

FIRST TESTAMENT TERMINOLOGY FOR
THE HEAVENLY HOST

Heiser, Michael S. *Angels: What the Bible Really Says About
God's Heavenly Host*. Lexham Press. 2018

TERMS THAT DESCRIBE THEIR NATURE

1. "Spirit" (rûah; plural: rûahôt). 1 Kings 22:19-23
2. "Heavenly ones" (šamayim). Psalm 89:5-7
3. "Stars" (kōķebîm). 1 Kings 22:19
4. "Holy Ones" (qedōšîm). Psalm 89:5-7 [Heb. 6-8]
5. "Gods" / "divine Beings" ('elîm; 'elōhîm). Ps 89:5-7 [Heb. 6-8]

TERMS THAT DESCRIBE THEIR STATUS

1. "Assembly" (lemma: 'ēdāh; construct form: 'adaṭ). Ps 22:17
2. "Council" (sōḏ). Job 15:8
3. "Congregation" (qāhāl). Psalm 89:5
4. "Assembly, assembled meeting" (mô'ēd). Isa 14:12
5. "Court" (Aramaic: dîn). Daniel 7:9-10

TERMS THAT DESCRIBE THEIR FUNCTION

1. "Angel" (mal'āk; plural: mal'ākîm). Gen 28:12
2. "Minister" (verb: šrt, Piel stem: šērēt). Ps 103:21
3. "Watcher" ('îr; plural: 'îrîn). Dan 4:13
4. "Host" (šaba'; plural: šeba'ôt). Psalm 103:21
5. "Mighty ones" (gibborîm, 'abbîrîm). Psalm 103:20
6. "Mediator" (mēlîš). Job 33:23
7. "Cherubim" (kerubîm). Num 21:6 [winged, never called 'angel']
8. "Seraphim" (šerapîm). Isaiah 6:2 [winged, never called 'angel']

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EVIL SPIRITUAL BEINGS

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First Testament Terminology for Spiritual Beings

TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REALM OF THE DEAD

1. "Earth" ('ereṣ). Jonah 2:6
2. "Pit" (šaḥat; bôr). Job 33:18
3. "Grave" (še'ôl). Deut 32:22
4. "Death" (māwet). Job 17:16
5. "Go down" (yârad). Num 16:30

TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEAD

1. "Serpent" (nāḥāš). Genesis 3:1
2. "Satan" (śāṭān). Job 2:4
3. "Rephaim" / "giants" / "shades" (rēpā'im). Job 26:5
4. "Death" (māwet, môt). Deut 32:39
5. "Spirits" / "ghosts" ('ôb; plural: 'ôbôt, 'ôbërim ["those who cross over"]). Num 21 :10
6. "Knowing one" (yiddë'ônî). Deut 18: 11
7. "The dead" (mētîm). Deut 18: 11
8. "Hidden one" (ḥabî; ḥebyôn). Isaiah 26:20

TERMS THAT DENOTE ENTITIES WITH GEOGRAPHICAL DOMINION

1. "Territorial spirits" / "demons" (šēdîm). Deuteronomy 32: 17
2. "Sons of God" (benêy 'elôhîm). Genesis 6:1-2
3. "Gods" ('elîm; 'elôhîm). Psalm 82: 1
4. "Prince" (śar; plural: śārîm). Daniel 10: 13

PRETERNATURAL CREATURES ASSOCIATED WITH IDOLATRY

1. "Azazel" ('ăzā'êl). Leviticus 16:7-11
2. "He-Goats" / "Goat Demons" (śā'îr; plural: śē'îrîm). Leviticus 17:7
3. "Howling Creature" ('iyyîm). Jer 50:39
4. "Wild Beasts" (šiyyîm). Jer 50:39
5. "Lilith" (lîlîṭ). Isa 34:14

DEMYTHOLOGIZED PSEUDO-DEMONS

Chaos Symbols

1. "Leviathan" (liwyāṭān). Job 41:1
2. "Rahab" (ră'hăb). Job 26:12
3. "Behemoth" (b^ehē'môṭ). Job 40:15

Forces Of Nature (Canaanite deities)

1. "Pestilence" (deber). Habakkuk 3:5
2. "Plague" (rešep). Habakkuk 3:5