

HANDOUT – HOST OF HEAVEN

Are associated with the sun, the moon and the stars

Deut 4:18 - Deut 4:19 (NASB) ¹⁹“And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.”

Are spirits that stand to the right and left of the throne of the Lord. We physically see the sun and moon and stars – but there is a spiritual reality as well.

1 Kin 22:19 - 1 Kin 22:23 (NASB) (Also in 2 Chronicles)

¹⁹Micaiah said, “Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left. ²⁰“The LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said this while another said that. ²¹“Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, ‘I will entice him.’ ²²“The LORD said to him, ‘How?’ And he said, ‘I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ Then He said, ‘You are to entice *him* and also prevail. Go and do so.’ ²³“Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you.”

Jesus called himself a star (the bright morning star)

Rev 22:15 - Rev 22:16 (NASB)

¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

We are to pay attention to prophecy until the morning star arises

2 Pet 1:19 - 2 Pet 1:21 (NASB)

¹⁹So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one’s own interpretation, ²¹for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Babylon also referred to as a morning star, but one that has fallen to earth for its sin

Isa 14:3 - Isa 14:4 (NASB)

³And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved, ⁴that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say,

Isa 14:12 - Isa 14:13 (NASB)

“How you have fallen from heaven,
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!
¹³ “But you said in your heart,
‘I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God,
And I will sit on the mount of assembly
In the recesses of the north.”

Were at the creation of the earth

Job 38:4 - Job 38:7 (NASB)

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell *Me*, if you have understanding,
⁵ Who set its measurements? Since you know.
Or who stretched the line on it?
⁶ “On what were its bases sunk?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷ When the morning stars sang together
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

So numerous they cannot be counted

Jer 33:21 - Jer 33:22 (NASB) ²²“As the host of heaven cannot be counted and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.””

Are subject to God

Dan 4:34 - Dan 4:35 (NASB)

³⁴“But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever;
For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation.
³⁵ “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
But He does according to His will in the host of heaven
And *among* the inhabitants of earth;
And no one can ward off His hand
Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’”

Also the numerous references throughout Scripture of God as the “God of Hosts”

Are capable of sin and rebellion (Are punished by God during the Great Tribulation)

Also note the references to the sun and moon

Isa 24:20 - Isa 24:21 (NASB)

²¹ So it will happen in that day,
That the LORD will punish the host of heaven on high,
And the kings of the earth on earth. They will be gathered together
Like prisoners in the dungeon,
And will be confined in prison;
And after many days they *will be* punished.
²³ Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed,
For the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,
And *His* glory will be before His elders.

Isa 34:1 - Isa 34:4 (NASB)

¹ Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples!
Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it.
² For the LORD’S **indignation** is against all the nations,
And *His* wrath against all their armies;
He has utterly destroyed them,
He has given them over to slaughter.
³ So their slain will be thrown out,
And their corpses will give off their stench,
And the mountains will be drenched with their blood.
⁴ And all the **host of heaven** will wear away,
And the sky will be rolled up like a scroll;
All their hosts will also wither away
As a leaf withers from the vine,
Or as *one* withers from the fig tree.

Zeph 1:2 - Zeph 1:6 (NASB)

“I will completely remove all *things*
From the face of the earth,” declares the LORD.
³ “I will remove man and beast;
I will remove the birds of the sky
And the fish of the sea,
And the ruins along with the wicked;
And I will cut off man from the face of the earth,” declares the LORD.
⁴ “So I will stretch out My hand against Judah
And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
And I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place,

And the names of the idolatrous priests along with the priests.

⁵ “And those who bow down on the housetops to the **host of heaven**,
And those who bow down *and* swear to the LORD and *yet* swear by Milcom,
⁶ And those who have turned back from following the LORD,
And those who have not sought the LORD or inquired of Him.”

Are idols worshipped by Israel

2 Kin 17:15 - 2 Kin 17:16 (NASB) ¹⁶They forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, *even* two calves, and made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal.

2 Kin 21:3 - 2 Kin 21:5 (NASB) (Also in 2 Chronicles)

³For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

⁴He built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, “In Jerusalem I will put My name.” ⁵For he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

2 Kin 23:4 - 2 Kin 23:5 (NASB) ⁴Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. ⁵He did away with the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the surrounding area of Jerusalem, also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of heaven.

Jer 8:1 - Jer 8:3 (NASB)

¹“At that time,” declares the LORD, “they will bring out the bones of the kings of Judah and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem from their graves. ²“They will spread them out to the sun, the moon and to all the host of heaven, which they have loved and which they have served, and which they have gone after and which they have sought, and which they have worshiped. They will not be gathered or buried; they will be as dung on the face of the ground. ³“And death will be chosen rather than life by all the remnant that remains of this evil family, that remains in all the places to which I have driven them,” declares the LORD of hosts.