

Psalm 82

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Introduction

This small study emphasizes the TEXT of the Scripture rather than the commentary on the Scripture.

As you read the text, over and over again, God (YHWH the Holy Spirit) will teach directly in your heart.

There are twelve English translations and the original Hebrew text, as well as the original Aramaic and Greek texts.

When you examine all these translations and original texts your confidence in the Original Text of the Scripture must be or become absolute. God's Word, the Scripture is infallible, inerrant, and authoritative. See <https://123biblestudy.com/scripture-eng> .

Let us seek YHWH the Lord and let us reject anyone who teaches us that the Bible (the Scripture) is untrustworthy. Such doctrine comes from the synagogue of Satan and has no truth in it.

When you read Psalm 82 in the English language only, you may err as all translations are nothing but interpretation. Let us not confuse translations with the Original Text of the Scripture. This is the purpose of writing this small booklet study, namely, to understand the Scripture from its original sources while we respect the translations at the same time.

We disagree with all scholars who are teaching demonic doctrines camouflaged as higher knowledge of the Scripture. They teach that demons and spiritual powers are in control of our lives and Satan is the ruler of this world. Satan is the ruler only over those who reject Christ and also over the false believers. 90% of all confessing believers are not born-again.

The Bible is simple and easy to understand. Children understand the Bible better than older Christians because their spirits are not polluted by the world cunning doctrines yet. Let us not lead them astray or place stumbling blocks in their love and faith in YHWH Christ.

Psalm 82:1-8 (New King James Version)

1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.

**2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked?
Selah**

3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked.

5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.

7 But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes."

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.

Psalm 82:1-8 (American Standard Version)

1 God standeth in the congregation of God; He judgeth among the gods.

**2 How long will ye judge unjustly, And respect the persons of the wicked?
Selah**

3 Judge the poor and fatherless: Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.

4 Rescue the poor and needy: Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.

**5 They know not, neither do they understand; They walk to and fro in
darkness: All the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

6 I said, Ye are gods, And all of you sons of the Most High.

7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

Psalm 82:1-8 (Young's Literal Translation)

1 God hath stood in the company of God, In the midst God doth judge.

**2 Till when do ye judge perversely? And the face of the wicked lift up?
Selah.**

**3 Judge ye the weak and fatherless, The afflicted and the poor declare
righteous.**

**4 Let the weak and needy escape, From the hand of the wicked deliver
them.**

**5 They knew not, nor do they understand, In darkness they walk
habitually, Moved are all the foundations of earth.**

6 I have said, `Gods ye are, And sons of the Most High--all of you,

7 But as man ye die, and as one of the heads ye fall,

**8 Rise, O God, judge the earth, For Thou hast inheritance among all the
nations!**

NIV New International Version	ESV English Standard Version	NASB New American Standard Version	KJV King James Version	HCSB Holman Christian Standard Bible
1 A psalm of Asaph. God presides in the great assembly; he renders judgment among the "gods":	1 God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:	1 A Psalm of Asaph. God takes His stand in His own congregation; He judges in the midst of the rulers.	1 A Psalm of Asaph. God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.	1 A psalm of Asaph. God has taken His place in the divine assembly; He judges among the gods:"
2 "How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked?	2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah	2 How long will you judge unjustly And show partiality to the wicked? Selah.	2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.	2 How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah
3 Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.	3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.	3 Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.	3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.	3 Provide justice for the needy and the fatherless; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute.
4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.	4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."	4 Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.	4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.	4 Rescue the poor and needy; save them from the power of the wicked."
5 "The 'gods' know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.	5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.	5 They do not know nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are shaken.	5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.	5 They do not know or understand; they wander in darkness. All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6 "I said, 'You are "gods"; you are all sons of the Most High.'	6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;	6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are sons of the Most High.	6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.	6 I said, "You are gods; you are all sons of the Most High.
7 But you will die like mere mortals; you will fall like every other ruler."	7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."	7 "Nevertheless you will die like men And fall like any one of the princes."	7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.	7 However, you will die like men and fall like any other ruler."
8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.	8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!	8 Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who possesses all the nations.	8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.	8 Rise up, God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to You.

Hebrew Original Text

פרק פ"ב

א מזמור לאסף אלהים נצב בעדת-אל בקרב אלהים ישפט:
ב עד-מתי תשפטו-עול ופני רשעים תשאו-סלה:
ג שפטו-דל ויתום עני ורש הצדיקו:
ד פלטו-דל ואביון מיד רשעים הצילו:
ה לא ידעו ולא יבינו בחשכה יתהלכו ימוטו כל-מוסדי ארץ:
ו אני-אמרתי אלהים אתם ובני עליון כלכם:
ז אכן כאדם תמותון וכאחד השרים תפלו:
ח קומה אלהים שפטה הארץ כי-אתה תנחל בכל-הגוים:

Hebrew Original Text with vowels

Psalm 82:1-8

א מִזְמוֹר לְאַסָּף אֱלֹהִים נֹאֲב בְּעֵדֹת־אֵל בִּקְרֹב
אֱלֹהִים יִשְׁפֹּט:

ב עַד־מָתִי תִשְׁפֹּטוּ־עוֹל וּפָנִי לְשָׁעִים תִּשְׁאוּ־סֵלָה:

ג שְׁפֹטוּ־דָל וְיִתּוֹם עֲנִי וְרֵשׁ הַצְּדִיקוֹ:

ד פִּלְטוּ־דָל וְאַבְיוֹן מִיַּד רְשָׁעִים הַצִּילוּ:

ה לֹא יִדְעוּ | וְלֹא יִבְיִנוּ בְּחִשְׁכָּה יִתְהַלְכוּ לְמוֹטוֹ כָּל־
מוֹסְדֵי אֶרֶץ:

ו אֲנִי אֹמַרְתִּי אֱלֹהִים אַתֶּם וּבְנֵי עֲלִיּוֹן כָּלְכֶם:

ז אֲבֹן כְּאָדָם תִּמּוֹתֶינּוּ וּכְאֶחָד הַשָּׂרִים תִּפְּלוּ:

ח קוֹמָה אֱלֹהִים שְׁפֹטָה הָאָרֶץ כִּי־אַתָּה תִּנְחַל בְּכָל־
הַגּוֹיִם:

Hebrew Original Text and Translation

תהלים Chapter 82 Psalms

- א** 1 A Psalm of Asaph. {N} מִזְמוֹר, לְאַסָּף:
 אֱלֹהִים, נִצָּב בְּעֵדֶת-אֵל; בִּקְרֹב אֱלֹהִים יִשְׁפֹּט.
 God standeth in the congregation of God; in the midst of the judges He judgeth:
- ב** 2 'How long will ye judge unjustly, and respect the persons of the wicked? Selah
 עַד-מִתִּי תִשְׁפֹּטוּ-עוֹל; וּפְנֵי רָשָׁעִים, תִּשְׁאוּ-סֵלָה.
 Judge the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
- ג** 3 Judge the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
 שְׁפֹטוּ-דָל וַיְתוֹם; עֲנִי וְרֹשׁ הַצָּדִיק.
 Rescue the poor and needy; deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
- ד** 4 Rescue the poor and needy; deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
 פִּלְטוּ-דָל וְאַבְיּוֹן; מִיַּד רָשָׁעִים הַצִּילוּ.
 They know not, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; {N}
 הֲלָא יָדְעוּ, וְלֹא יָבִינוּ-- בַּחֲשָׁכָה יִתְהַלְכוּ;
 all the foundations of the earth are moved.
 יִמוּטוּ, כָּל-מוֹסְדֵי אֶרֶץ.
- ה** 5 They know not, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; {N}
 אֲנִי-אֶמַרְתִּי, אֱלֹהִים אַתֶּם; וּבְנֵי עֲלִיוֹן כָּלְכֶם.
 I said: Ye are godlike beings, and all of you sons of the Most High.
- ו** 6 I said: Ye are godlike beings, and all of you sons of the Most High.
 אָכֵן, כְּאָדָם תָּמוּתוּן; וּכְאֶחָד הַשָּׂרִים תִּפְּלוּ.
 Nevertheless ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.'
- ז** 7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.'
 קוּמָה אֱלֹהִים, שִׁפְטָה הָאָרֶץ: כִּי-אַתָּה תִּנָּחַל, בְּכָל-הַגּוֹיִם.
 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for Thou shalt possess all the nations. {P}

The Hebrew Text parsed and referenced
according to Strong's Numbers
Psalm 82:1

623 4210
לְאָסַף . מִזְמוֹר
of Asaph A Psalm
lə'ā-sāḡ miz-mō-wr,
Noun Noun

5324 430
נִשְׁבַּח אֱלֹהִים
stands God
niṣ-ṣāḡ 'ēlō-hîm,
Verb Noun

5712
— בְּעֵדֻתִּי
in His own congregation
ba'ă-dat-
Noun

430 7130 410
אֱלֹהִים בְּקֶרֶב אֵל
the gods in the midst of the mighty
'ē-lō-hîm bə-qe-reḡ 'ēl;
Noun Noun Noun

8199
יִשְׁפֹּט .
he judges
yiš-pōṭ.
Verb

Psalm 82:3

8199	4970	5704
וְ	מִתִּי	עַד-
will You judge	when	until
tiš·pə·tū-	mā·tay	'ad-
Verb	Int	Prep
	6440	5766
?	וּפְנֵי	עוֹל
	and the persons	unjustly
	ū·pə·nê	'ā·wel;
	Noun	Noun
5375	7563	
.	תִּשָּׂאוּ	רְשָׁעִים
	accept	of the wicked
tiś·'ū-	rə·šā·'îm,	
Verb	Adj	
	5542	
	סֵלָה:	
	Selah	
	se·lāh.	
	Verb	

Psalm 82:3

1800	8199
— דַּל	שִׁפְטוּ-
the poor	Defend
dal	šip̄-tū-
Adj	Verb

6041	3490
עֲנִי	וִיתוֹם
to the afflicted	and fatherless
'ā-nî	wə-yā-tō·wm;
Adj	Noun

6663	7326
הַצְדִּיקוּ :	וּרְשׁ
do justice	and needy
haṣ·dî-qū.	wā-rāš
Verb	Verb

Psalm 82:4

1800	6403
— דַּל	פִּלְטוֹן־
the poor	Deliver
ḏal	pal·lə·tū-
Adj	Verb

3027	34
מִיַּד	וְאַבְיוֹן
[them] out of the hand	and needy
mî·yaḏ	wə·'əḇ·yō·wn;
Noun	Adj

5337	7563
הַצִּילוּ:	רְשָׁעִים
rid	of the wicked
haṣ·ṣî·lū.	rə·šā·'îm
Verb	Adj

Psalm 82:5

3808 3045 3808
 וְלֹא יָדְעוּ לֹא
 neither do They know not
 wə-lō yā-də-ū lō
 Adv Verb Adv

995
 — יִבְיִנוּ —
 will they understand
 yā-bî-nū,
 Verb

1980 2825
 . יִתְהַלְּכוּ בַּחֹשֶׁךְ
 they walk in darkness
 yit-hal-lā-kū; ba-ḥă-šê-kāh
 Verb Noun

3605 4131
 כָּל- יִמּוּטוּ
 All are out of course
 kāl- yim-mō-w-tū,
 Noun Verb

776 4144
 אֲרֶץ: מוֹסְדֵי
 of the earth all the foundations
 'ā-reṣ. mō-ws-dê
 Noun Noun

Psalm 82:6

559	589	
אָמַרְתִּי	אֲנִי	
have said [are]	I [am]	
'ā-mar-tî	'ānî-	
Verb	Pro	
1121	859	430
וּבְנֵי	אַתֶּם	אֱלֹהִים
children	of You [are]	You gods
ū-bə-nê	'at-tem;	'ē-lō-hîm
Noun	Pro	Noun
3605	5945	
כֻּלְּכֶם׃	עַלְיוֹן	
all	of the most High	
kul-la-kem.	'el-yō-wn	
Noun	Adj	

Psalm 82:7

120

כְּאָדָם

like men

kə-'ā-dām

Noun

403

אֲכֵן

But

'ā-kên

Adv

259

וְכַאֲחַד

and like one

ū-kə-'a-ḥad

Adj

4191

תָּמוּתוֹן

you shall die

tə-mū-tūn;

Verb

5307

תִּפְּלוּ:

fall

tip-pō-lū.

Verb

8269

הַשָּׂרִים

of the princes

has-śā-rīm

Noun

Psalm 82:8

430

אֱלֹהִים

O God

'ě-lō·hîm

Noun

6965

קוּמָה

Arise

qū·māh

Verb

3588

כִּי־

for

kî-

Conj

776

הָאָרֶץ

the earth

hā·'ā·reṣ;

Noun

8199

שֹׁפֵטָה

judge

šā·pə·ṭāh

Verb

3605

בְּכָל־

all

bə·kāl

Noun

5157

תִּנְחַל

shall inherit

tin·ḥal,

Verb

859

אַתָּה

you

'at·tāh

Pro

1471

הַגּוֹיִם:

nations

hag·gō·w·yim.

Noun

Peshitta Original Aramaic Oldest Translation of the Hebrew Text

1. לֹא־הָיָה. מִדְּחִיבֵיךָ בְּמִתְבָּרָא תַעֲבִידָא. קִלְיָא מָה.
 * לֹא־הָיָה בְּמִדְּחִיבֵיךָ בְּקִלְיָא. הִנֵּה קִלְיָא
 2. בְּרֹם: * חֲבִידָא לֹא־עָלִיב בְּנִימֵי אִלֹּהִים חֶלְלָא.
 3. הַדָּאֵל בְּתַעֲבִידָא נִשְׁחָב אִלֹּהִים: * בְּרֹם בֵּה חֲתָעָא
 4. הֲלִתְנָא. הֲלִמְשָׁחִיבָא הֲלִמְשָׁחִיבָא זֶה: * בְּרֹם
 5. הֲלִמְשָׁחִיבָא הֲלִתְנָא בְּיָא אִבְרָא בְּתַעֲבִידָא. * בְּלָא
 מִבְּרֵה הֲלָא אִבְרָאֵיכֶם: בְּחִסְבֵּיכֶם מִבְּרֵיכֶם 000.
 6. הֲאֵיב חֲסִימֵי מִלְּאִתְנֵה וְאִדָּא: * אֲנָא אֲנִיבֵל
 בְּלִיתִימֵי אִלֹּהִים. הֲחִיבֵיכֶם בְּמִתְבָּרָא חֲכִיפֵי:
 * מִחֲמַלְלֵי חֲתִיבֵיכֶם מִבְּרֵיכֶם. הֲאִמְרֵי בְּרֹם
 7. זֶה־חֲבִידָא לְבִיכֶם: * מִבְּרֵי לֹא־הָיָה בְּרֹם לֹא־דָא.
 8. מִלְּאִי וְאִלֹּהִים לְכִיכֶם תַּעֲבִידָא.
 * מִבְּרֵיכֶם מִמְּשָׁחִיבֵיכֶם.

Peshitta Aramaic Oldest Translation of the Hebrew Text Translation

1 God stands in the assembly of the Angels and among the Angels he will judge.

2 How long will you vindicate evil and accept the face of the wicked?

3 Judge the orphans and the afflicted and justify the poor and the meek.

4 Save the poor and the afflicted from the hand of the wicked.

5 For they have not known neither are they wise; they have been walking in darkness and all the foundations of the Earth are moved!

6 I have said, "You are gods; you are all children of The Highest!

7 Therefore, you will die like children of men and you will fall like each of the princes."

8 Arise, oh God, and judge the Earth, because you will inherit all the nations!

Targum Onkelos Aramaic Translation of the Hebrew Text Translation

Psalm 82

1. A hymn composed by Asaph.

God, his presence abides in the assembly of the righteous who are strong in Torah; he will give judgment in the midst of the righteous judges.

2. How long, O wicked, will you judge falsely, and lift up the faces of the wicked forever?

3. Judge the poor and the orphan; acquit the needy and the poor.

4. Save the poor and needy, from the hands of the wicked deliver them.

5. They do not know how to do good, and they do not understand the Torah, they walk in darkness; because of this, the pillars of the earth's foundations shake.

6. I said, "You are reckoned as angels, and all of you are like angels of the height."

7. But truly you will die like the sons of men; and like one of the leaders you will fall.

8. Arise, O Lord, judge all the inhabitants of the earth; for you will possess all the Gentiles.

LXX The Septuagint Greek Second Oldest Translation of the Hebrew

Psalm 82

82:1 (LXX 81:1) ψαλμὸς τῷ Ἀσαφ ὁ θεὸς ἔσται ἐν συναγωγῇ θεῶν ἐν μέσῳ δὲ θεοῦς διακρίνει

82:2 (LXX 81:2) ἕως πότε κρίνετε ἀδικίαν καὶ πρόσωπα ἀμαρτωλῶν λαμβάνετε διάψαλμα

82:3 (LXX 81:3) κρίνατε ὀρφανὸν καὶ πτωχόν ταπεινὸν καὶ πένητα δικαιώσατε

82:4 (LXX 81:4) ἐξέλεσθε πένητα καὶ πτωχόν ἐκ χειρὸς ἀμαρτωλοῦ ῥύσασθε

82:5 (LXX 81:5) οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οὐδὲ συνῆκαν ἐν σκότει διαπορεύονται σαλευθήσονται πάντα τὰ θεμέλια τῆς γῆς

82:6 (LXX 81:6) ἐγὼ εἶπα θεοί ἐστε καὶ υἱοὶ ὑψίστου πάντες

82:7 (LXX 81:7) ὑμεῖς δὲ ὡς ἄνθρωποι ἀποθνήσκετε καὶ ὡς εἷς τῶν ἀρχόντων πίπτετε

82:8 (LXX 81:8) ἀνάστα ὁ θεός κρίνον τὴν γῆν ὅτι σὺ κατακληρονομήσεις ἐν πᾶσιν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν

The Septuagint is of extreme value both in the translation of the Hebrew original text and also in the interpretation which was done by pious and faithful Jewish rabbis around the year 200 B.C.

It is noteworthy that the later rabbis, who rejected the Messiah Jesus, also rejected the Septuagint as it pointed a clear light to the Messiah Jesus prophecies.

Commentary

Asaph wrote twelve of the psalms : Psalm 50; Psalm 73; Psalm 74; Psalm 75; Psalm 76; Psalm 77; Psalm 78; Psalm 79; Psalm 80; Psalm 81; Psalm 82; Psalm 83.

Psalm 82:1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.

This verse refers to YHWH God as the Supreme Ruler; the Ruler of those that rule; the God to whom all powers and magistrates, however exalted in rank, are responsible and accountable.

The term “God - Elohim” stands in the congregation of the mighty ...” does not mean either that YHWH God is a member of such congregation, or that YHWH God presides over such council, or that YHWH God approves.

It means rather that YHWH God sees, observes, and watches everything and in every council or congregation, there is God watching intimately everything that goes on.

YHWH God is omniscient not only in the past before the creation by virtue of His Decree, but also He is existentially omniscient.

This verse indicates also that YHWH God allows free moral agents, the angels and men to plan evil and to accomplish evil. YHWH God will not stop what men are doing because God respects the moral freedom of mankind. However at the same time, God protects His children who are abused and oppressed.

Isaiah 45:5-7 “I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.”

James 1:2-4 “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

YHWH God is supreme over all powers and authorities. He holds the rulers, the kings, the judges and everyone responsible to Himself.

♦ The word rendered congregation is that which is commonly applied to the assembly of the people of Israel. It is considered as an organized or political body. Here, it is the congregation of the ruling party and their powers.

The term "Congregation of the mighty," or "Congregation of God," or "Company of God," or "Divine Council," or "His own congregation," or "Divine Assembly" is properly translated in the Septuagint LXX as "the synagogue of the gods." Thus the Septuagint and the Revised King James Version had the best translation of this expression. The Septuagint, in this verse, rendered the best and most accurate meaning.

Remember, gods means powerful and mighty people or powerful angels. Thus, they are called "Elohim."

Tyrants and warlords are described as gods.

♦ Why are these powerful rulers (magistrates) described as gods?

The Apostle Paul explained this in Romans 13:1-6 "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing." Compare also, Psalm 82:6. In Exodus 21:6; 22:8,9,28.

♦ The Term "Elohim" has several meanings in the plural form and one meaning in the singular form.

If "Elohim" is used for a singular proper person, then it definitely refers to

YHWH God.

If "Elohim" is used to refer to a group of people, then could means :

A. Elohim could mean mighty individuals.

B. Elohim could mean angels. This can be seen in the reference of worshiping angels who would be fallen angels (high ranks of demons through their idols) as mentioned in Hebrews 1:6.

Hebrews 2:7 refers to the ranking of these high angels, "You made him a little lower than the angels." (The English translation is inaccurate in Hebrew 2:7.)

Psalm 8:5 "For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor."

The translators repeated the expression "made him a little lower than the angels" in the Aramaic, the Septuagint LXX, the Latin Vulgate, the Syriac, and the Arabic translations.

This expression is repeated in Hebrews 2:7-9 "You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone."

However, Gesenius renders it, "You has caused Him to want but little of God; that is, thou hast made him but little lower than God." This latter translation is more of a natural and compatible construction. Most other translations apply the term to angels, as in Psalm 82:1.

Preachers and Bible scholars who use only the English language or another local language translations probably will err in their theology because the English translations confuse God with angels and people who all can be called Elohim.

Also, Preacher and Bible scholars who use the false Bible books, namely,

the Apocrypha, the Pseudoepigrapha, and the Lost Books of the Bible will definitely err because these false Bible books teach about a demonic world mixed and cleaved to and with humans throughout history. This is false teaching stemming from Kabalists who are Jews adopting Eastern and demonic teachings.

Psalm 97 shows us that the word "Elohim" is used as "gods" or "angels."

Psalm 97:7 "Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods (Elohim)." The Septuagint LXX translated it as "Worship Him, all you angels."

The context in Psalm 97 suggests also the possibility of men who are believers. And it is quoted in Hebrews 1:6 "But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him.""

C. Elohim could mean Children of God, the elect people who are truly born again.

John 10:34, 35 "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 the Scripture cannot be broken."

D. Elohim could mean leaders and lords such as in the example of Moses who became related to Aaron as God to His prophet (Exodus 4:16), and to Pharaoh as God to His creature (Exodus 7:1).

E. Elohim could mean Men who rule and have dominion over all the earth; all the animals, all the birds, plants, and all the rocks therein. Men are superior to the animals, the birds, the plants, and the rocks. In this sense, men are Elohim to the earth.

F. Elohim could mean judges or rulers over the nation or over other people.

Jeremiah addresses rulers, "Thus says YHWH the Lord: "Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood" (Jeremiah 22:3).

Exodus 21:6 refers to powerful judges of the land, "before the gods

(Elohim)."

G. Elohim could hyperbolically include all creatures who are created in the image of God with free moral agency, such as humans and angels.



Psalm 82:2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? Selah

The ruling powers whether angelic or humans are described as unjust, oppressive, and partial in the administration of justice. They favors people of rank, money, and position.

As the term "Elohim" could represent the "Judges."

Moses and Jehoshaphat urged their judges to the discharge of duty in all honestly as before YHWH God, "Take heed what ye do: for you judge not for man, but for YHWH the Lord, who is with you in the judgment. Wherefore now let the fear of YHWH the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts" (2 Chron 19:6, 7 and Deuteronomy 1:16).



Psalm 82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

This verse refers to YHWH God as the helper of the poor and fatherless, hence the reminder and exhortation of the high calling of these judges.

Compare Exodus 22:22; Deuteronomy 10:18; Isaiah 1:17; Psalm 68:5; 82:3; Jeremiah 49:11; Hosea 14:3; Malachi 3:5; James 1:27.

This verse also refers to the righteous, who are usually (or always) poor, needy, and afflicted.

The word here rendered "poor" means more properly, afflicted, distressed, needy. Compare Job 34:28; Psalm 18:27; 22:24; 25:16.

This word is rendered in Psalm 9:12; 10:12 as "humble" which can indicate

their humiliated condition.

The wicked rich and powerful had rejected and humiliated those righteous men and women who, in circumstances of poverty, depression, want, trial, had no other resource, and who had sought their comfort in YHWH God, their only helper and friend.



Psalm 82:4 Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked.

These verses are a statement of the duties of the rulers and the magistrates, particularly to the poor, the fatherless, the needy, and the afflicted.



Psalm 82:5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

These rulers, judges and magistrates, whether humans possessed by demons, are described as ignorant, and as walking in darkness.

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These powerful rulers are described as :

- 1) They know not, i.e., they are ignorant.
- 2) They do not want to know the truth or the facts.
- 3) They understand not, i.e., they are stupid.
- 4) They understand not, i.e., they do not want to understand.
- 5) They are unjust.
- 6) They are partial for their own interest.
- 7) They are politically driven for their own self-gain and profit.

One should wonder how these people were appointed or were elect to their powerful positions?

Yes, YHWH God allows our wrong choices in these corrupt and powerful political leaders.

In America we are living under such powerful politicians and magistrates which is the demise of our beloved land and nation.



Psalm 82:6 "I said, "You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High."

"I have said, you are gods" : See the comments on Psalm 82:1 above regarding the meaning of the word "Elohim" as "gods".

Asaph (YHWH God) gave them this title" which means "I have conferred on you an appellation which indicates your power and authority over men; your decisions affects the lives of people.

The expression you are gods means you are judges, rulers and in charge over the people.

John 10:34 "Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" ' ?"

Psalm 82:6 makes the case crystal clear by making all believers (true born from above) sons of the Most High" to be "gods" by adoption.

They had a rank which entitled them to the appellation of "gods," and were the representatives of the Most High on earth.



Psalm 82:7 "But you shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes."

YHWH God is reminding them that they are human and fragile. They assumed with blind conceit that they are powerful beyond measure, but God is reminding them of their end.

This verse reminds these powers that they are mere mortal people.

Even if these rulers and magistrates are inspired or controlled by demonic entities, they and these fallen angels shall have their day of judgement when they are thrown in the lake of fire together.



Psalm 82:8 “Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.”

This is a call on God to arise and to execute judgment in the earth, for YHWH alone is the Supreme Ruler, and the nations, with all their interests, pertain to Him.

YHWH God is the true Ruler not only of Judea (Israel) but of all the nations.

Luke 18:3-8 “Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' ” Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"”

Romans 12:19 "Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord."

Revelation 6:10 "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"”

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