

# Angelic Rebellion Series

## Lesson #06

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**The Divine  
Council  
*Angelic*  
Rebellion, Part 6**

**The Sons of God  
and the Nations  
Deut. 32:8–9;  
Dan. 10:13–21**

**Psa. 82:title, “A Psalm of Asaph.**

**Psa. 82:1, “God [<sup>ʔ</sup>*Elōhîm*] stands in the congregation of the mighty [<sup>לְאֱלֹהִים</sup> <sup>ʔ</sup>*ēl.*]; He judges among the gods [<sup>ʔ</sup>*elōhîm*].”**



**Rev. 12:7,**  
**“And there**  
**was war in**  
**heaven,**  
**Michael and**  
**his angels**  
**waging war**  
**with the**  
**dragon. The**  
**dragon and**  
**his angels**  
**waged war,”**



Rev. 12:8,  
“and they  
were not  
strong  
enough, and  
there was no  
longer a place  
found for  
them in  
heaven.

Rev. 12:9, “And  
the **great  
dragon** was  
thrown down,

the **serpent** of old who is called the **devil** and **Satan**, who  
**deceives** the whole world; he was thrown down to the  
earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”

**Deut. 32:7, “Remember the days of old,  
Consider the years of many generations.  
Ask your father, and he will show you; Your  
elders, and they will tell you:**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High divided  
their inheritance to the nations, when He  
separated the sons of Adam, He set the  
boundaries of the peoples according to the  
number of the children of Israel.**

**Deut. 32:9, “For the Lord’s portion is His  
people; Jacob is the place of His  
inheritance.”**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel.” ~NKJV**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided up humankind, he set the boundaries of the peoples, according to the number of the heavenly assembly.”**

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**Masoretic Text, Samaritan Pentateuch:  
“sons of Israel”**

**Septuagint (LXX): “angels of God”  
Qumran: “sons of Elohim”**



**“according to the number of the children of Israel”**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.”**

**~NASB 95**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.” ~NIV 84**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance and divided the human race, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the people of Israel.” ~HCSB**

**according to the number of the angels, “sons of God.”**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.” ~ESV**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High apportioned the nations, when he divided humankind, he fixed the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the gods; ~NRSV**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided up humankind, he set the boundaries of the peoples, according to the number of the heavenly assembly.” ~NET**

**Masoretic  
Text  
8–10th century  
AD**

***bene Israel***

**Ancient  
Versions**

**Aquila,  
Theodotion,  
Symmachus  
late 1st to late  
2nd century  
AD**

**Old Greek  
(LXX)  
3rd century BC**

**Qumran**

***bene Elohim, or bene Elim  
angels or sons of God***



**1. This is called the Table of Nations. The Table of Nations lists 70 nations but Israel is not one of them. Why? Israel is distinct and Abram isn't called out by God until Gen. 12:1.**

**2. Second, the use of the same Hebrew root (פָּרַד) in both Genesis 10 and Deuteronomy 32 to describe the “separation” of the human race and the nations substantiates the long-recognized observation that Genesis 10–11 is the backdrop to the statement in Deuteronomy 32:8.**

**Gen. 10:32, “These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.”**

**פרד *pharad nifredu***

**nif perf 3 com plur**

**to separate**

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**פָּרַד *pharad* *nifredu*  
nif perf 3 com plur  
to separate 10:32**

**פָּרַד *parad* *hafrid*  
hif infinitiveConst  
to separate 32:8**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.”**

**3. Historically, the interpretation was that the seventy sons of Jacob were connected to the seventy nations in Gen. 10. The problem is that this doesn't work.**



**4. Conclusion: that God sets the “sons of God” over the nations.**

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High [*EI Elyon*] divided their inheritance to the nations,**

**When He separated the sons of Adam,  
He set the boundaries of the peoples  
According to the number of the sons of  
Elohim (the angels).”**

**Deut. 32:9, “For the LORD’S portion is  
His people; Jacob is the place of His  
inheritance.”**

**Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,**

**Rom. 1:19, “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.**

**Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”**

**Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.**

**Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,**

**Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.**

**Rom. 1:24, “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,”**

**Dan. 10:13, “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.”**

**Dan. 10:18, “Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.**

**Dan. 10:19, “And he said, ‘O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!’ So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, ‘Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.’”**

**Dan. 10:20, “Then he said, ‘Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.’ ”**

**Dan. 10:21, “But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.”**

**שַׂר *sar* comm masc sing constr  
prince, chief, “one who commands”**

**More than 400× in the Old Testament**

**Jude 9, “Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’”**

**Jude 10, “But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.”**

**Jude 11, “Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.”**