

Bereisheet 5786

Job 1:6

One day the divine beings presented themselves before the LORD, and the Adversary^a came along with them.

Genesis Rabbah 26

ויראו בני האלהים וגו' ר' שמעון בן יוחי קרי להון בני דייניה, ר' שמעון בן יוחי מקלל לכל מן דקרי להון בני אלהיא:

Numbers 13:33

We saw the Nephilim there—the Anakites are part of the Nephilim—and we looked like grasshoppers to ourselves, and so we must have looked to them.”

Rashi on Numbers 13:33

(lit., the fallen ones) — Anakim who were descendants of Shemchazai and Azael who fell from heaven in the generation of Enosh.

I Samuel 28:13

The king answered her, “Don’t be afraid. What do you see?” And the woman said to Saul, “I see a divine being coming up from the earth.”

Rashi on Genesis 1:1

IN THE BEGINNING — Rabbi Isaac said: The Torah *which is the Law book of Israel* should have commenced with the verse (Exodus 12:2) “This month shall be unto you the first of the months” which is the first commandment given to Israel. What is the reason, then, that it commences with the account of the Creation? Because of the thought expressed in the text (Psalms 111:6) “He declared to His people the strength of His works (i.e. He gave an account of the work of Creation), in order that He might give them the heritage of the nations.” For should the peoples of the world say to Israel, “You are robbers, because you took by force the lands of the seven nations of Canaan”, Israel may reply to them, “All the earth belongs to the Holy One, blessed be He; He created it and gave it to whom He pleased. When He willed He gave it to them, and when He willed He took it from them and gave it to us” (Yalkut Shimoni on Torah 187).

Rashbam on Genesis 1:1

There are many such examples. Our entire paragraph here was written by Moses in order for us to understand what is written in the Ten Commandments concerning the reason why the Sabbath is holy, i.e. that it is a symbol reminding us of the fact that G'd created the universe in 6 days and rested on the seventh day. (Exodus 20,10) If anyone were to think that the universe as such had already existed then in the format that we see it now, the Torah corrects such thinking.

Deuteronomy 7:1-2

- 1) When G-d brings you to the land that you are about to enter and possess, and [God] dislodges many nations before you—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, seven nations much larger than you—
- 2) And G-d delivers them to you and you defeat them, you must doom them to destruction: grant them no terms and give them no quarter.