

Defining the word “God”

אלהים

Strong's H430 (Hebrew)

- I. (plural)
 - A. rulers, judges
 - B. divine ones
 - C. angels
 - D. gods
- II. (plural intensive - singular meaning)
 - A. god, goddess
 - B. godlike one
 - C. works or special possessions of God
 - D. the (true) God
 - E. God

θεός

Strong's G2316 (Greek)

- I. a god or goddess, a general name of deities or divinities
- II. the Godhead, trinity
 - A. God the Father, the first person in the trinity
 - B. Christ, the second person of the trinity
 - C. Holy Spirit, the third person in the trinity
- III. spoken of the only and true God
 - A. refers to the things of God
 - B. his counsels, interests, things due to him
- IV. whatever can in any respect be likened unto God, or resemble him in any way
 - A. God's representative or viceregent
 - i. of magistrates and judges

Translations of Elohim (Strong's H430)



H430 translated as “Divine Beings”

First Samuel 28:11-13

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me." When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul." The king said to her, "Do not be afraid; but what do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a **divine being** coming up out of the earth."

H430 translated as “gods”

Deuteronomy 12:29-31

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

"When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations which you are going in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, beware that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire after their **gods**, saying, 'How do these nations serve their **gods**, that I also may do likewise?' "You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their **gods**; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their **gods**.

Exodus 20:3

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

"You shall have no other **gods** before Me.

Psalm 138:1

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

I will give You thanks with all my heart; I will sing praises to You before the **gods**.

Psalm 82:1-8

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

God takes His stand in His own congregation; He judges in the midst of the rulers. How long will you judge unjustly And show partiality to the wicked? Selah. Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked. They do not know nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, "You are **gods**, And all of you are sons of the Most High. "Nevertheless you will die like men And fall like any one of the princes." Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who possesses all the nations.

Psalm 95:3

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

For the LORD is a great God And a great King above all **gods**,

Psalm 96:4

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all **gods**.

Psalm 97:9

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

For You are the LORD Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all **gods**.

Philistine god Dagon



First Samuel 5:7

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

When the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, "The ark of the **God** of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is severe on us and on Dagon our **god**."

Moabite god Chemosh



Judges 11:24

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

Do you not possess what Chemosh your **god** gives you to possess? So whatever the LORD our **God** has driven out before us, we will possess it.

Canaanite god Baal



First Kings 18:24

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

"Then you call on the name of your **god**, and I will call on the name of the LORD, and the **God** who answers by fire, He is **God**." And all the people said, "That is a good idea."

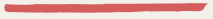
*Sidonian goddess Ashtoreth, Moabit god
Chemosh & Amorite god Malcolm*

First Kings 11:33

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

because they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the **goddess** of the Sidonians, Chemosh the **god** of Moab, and Milcom the **god** of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and observing My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David did.

Moses as God



Exodus 7:1

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I make you **as God to Pharaoh**, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.

*Variations in translations of H430 (Exodus
21:6 comparison)*



Exodus 21:6

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

then his master shall bring him **to God**, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.

Exodus 21:6

(RSV, Revised Standard Version)

Then his master shall bring him **to God**, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for life.

Exodus 21:6

(NET, New English Translation)

Then his master must bring him to **the judges**, and he will bring him to the door or the doorpost, and his master will pierce his ear with an awl, and he shall serve him forever.

Exodus 21:6

(NIV, New International Version)

Then his master must take him before **the judges**. He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

*Variations in translations of H430 (Exodus
22:8-9 comparison)*



Exodus 22:8-9

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

"If the thief is not caught, then the owner of the house shall appear before **the judges**, to determine whether he laid his hands on his neighbor's property. "For every breach of trust, whether it is for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any lost thing about which one says, 'This is it,' the case of both parties shall come before **the judges**; he whom **the judges** condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.

Exodus 22:8-9

(KJV, King James Version)

If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto **the judges**, [to see] whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods. For all manner of trespass, [whether it be] for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, [or] for any manner of lost thing, which [another] challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before **the judges**; [and] whom **the judges** shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

Exodus 22:8-9

(ASV, American Standard Version)

If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall come near unto **God**, to see whether he have not put his hand unto his neighbor's goods. For every matter of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, whereof one saith, This is it, the cause of both parties shall come before **God**; he whom **God** shall condemn shall pay double unto his neighbor.

*Variations in translations of H430 (Psalm
8:5 comparison)*



Psalm 8:5

(NIV, New International Version)

You have made them a little lower than the **angels** and crowned them with glory and honor.

Psalm 8:5

(KJV, King James Version)

For thou hast made him a little lower than the **angels**, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Psalm 8:5

(NLT, New Living Translation)

Yet you made them only a little lower than **God**, and crowned them with glory and honor.

Psalm 8:5

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

Yet You have made him a little lower than **God**, And You crown him with glory and
majesty!

Psalm 8:5

(ASV, American Standard Version)

For thou hast made him but little lower than **God**, And crownest him with glory and honor.

Psalm 8:5

(ESV, English Standard Version)

Yet you have made him a little lower than the **heavenly beings** and crowned him with glory and honor.

Psalm 8:5

(CJB, Complete Jewish Bible)

You made him but little lower than the **angels**, you crowned him with glory and honor,

G2316 translated as “God”

Acts 19:26-27

(ASV, American Standard Version)

And ye see and hear; that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they are no **gods**, that are made with hands: and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana be made of no account, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

Acts 28:3-6

(ASV, American Standard Version)

But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out by reason of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous creature hanging from his hand, they said one to another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped from the sea, yet Justice hath not suffered to live. Howbeit he shook off the creature into the fire, and took no harm. But they expected that he would have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but when they were long in expectation and beheld nothing amiss came to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was **a god**.

First Corinthians 2:8-9

(ASV, American Standard Version)

which none of the rulers of this world hath known: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: but as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whatsoever things **God** prepared for them that love him.

John 20:26-29

(NASB, New American Standard Bible)

After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my **God!**" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

Titus 2:13-14

(ASV, American Standard Version)

looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of **the great God** and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.