

THE TRINITY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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INTRODUCTION

GENESIS 1:26

God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

The Hebrew word here for "God," 'Ēlōhîm (*Elohim*) is plural (-îm is a plural ending).

I will render this ultra-literally as GODS (but am referring to the One Triune God)

However, the verb "said" is a singular form.

Whether one says *he said* or *they said* (in English), the word "said" does not inflect (change). However, if we retranslate "said" as *has said*, this issue will be clear.

Has said is a singular form: cf. *he has said* (we do not say, "they has said")

Have said is a plural form: cf. *they have said* (we do not say, "he have said")

An ultra-literal translation would be: GODS has said.

(Note that although the subject is a plural form, the verb "has said," is singular.)

Now, if the Hebrew were speaking about false gods, it would say: gods have said

(Note that both the subject and the verb "have said," are plural.)

GENESIS 1:27

Notice here that God (*Elohim*) created man in His image. We can say (using the conventions of the prior section: GODS has created man in His image...

Reconciling Us/Our of 1:26 with His (1:27)

GENESIS 3:22

GENESIS 11:7

PSALM 45:6-7

PSALM 51:11-13

PSALM 110:1

PROVERBS 30:1-4

ECCLESIASTES 12:1

Literally: Remember your creators...

ISAIAH 6:8

ISAIAH 48:16

ISAIAH 54:5

Literally: Your maker is your husband.

DANIEL 7:13-14

CONCLUSION