

The Language for the Heavenly Host

(Including representative examples from Scripture)

Things That are Called “*Elohim*” in the Bible

- YHWH, the God of Israel (Gen 2:4-5; Deut 4:35)
- Members of YHWH’s council (Ps 82:1,6)
- Gods of other nations (Judges 11:24, 1 Kings 11:33)
- Demons (*shedim*, Deut 32:17)
- The deceased prophet Samuel (1 Sam 28:13)
- Angels or the Angel of YHWH (Gen 35:7)

General

- Job 38:4-7 (morning stars/sons of God)
- host of heaven: Deut 4:19-20, 17:3, 29:26

Nature (ontological)

- spirits (*ruach*): 1 Kings 22:19-23; of God: Isa 31:3
- heavenly ones (*shamayim*): Psalm 89:5-7; Job 15:15
- holy ones (*qedoshim*): Psalm 89:5-7; Job 5:1,15:15; Deut 32:2-3; Dan 4:17
- gods (*elohim*): Psalm 82:1, 6; Deut 32:8, 17, 43

Status (hierarchical)

- sons of God (*bene elohim*): Psalms 82:6, 89:6; Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7
- council, assembly (*edah, sod*): Psalm 82:1, 89:7; Job 15:8; Jer 23:18; Dan 7:9-10
- prince (*sar*): Dan 10:13 20-21, 12:1

Role (functional)

- angel (messenger (*mal’ak*): Psalm 103:20-21; Gen 18-19 (19:1, 15), 28:12, 32:1
- minister (*sheret* -verb): Psalm 103:20, 104:4
- watcher (*’ir*): Dan 4:13, 17, 23
- mediator (*luts*): Job 33:19-24; Job 5:1
- cherubim (*cherub*): Ezek 1:10
- seraphim (*seraph*): Isa 6