

# Royal We and Majestic Plural



The "Royal We," or "Majestic Plural," is a form of speech used by rulers or leaders of states and countries to indicate that they speak in their official capacity. It references the plural form of the personal pronoun "we," which has been used throughout history as an expression of power and authority. This address was trendy in monarchies from the 12th century to the 17th century but continues to be used on certain occasions today.

There are four verses in the Bible where God refers to Himself using the Majestic Plural: Genesis 1:26, Genesis 3:22, Genesis 11:7, and Isaiah 6:8.

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Genesis 1:26 (KJV): And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

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Genesis 3:22 (KJV): And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.

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Genesis 11:7 (KJV): Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

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Isaiah 6:8 (KJV): Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

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Trinitarians use verses from the Bible that contain the word "Us" to argue for a triune Godhead. They believe that since God used a plural pronoun, it must mean more than one person is within the Godhead. However, they fail to consider the language and translation of The King James Bible, written in the 16th century. Therefore, while it appears on the surface that these verses are evidence of multiple persons within the Godhead, they may not be referring to other persons at all. They may point towards an acknowledgment by God of His divine nature and power. Thus, it is crucial to look beyond the surface-level interpretation of these verses to understand better what God was communicating.

The power of God's words in Genesis 1:26 is evident when He declares, "Let us make man in our image," using the Hebrew word "Amar" (aw mar), which conveys a great force, asserting that His will be done. Additionally, the term "make" comes from the Hebrew word "Awah" (aw saw), which conveys bringing forth or creating something. Thus, God created something new and powerful when he said these words.

God's power and creativity were further evidenced by His ability to bring humans into existence with simple words, which is why it is so important to pay attention to what we are saying; if God can create something as significant as humanity with mere speech, we should also be careful in our words, for they may have a powerful effect.

What's interesting about this passage is that there is no Hebrew translation for the words "let us." So, who were these words directed towards? Was God speaking to another person, his angels, or something else? The answer lies in the "Royal We." When God said, "Let us make," it was a form of the "Royal We" that conveyed his sovereign authority over His creation, which was a way of God stating that He had the power and authority to create the universe from nothing but His spoken word.

Other examples of the "Royal We" or "Majestic Plural" are:

- Queen Victoria was famous for saying, "We are not amused," when she heard an offensive joke.
- In the Quran, when Allah referred to himself as "we," the Muslims say that he was referring to his power and majesty.
- In Hindustani, the majestic plural is used when an elder speaks to someone younger than he is.

Today, we don't refer to ourselves in the third person as an all-encompassing "Royal We." which is why many people misinterpret passages in the Bible where God speaks about himself using the word "we" and assume he must be referring to another entity within his divinity. Instead, it serves as a reminder of his ultimate power and sovereignty overall.

## X Tweets:

1. **Isaiah 6:8 (KJV)** Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?... God's call echoes deeply—He seeks those ready to respond to His sovereign authority. Who will answer? #Faith #Calling #Sovereignty