

THE DIVINE COUNCIL



In The Heavens, There Is A Divine Council

- **Psalm 82**
- **God is translation of Hebrew word *elohim***
- **It is like our word “deer” where singular or plurality of word is determined by context.**
- **Elohim is not a proper name, it is a place of residence or nature of being**
- **They are “*elohim*”- spirit beings v.1,6**
- **1Sam.28:11-14 –Witch says she sees “a god” *elohim* coming up**

Who Are They?

- **They are called “sons of the Most High” 6**
- **They are not men. 7**
- **They are created beings, not immortal 7**
- **Ps.82 shows Yahweh taking His place in the divine council and condemning members of his divine council for not doing their job. They can sin.**
- **They are a council that are used by Yahweh in the administration of the affairs of the earth.**

Who Are They?

- **1 Kings 22:13-23**
- **Yahweh makes the decision it is time for Ahab to die.**
- **The council is given opportunity to suggest how it could be done.**
- **Suggestions are made, Yahweh approves of one and directs the member to carry it out.**
- **Dan.4:13,17,23a-24 – Yahweh decrees King needs to be humbled, Watchers suggest, and carry out**
- **Dan.7:9-10,18. Thrones, plural, are placed**

Who Are They?

- They are not “Gods”. They are “gods”.
- Ps.89:5-7 – A comparison is made between the holy ones and Jehovah. Yahweh is one of a kind
 - The Heavens are to praise His wonders
 - The holy ones praise His faithfulness
 - Who in the skies is like Jehovah?
 - Who among the sons of God are like Him?
 - He is to be greatly feared by the council of the holy ones
- Ps.97:7 – Worship Him all you **g**ods!

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“How the cosmos is directed”

God’s loyal council:

1. Divine beings
2. Glorified (divinized, angelified) believers
 - Occasional duty / messengers
 - Awaiting the eschaton

Council members in rebellion (Dt 32, Psa 82)

- Elohim/shedim (geogr. term)
- “demons” & Pauline voc.



What Will Happen To Them?

- **Ps.82:2-4,7** There was a rebellion among some of the members of the Divine council.
- **1Pet.3:18-20-** Some have been imprisoned
- **Isa.14:12-14** – Day Star, Son of the Dawn cast out
- **Ezk.28:12-16-** The Guardian Cherub
- **Isa.24:21-22** –The host of heaven will be punished
- **Isa.34:1-5** Judgment begins in Heaven and descends for judgment upon the people **Rev.6:12-17**

Why Is This Important?

- **The rebellion against Jehovah here on earth is being led by spiritual forces who have been in rebellion against Jehovah for 1000's of years.**
- **¹² 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. Eph.6:12**
- **We need to Pray accordingly**
- **We know the end of the Story!**