

Examples from Akkadian Texts where the Akkadian word for "gods" (a plural) actually means "god" (singular) - where it is used to refer to ONE god or individual.

(See below for bibliographic sources for this material)

Again, WHY is Sitchin unaware of this data?

The word in Akkadian that corresponds to Hebrew "elohim" is **ilanu**, which literally (and grammatically, by itself) means "gods". In Sumerian, this word is written **DINGIR.MEŠ**.

### Example 1

In the famous Amarna letters (correspondences between Egyptian pharaohs and their ruling underlings in Palestine - written in Akkadian, the language of international correspondence of that day), there are over 100 instances where **ilanu** is used to refer to PHARAOH (and there was only ONE of those) in a formulaic string of flattering expressions (transliterated in both Sumerian logographs and Akkadian):

LUGAL EN-ia dUTU-ia / DINGIR.MEŠ-ia

*šarri bēliya šamšīya ilaniya*

"the king, my lord, my sungod, **my god** (singular)"

### Example 2

In other instances, such as in El Amarna Letter 156 (EA156:1), the word **ilanu** is actually written (formed / spelled) in a grammatically SINGULAR form:

a-na LUGAL EN-ia DINGIR-ia d[U]TU-ia

*ana šarri bēliya iliya šamšīya*

"the king, my lord, **my god** (singular), my sungod."

### Example 3

Our last example (EA 96:4-6) is a case (of many) where the noun **ilanu** is used as the subject of a SINGULAR verb:

DINGIR.MEŠ-nu / šu-lum-k šu-lum E-ka / li-iš-al

*ilānu / šulumka šulum bītika / lišal*

"May the **deity** (singular) inquire concerning the welfare of you and your household"

The following are excellent resources for the meaning of Biblical "elohim" in light of its ancient near eastern counterparts:

*A Reassessment of Biblical Elohim*, Joel Scott Burnett, Ph.D. dissertation, Johns Hopkins University, 1999 (available through ProQuest Digital Dissertations)

(this dissertation is the latest scholarship on the word)

*The Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*, vol. 1; Botterweck and Ringgren, eds. (Eerdmans, various dates for series)