit . He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit , and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.
1 Enoch 10:11-14	And the Lord said to Michael: 'Go, bind Semjaza and his team who have associated with women and have defiled themselves in all their uncleanness. When their sons have slain one another, and they have seen the destruction of their beloved ones, bind them fast for seventy generations under the hills of the earth, until the day of the consummation of their judgment and until the eternal judgment is accomplished. In those days they shall be led off to the abyss of fire and to the torment and the prison in which they shall be confined for ever. ' Then Semjaza shall be burnt up with the condemned and they will be destroyed, having been bound together with them to the end of all generations.

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1 Enoch 18:10-16	<p>And I saw a great abyss of the earth, with pillars of heavenly fire, and I saw among them fiery pillars of Heaven, which were falling,</p> <p>11 And as regards both height and depth, they were immeasurable.</p> <p>12 And beyond that abyss I saw a place which had no firmament of heaven above, and no firmly founded earth beneath it: there was no water on it, and no birds,</p> <p>13 But it was a desert and a horrible place. I saw there seven stars like great burning mountains,</p> <p>14 And an angel questioned me regarding them. The angel said: 'This place is the end of heaven and earth.</p> <p>15 This has become a prison for the stars and the host of heaven. And the stars which roll over the fire are they which have transgressed the commandment of the Lord in the beginning of their rising, because they did not come out at their proper times.</p> <p>16 And He was angry with them, and bound them until the time when their guilt should be consummated even for ten thousand years.'</p>
1 Enoch 19:1	<p>And Uriel said to me: 'The angels who have had sex with women shall stand here, and their spirits, having assumed many different forms, are defiling mankind and shall lead them astray into sacrificing to demons as gods, here shall they stand, until the day of the great judgment in which they shall be judged and are made an end of.</p>
1 Enoch 21:6-10	<p>These are some of the stars of heaven, which have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and are bound here until ten thousand years, the time entailed by their sins are consummated.'</p> <p>7 And I went out from there to another place, which was still more horrible than the former, and I saw a terrible thing: a great fire there which burnt and blazed, and the place was deep as far as the abyss, full of great falling columns of fire: Neither its width or breadth could I see, nor could I see its source.</p> <p>9 Then I said: 'I am afraid of this place and cannot stand to look at it.' Then Uriel, one of the holy angels who was with me, answered and said to me: 'Enoch, why are you so afraid?'</p> <p>10 And I answered: 'Because of this fearful place, and because of the spectacle of the pain.' And he said to me: 'This place is the prison of the angels, and here they will be imprisoned for ever.'</p>

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<p>1 Enoch 54:1-6</p>	<p>And I looked and turned to another part of the earth, and saw there a deep valley with burning fire.</p> <p>2 And they brought the kings and the powerful, and began to cast them into this deep valley.</p> <p>3 And there my eyes saw how they made their instruments for them, iron chains of immeasurable weight. And I asked the angel of peace who was with me, saying: 'For whom are these chains being prepared?'</p> <p>5 And he said to me: 'These are being prepared for the hosts of Azazel, so that they may take them and throw them into the bottom of the pit of hell, and they shall cover their jaws with rough stones as the Lord of spirits commanded.</p> <p>6 And Michael, and Gabriel, and Raphael, and Phanuel shall take hold of them on that great day, and throw them into the burning furnace on that day, that the Lord of spirits may take vengeance on them for their unrighteousness in becoming servants to Satan and for leading astray those who live on the earth.'</p>
<p>1 Enoch 88:1-3</p>	<p>1 And I saw one of those four who had come out first, and he seized that first star which had fallen from heaven, and bound it hand and foot and cast it into an abyss; now that abyss was narrow and deep, and horrible and dark.</p> <p>2PE 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.</p> <p>2 And one of them drew a sword, and gave it to those elephants and camels and asses then they began to smite each other, and the whole earth shook because of them.</p> <p>3 And as I was beholding in the vision one of those four who had come out stoned them from heaven, and gathered and took all the great stars whose private (sexual) members were like those of horses, and bound them all hand and foot, and threw them in an abyss of the earth.</p>

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1 Enoch 90:20-26	<p>And I saw until a throne was erected in the pleasant land, and the Lord of the sheep sat Himself on it, and the other took the sealed books and opened those books before the Lord of the sheep.</p> <p>21 And the Lord called those men, the seven first white ones, and commanded that they should bring before Him, beginning with the first star which led the way, all the stars whose private members were like those of horses, and they brought them all before Him.</p> <p>22 And He said to that man who wrote before Him, being one of those seven white ones, and said to him: 'Take those seventy shepherds to whom I delivered the sheep, and who taking them on their own authority slew more than I commanded them.'</p> <p>23 And behold they were all bound, I saw, and they all stood before Him.</p> <p>24 And the judgment was held first over the stars, and they were judged and found guilty, and went to the place of condemnation, and they were cast into an abyss, full of fire and flaming, and full of pillars of fire. And those seventy shepherds were judged and found guilty, and they were cast into that fiery abyss.</p> <p>26 And I saw at that time how a like abyss was opened in the midst of the earth, full of fire, and they brought those blinded sheep, and they were all judged and found guilty and cast into this fiery abyss, and they burned; now this abyss was to the right of that house.</p>
2 Pet 2:10-11	<p>Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.</p>

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1 Enoch 6:1-6	And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born to them beautiful and fair daughters. And the angels, the sons of heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and have children with them.' And Semjaza, who was their leader, said to them: 'I fear you will not agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of this great sin.' And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual curses so we will not abandon this plan but to do this thing.' Then they all swore together and bound themselves by mutual curses. And they were in all two hundred who descended in the days of Jared in the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual curses on the act.
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Jude 8-9	Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones . But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil , was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."
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Jude 14-15	It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones , to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."
1 Enoch 1:9	And behold! He comes with ten thousand of His holy ones to execute judgment on all, and to destroy all the ungodly; and to convict all flesh of all the works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

Matt 8:28-29	
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1 Enoch 5:8-6:1	<p>And now, the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits on the earth, and shall live on the earth. Evil spirits have come out from their bodies because they are born from men and from the holy Watchers, their beginning is of primal origin; they shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits shall they be called spirits of the evil ones. [As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of the earth which were born on the earth, on the earth shall be their dwelling.] And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, war, destroy, and cause trouble on the earth. They take no food, but do not hunger or thirst. They cause offences but are not observed. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them in the days of the slaughter and destruction. And at the death of the giants, spirits will go out and shall destroy without incurring judgment, coming from their bodies their flesh shall be destroy until the day of the consummation, the great judgment in which the age shall be consummated, over the Watchers and the godless, and shall be wholly consummated.'</p>
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Demons as Spirits of Dead Nephilim

Deut 32:16-17	They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods ; with abominations they provoked him to anger. They sacrificed to demons that were no gods, to gods they had never known, to new gods that had come recently, whom your fathers had never dreaded.
1 Enoch 10:1-9	<p>Then said the Most High, the Great and Holy One, "Uriel, go to the son of Lamech.</p> <p>2 Say to him: 'Go to Noah and tell him in my name "Hide yourself!" and reveal to him the end that is approaching: that the whole earth will be destroyed, and a flood is about to come on the whole earth, and will destroy everything on it.' 'And now instruct him as to what he must do to escape that his</p> <p>offspring may be preserved for all the generations of the world.' And again the Lord said to Raphael: 'Bind Azazel hand and foot, and cast him into the darkness and split open the desert, which is in Dudael, and cast him in.</p> <p>5 And fill the hole by covering him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him live there for ever, and cover his face that he may not see the light.</p> <p>6 And on the day of the great judgment he shall be hurled into the fire.</p> <p>7 And heal the earth which the angels have ruined, and proclaim the healing of the earth, for I will restore the earth and heal the plague, that not all of the children of men may perish through all the secret things that the Watchers have disclosed and have taught their sons. The whole earth has been corrupted through the works that were</p> <p>taught by Azazel: to him ascribe ALL SIN.'</p> <p>9 To Gabriel said the Lord: 'Proceed against the bastards and the reprobates, and against the children of fornication and destroy the children of fornication and the children of the Watchers. Cause them to go against one another that they may destroy each other in battle: Shorten their days.</p>

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1 Enoch 15:3-	<p>Why and for what cause have you left the high, holy, and eternal heaven, and had sex with women, and defiled yourselves with the daughters of men and taken to yourselves wives, and done like the children of earth, and begotten giants (as your) sons?</p> <p>4 Though you were holy, spiritual, living the eternal life, you have defiled yourselves with the blood of women, and have begotten children with the blood of flesh, and, as the children of men, you have lusted after flesh and blood like those who die and are killed.</p> <p>5 This is why I have given men wives, that they might impregnate them, and have children by them, that deeds might continue on the earth.</p> <p>6 But you were formerly spiritual, living the eternal life, and immortal for all generations of the world.</p> <p>7 Therefore I have not appointed wives for you; you are spiritual beings of heaven, and in heaven was your dwelling place. And now, the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits on the earth,</p> <p>9 And shall live on the earth. Evil spirits have come out from their bodies because they are born from men and from the holy Watchers, their beginning is of primal origin;</p> <p>10 They shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits shall they be called spirits of the evil ones. [As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of the earth which were born on the earth, on the earth shall be their dwelling.] And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, war, destroy, and cause trouble on the earth.</p> <p>11 They take no food, but do not hunger or thirst. They cause offences but are not observed.</p> <p>12 And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them in the days of the slaughter and destruction.'</p>
1 Enoch 16:1	<p>'And at the death of the giants, spirits will go out and shall destroy without incurring judgment, coming from their bodies their flesh shall be destroy until the day of the consummation, the great judgment in which the age shall be consummated, over the Watchers and the godless, and shall be wholly consummated.'</p>