

# THE *gods*

“You shall have **no other *gods* before me**” (Exodus 20:2).

“**Do not make any *gods* to be alongside me**; do not make for yourselves *gods* of silver or *gods* of gold” (Exodus 20:23).

## GOD ALMIGHTY IS NOT ALONE.

“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundations? ...On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the **morning stars sang together** and **all the sons of God shouted for joy?**” (Job 38:6-7)

“**Ascribe to Yahuah, O sons of God**, ascribe to Yahuah glory and strength. Ascribe to Yahuah the glory due his name (Psalm 29:1–2).”

“And so, the heavens will praise your wonderful deed, O Yahuah, even your faithfulness, in the **assembly of the holy ones**. For **who in the sky is equal to Yahuah? Who is like Yahuah among the sons of God**, a God **feared greatly in the council of the holy ones**, and awesome above all surrounding him?” (Psalm 89:5-7).

“For you, **LORD**, are the **Most High** over all the earth; **you are exalted far above all *gods***” (Psalm 97:9).

“For **the LORD** is the great God, the **great King above all *gods***” (Psalm 95:3).

## THE DIVINE COUNCIL OF GOD IS COMPRISED OF THE SONS OF GOD.

“**God presides in the great assembly**; he gives judgment among the ‘*gods*’” (Psalm 82:1).

“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” (Job 2:1).

## THE SONS OF GOD IN THE DIVINE COUNCIL SHARE IN DECISION MAKING WITH THE ALMIGHTY GOD.

“God presides in the great assembly; **he gives judgment among the ‘*gods*’**” (Psalm 82:1).

King Ahab of the house of Israel did evil in God’s eyes (as all of the kings of Israel did) and God decreed that he would die at Ramoth-Gilead, but the means of his death had not yet been decided. **God invited His council to participate in the decision** and they debated the matter until

**one of the sons of God came forward and suggested: "I will go out and I will be a false spirit in the mouth of all his prophets." Upon hearing this, God said "Go and do it."**

In Daniel's vision he sees a messenger, a holy one, coming down from heaven and decrees the fate of Nebuchadnezzar. This decree was sanctioned by God but **decided by the holy ones (sons of God)**. "The decision is announced by messengers; **the holy ones declare the verdict**, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men" (Daniel 4:17).

**THE DIVINE COUNCIL WERE GIVEN AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS TO HELP THEM AND TEACH THEM GOD'S WAY, DIRECTING THE NATIONS TO WORSHIP THE ONE GREAT, ALMIGHTY GOD.**

"When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples **according to the number in his heavenly court**" (New Living Translation Deuteronomy 32:8).

**God's portion are the descendants of Jacob/Israel:** "For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance" (Deuteronomy 32:9).

**THE SONS OF GOD RULING THE NATIONS BETRAYED THE MOST HIGH GOD AND DEMANDED THAT THE NATIONS WORSHIP THEM. THESE GODS WILL BE MORTALIZED AND DIE LIKE MERE MEN.**

"I said, 'You are *gods*; you are all sons of the Most High. But **you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler**'" (Psalm 82:6).

"But I say, that **the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils**" (1 Corinthians 10:20).

"The *gods* of other nations are mere idols, but the LORD made the heavens!" (Psalm 96:5)

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as *gods*, knowing good and evil.**" (Genesis 3:5).

**KING DAVID URGED THE ROGUE SONS OF GOD TO RETURN AND WORSHIP THEIR CREATOR, ALMIGHTY GOD.**

"**Let all those be ashamed** who serve graven images, who boast themselves of idols; **worship Him, all you *gods***" (Psalm 97:7).

### **GOD WARNED ISRAEL NOT TO WORSHIP OTHER *gods*.**

"**You shall not go after other *gods***, the *gods* of the peoples who are all around you (for the LORD your God is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the LORD your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 6:14).

"And David said, 'It is my voice, my lord the king.' Then he said, 'Why is my lord pursuing after his servant? For what have I done? And what evil is in my hand? And so then, please let my lord the king listen to the words of his servant: If Yahuah has incited you against me, may he delight in an offering; but if it is mortals, may they be accursed before Yahuah, **for they have driven me away today from sharing in the inheritance of Yahuah**, saying, '**Go, serve other *gods*!**'"

(1 Samuel 26:17–19)

"For even if there are so-called *gods* whether in heaven or on earth, **as indeed there are many *gods* and many lords**, yet **for us there is but one God, the Father**, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him" (1 Corinthians 8:5-6).

### **THE GENTILES MADE FOR THEMSELVES MANY *gods*.**

"While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that **the city was full of idols**... Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and observed your objects of worship, I even found an altar with the inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown, I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the LORD of heaven and earth does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else... Therefore, since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. **In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent**" (Acts 17:1-29).

### **ISRAEL REBELLED AGAINST THE ALMIGHTY GOD AND WORSHIPED THE *gods* OF THE NATIONS.**

"All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel. Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the *Baals*, and they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other *gods* from among the *gods* of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them; thus, they provoked the LORD to anger" (Judges 2:10-13).

“Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, served the *Baals* and the Ashtaroth, the *gods* of Aram, the *gods* of Sidon, the *gods* of Moab, the *gods* of the sons of Ammon, and the *gods* of the Philistines; thus, they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him” (Judges 10:6).

“For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the *goddess* of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites” (I Kings 11:5).

## THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE ALMIGHTY, CREATOR GOD AND THE *gods* BEGAN HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO.

- **THE GOD OF ISRAEL BATTLED THE *god* Re AND RESCUED THE ISRAELITES OUT OF EGYPT.**

“The LORD said to Moses, ‘When you return to Egypt, see that you **perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do**. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the LORD says: **Israel is my firstborn son... let my son go, so he may worship me**’” (Exodus 4:23).

“Pharaoh said, ‘**Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go?**’ I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go” (Exodus 5:2).

“Even then Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you. So, I will bring down my fist on Egypt. Then I will rescue my forces—my people, the Israelites—**from the land of Egypt with great acts of judgment**” (Exodus 7:4).

“Then Pharaoh called in his own wise men and sorcerers, and these **Egyptian magicians did the same thing with their magic**. Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But **Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs**” (Exodus 7:11-12).

God followed these miracles with plagues. **The first nine targeted the *gods* of Egypt who proved to be too powerless to stop that plague.**

The Israelites began their exodus while it was still dark and through the great power of the Almighty God, the Red Sea was parted and the Israelites escaped on dry land. The Pharaoh pursued them into the sea. Their wheels came off and with the raging waters surrounding them, Pharaoh said, “**Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt**” (Exodus 14:25). **All of the Egyptians who pursued them were killed when the Red Sea crushed them as the passage closed.**

“**Has any *god* ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation**, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, **like all the things the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?**” (Deuteronomy 4:34)

- **THE GOD OF ISRAEL BATTLED THE GIANTS [THE OFFSPRING OF THE *gods*] AS THE ISRAELITES ENTERED THE PROMISED LAND AND THEY WILL BATTLE AGAIN IN THE LAST DAYS.**

“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**” (Numbers 13:32–33).

“Do not harass Moab or contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the people of Lot for a possession.’ (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. The Horites also lived in Seir formerly, but the people of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place” (Deuteronomy 2:10-12).

“Do not harass Ammon 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” (Deuteronomy 2:18-21).

**Flavius Josephus (37-100 AD) wrote**, "For which reason they removed their camp to Hebron; and when they had taken it, **they slew all the inhabitants**. There were till then **left the race of giants, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the site, and terrible to the hearing**. The bones of these men are still shown to this very day, unlike to any credible relations of other men." [http://www.generationword.com/notes/bible-topics/josephus\\_giants.htm](http://www.generationword.com/notes/bible-topics/josephus_giants.htm)

“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 and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite**” (Amos 2:9–10).

“At the time of your appearing, you will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger; the LORD will swallow them up in His wrath, and fire will devour them. **Their offspring You will destroy from the earth, and their descendants from among the sons of men**. Though they intended evil against You and devised a plot, **they will not succeed**” (Psalm 21:9-11).

“‘I will rise up against them,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘I will cut off from Babylon her name and survivors, **her offspring and descendants,**’ declares the Lord (Isaiah 14:3-22).

- **THE TOP SECRET PLAN WAS REVEALED TO THE *gods* AFTER THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

**CHRIST.** The *gods* lost the decisive battle. Christ gathered and imprisoned them to the lower parts of the earth, where they await judgment today.

“None of the **rulers of this age** [the principalities and power in high places] understood it, for if they had, **THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY**” (1 Corinthians 2:8).

**CHRIST REDEEMED ISRAEL AND ALL OF THE NATIONS AFTER DISARMING THE ROGUE *gods*.**

“He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that war against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, **nauling it to the cross**. And having **DISARMED THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES, he made a PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF THEM** [the rogue sons of God], **TRIUMPHING OVER THEM BY THE CROSS**” (Colossians 2:13-15).

The Apostle Paul understood this 21<sup>st</sup> century mystery. “This is why it says: ‘When He ascended on high, **He led captives** [those rogue sons of God] **away**, and **gave gifts to men** [authority to teach the Word of God].’ What does ‘He ascended’ mean, except that **He also descended to the lower parts of the earth**? He who descended is the very one who ascended above all the heavens, in order to fill all things” (Ephesians 4:8-10).

**THE AUTHORITY ORIGINALLY GIVEN TO *gods* TO TEACH GOD’S WAY TO THE NATIONS WAS TAKEN AS BOOTY BY CHRIST AND GIVEN TO HIS CHURCH.** “Some to be **apostles**, some to be **prophets**, some to be **evangelists**, and some to be **pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of services**, so that the **body of Christ may be built up until we ALL reach unity in the father and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ**” (Ephesians 4:11-13).

- **A SECOND EXODUS IS ON THE HORIZON.**

“Then it will happen on that day that the Lord will **again recover the second time with His hand, the remnant of His people**, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea” (Isaiah 11:11).

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. **Since you are precious in My sight, since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life**” (Isaiah 43:2-4).

“So, **the ransomed of the LORD will return**, and come with joyful shouting to Zion, and everlasting joy will be on their heads They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away” (Isaiah 51:11, 35:10).

“Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and **because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life... I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back’**” (Isaiah 43:4-6).

“The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah as well. All their captors hold them fast, refusing to let them go. Yet the Redeemer is strong; Yahuah Almighty is

**his name. He will vigorously defend their cause** so that he may bring rest to their land, but unrest to those who live in Babylon” (Jeremiah 50:33-34).

“Therefore behold, days are coming when it will no longer be said, As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt, but, as **the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.** For **I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers**” (Jeremiah 16:14-15, 23:7).

“**Both the house of Judah and the house of Israel will return to the land.** In that day, **they will come together, weeping back to him.** They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they may **join themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten** (Jeremiah 50:4-5).

### HOSEA TELLS THE STORY INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.

“The LORD said to me, ‘Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other *gods* and love the sacred raisin cakes” (Hosea 3:1). *Through Hosea’s marriage with Gomer, he shows God’s unending love and concern for Israel despite her adulterous relations with the gods.*

“So, I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a half of barley” (Hosea 3:2). *The price Hosea paid to buy back Gomer was a pittance reflective of her present worth. She was bought at the price of a slave. Hosea purchased Gomer for 15 shekels of silver and 1 ½ homers of barley. Barley was the offering for one accused of adultery (Numbers 5:15).*

*From the view of numbers, 15 is five times three. The number 5 symbolizes grace and 3 symbolizes a significant completion point in God’s plan. With this in mind, by the grace of God Israel was redeemed, completing a significant marker in God’s plan.*

“Then I said to her, ‘You shall stay with me for many days. You shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man; so, I will also be toward you” (Hosea 3:3). *Only when Israel recommits herself to God in genuine love, repents and surrenders can an everlasting covenant be established.*

“For the Israelites will live many days without king and prince” (Hosea 3:4). *The people of Israel will live 2,000 years (many days) without properly worshiping the Almighty God nor will they worship the gods.*

“without sacrifice or sacred stones” (Hosea 3:4) *Israel will not keep the sacrificial system nor appease the gods with their offerings.*

“without ephod (true practice) or household idols (false practice) (Hosea 3:4).

*21<sup>st</sup> century Christians and the world, in general, have mythicized the gods and put them in the movies to be glorified. Since Christ took them captive and imprisoned them in inner earth, they have been silenced and rendered powerless over the nations. A time will come when they will return. The beast of Revelation and his coalition will rise out of the sea—that place of wickedness in heaven. Maybe the movies are preparing the deceived to worship them again.*

## THE *gods* WILL RETURN.

“The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every *god* and will say unheard-of things against the God of *gods*. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. He will show no regard for the *gods* of his fathers or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any *god*, but will exalt himself above them all. Instead of them, he will honor a *god* of fortresses; a *god* unknown to his fathers he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign *god* and will great honor those who acknowledge him” (Daniel 11:36-39).

“Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And he performed great and miraculous signs even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. **He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast** who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. **He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed**” (Revelation 13:11-15).

## BOTH HOUSES OF ISRAEL WILL RETURN TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD IN THEIR TIME OF DISTRESS.

“Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and **they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.** (Hosea 3:3-5).

“‘Therefore, do not fear, O My servant Jacob,’ says the LORD, ‘nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, **I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return,** have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid. For I am with you,’ says the LORD, ‘to save you; though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will **not let you go altogether unpunished**’” (Jeremiah 30:8-11).

“‘As I live,’ declares the Lord GOD, ‘surely **with a mighty hand** and with an **outstretched arm** and **with wrath poured out, I SHALL BE KING OVER YOU. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out;** and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and **there I will enter into judgment with you face to face**’” (Ezekiel 20:33-35).

**ISRAEL WILL BE RE-UNITED.** “I am going to take the **stick of Joseph**—which is in the hand of Ephraim and the Israelite tribes associated with him and the **stick of Judah** and the Israelite tribes associated with him and joint them, **making them a single stick of wood**...I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. **I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them ONE nation in the land**... there will be **ONE king over all of**



**them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms” (Ezekiel 37:18-22).**

**IT WILL BE DONE!** “I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness, and **will not turn back, that to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance” (Isaiah 45:23).**

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