

Yahweh of Hosts

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LORD God Almighty

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Yahweh Elohim Sabaoth

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 - Gods
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- Hosts: warriors
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Council

the council of the holy ones. (Ps 89:7)

God has taken his place in the divine council. (Psalm 82:1)

If they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed
my words to my people. (Jer 23:22)

Gods

God (*elohim*) has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods (*elohim*) he holds judgment...

I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High.” (Psalm 82:1, 6)

God of gods

Yahweh your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God. (Deut 10:17)

Yahweh, God of gods! Yahweh, God of gods knows. (Joshua 22:22)

Give thanks to the God of gods, for his loyal love endures forever. (Ps 136:2)

God above gods

Who is like you, Yahweh, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? (Exodus 15:11)

Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all gods. (Exodus 18:11)

Sons of God

Who among the sons of God is like
Yahweh? (Psalm 89:6).

Ascribe to Yahweh, O sons of God,
ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength.

Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due his
name. (Psalm 29)

Sons of God

The sons of God came to present themselves before Yahweh. (Job 1:6; 2:1)

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation... and all the sons of God shouted for joy? (Job 38:4, 7)

Above all

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Creatures

You are Yahweh, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. (Neh 9:6)

Creatures

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things were created through him and for him. (Colossians 1:16)

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Messengers

Angel means messenger.

מַלְאָכִים (*malach*) = ἄγγελος (*angelos*)

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (Luke 2:10)

He has risen.” (Matthew 28:6)

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come. (Acts 1:11)

Warriors

Hosts צבאות (*sabaoth*) = armies

He unleashed against them his hot anger... a band of destroying angels.
(Psalm 78:49)

... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire. (2 Thessalians 1:7-8)

Soldiers serve

Bless Yahweh, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word. Bless Yahweh, all his hosts, his servants who do his will. (Ps 103:20-21)

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?
(Hebrews 1:14)

Worshippers

“Holy, holy, holy is Yahweh of hosts! The whole earth is full of his glory.” (Isaiah 6:3)

The four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped. (Revelation 5:14)

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Yahweh of hosts

- Speaks and listens to council
 - Loves and exalts his family
 - Shares reign with imagers
 - Creates splendid variety
- Speaks through messengers
- Commands mighty armies
- Deserves awestruck worship

Yahweh of hosts

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Yahweh of hosts! ... O Yahweh,
God of hosts, hear my prayer...
O Yahweh of hosts, blessed is the
man who trusts you. (Psalm 84)

Yahweh of hosts

Who is the king of glory? Yahweh of hosts, He is the king of glory!

(Psalm 24:10)

O Yahweh God of hosts, restore us; cause your face to shine that we may be saved. (Psalm 80:19)

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¹ Praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ...⁵ For he commanded and they were created... ¹³ Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. (Psalm 148)