

Review of: "Elohim or Elohayim"

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I am in agreement with the other reviews that have preceeded this one. The article lacks clarity on a fundamental level. To begin with, much of the argument depends upon claims that are insufficiently supported or inaccurate. Hebrew, as other reviewers have noted, is not a "pictograph" language, but consonantal. The basic tenets of the argument have merit, as there is the possibility for a lack of knowledge between the ancient biblical text and the Masoretic vocalization. However, such a claim in reference to the divine name is bold, and needs to be better developed. The author would do well to review current literature on diachronic aspects of Hebrew. The writing style, as other reviewers have noted, is nearly unintelligible at places, and needs extensive revision. Also, citations are needed, and better engagement with scholarship needs to be demonstrated.