BIBLE TOPICS · KNOWING GOD

The Names of God

Every Name Reveals Who He Is · Proverbs 18:10

Elohim	El Shaddai	JEHOVAH	Jesus
God the Creator	God Almighty	I AM THAT I AM	The LORD saves

GENESIS 1 · 14 · 16 · 17 · 21

God: Elohim and the El Names

El is the Hebrew word for God, the Mighty One. Elohim is its fuller form. Joined to other words, it tells us more about Him.

ELOHIM

God, the Mighty Creator

The first name of God in the Bible.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

GENESIS 1:1

EL ELYON

The Most High God

Ruler over heaven and earth.

"Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth"

GENESIS 14:19

EL ROI

The God Who Sees

Hagar's name for the God who found her.

"Thou God seest me"

GENESIS 16:13

EL SHADDAI

God Almighty

All-sufficient, able to keep every promise.

"I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect."

GENESIS 17:1

EL OLAM

The Everlasting God

Without beginning or end.

"and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God."

GENESIS 21:33

ADONAI

Lord and Master

The One we serve and obey.

"O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!"

PSALM 8:1

KEY VERSE

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

Proverbs 18:10 (KJV)

The Names of God Chart

GENESIS 1 · EXODUS 3:14 · ISAIAH 9:6

The Names of God

Every name reveals who He is

Hebrew names with their meanings · King James Version

God · Elohim and the El Names

1. **Elohim**
   God, the mighty Creator
   GENESIS 1:1
2. **El Elyon**
   The most high God
   GENESIS 14:19
3. **El Roi**
   The God who sees me
   GENESIS 16:13
4. **El Shaddai**
   God Almighty, all-sufficient
   GENESIS 17:1
5. **El Olam**
   The everlasting God
   GENESIS 21:33
6. **Adonai**
   Lord and Master
   GENESIS 15:2 · PSALM 8:1

The LORD · Jehovah, His Covenant Name

7. **I AM THAT I AM**
   The One who simply is
   EXODUS 3:14
8. **JEHOVAH (the LORD)**
   God's personal covenant name
   EXODUS 6:3
9. **Jehovah-jireh**
   The LORD will provide
   GENESIS 22:14
10. **Jehovah-rapha**
    The LORD that healeth thee
    EXODUS 15:26
11. **Jehovah-nissi**
    The LORD my banner
    EXODUS 17:15
12. **Jehovah-m'kaddesh**
    The LORD which sanctify you
    LEVITICUS 20:8
13. **Jehovah-shalom**
    The LORD is peace
    JUDGES 6:24
14. **Jehovah Sabaoth**
    The LORD of hosts
    1 SAMUEL 1:3
15. **Jehovah-raah**
    The LORD is my shepherd
    PSALM 23:1
16. **Jehovah-tsidkenu**
    The LORD our righteousness
    JEREMIAH 23:6
17. **Jehovah-shammah**
    The LORD is there
    EZEKIEL 48:35
18. **Jealous**
    He will have no rival
    EXODUS 34:14

The Son · Names of Jesus Christ

19. **Jesus**
    The LORD saves
    MATTHEW 1:21
20. **Emmanuel**
    God with us
    MATTHEW 1:23
21. **Wonderful, Counsellor**
    The mighty God, the Prince of Peace
    ISAIAH 9:6
22. **I Am**
    Before Abraham was
    JOHN 8:58
23. **The Lamb of God**
    Who takes away the sin of the world
    JOHN 1:29
24. **King of Kings**
    And Lord of lords
    REVELATION 19:16

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The LORD's Covenant Names

EXODUS 3 · 6

The LORD: Jehovah and His Covenant Names

God's personal name, printed LORD in the KJV, was joined to a promise at key moments in Israel's history.

I AM THAT I AM

The One Who Is

Eternal, unchanging, needing no one.

"I AM THAT I AM"

EXODUS 3:14

JEHOVAH

The LORD

His personal, covenant name.

"but by My name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."

EXODUS 6:3

JEHOVAH-JIREH

The LORD Will Provide

A ram in Isaac's place.

"And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh"

GENESIS 22:14

JEHOVAH-RAPHA

The LORD Who Heals

Bitter waters made sweet at Marah.

"for I am the LORD that healeth thee."

EXODUS 15:26

JEHOVAH-NISSI

The LORD My Banner

Victory over Amalek.

"And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi"

EXODUS 17:15

JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH

The LORD Who Sanctifies

He makes His people holy.

"I am the LORD which sanctify you."

LEVITICUS 20:8

JEHOVAH-SHALOM

The LORD Is Peace

Gideon's altar after he saw the Angel.

"Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom"

JUDGES 6:24

JEHOVAH SABAOTH

The LORD of Hosts

Commander of the armies of heaven.

"but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts"

1 SAMUEL 17:45

JEHOVAH-RAAH

The LORD My Shepherd

He leads, feeds and keeps His sheep.

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

PSALM 23:1

JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU

The LORD Our Righteousness

The name of the coming King, Christ.

"and this is His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

JEREMIAH 23:6

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH

The LORD Is There

The name of God's city for ever.

"and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there."

EZEKIEL 48:35

JEALOUS

A Jealous God

He will share His people with no idol.

"for the LORD, Whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God"

EXODUS 34:14

Other Titles and the Names of Jesus

PSALMS · PROPHETS

Other Names and Titles of God

Scripture also uses pictures and titles that show God's character and His care.

THE ROCK

Strong and Unchanging

A refuge that never moves.

"He is the Rock, His work is perfect"

DEUTERONOMY 32:4

THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL

Set Apart from Sin

Isaiah's favourite name for God.

"For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour"

ISAIAH 43:3

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

The Eternal Judge

Daniel's vision of God on His throne.

"and the Ancient of days did sit"

DANIEL 7:9

THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH

Always Just

He always does right.

"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

GENESIS 18:25

THE KING ETERNAL

Ruler for Ever

Immortal, invisible, the only wise God.

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God"

1 TIMOTHY 1:17

ABBA, FATHER

Our Father

The name His children may use.

"whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

ROMANS 8:15

The Holy Spirit also has many names, such as the Comforter and the Spirit of truth. See The Holy Spirit.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Names of Jesus Christ

God's names reach their fullness in His Son. Each name of Jesus tells us who He is and what He came to do.

JESUS

The LORD Saves

His name is His mission.

"and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins."

MATTHEW 1:21

EMMANUEL

God with Us

God Himself came to live among us.

"and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

MATTHEW 1:23

WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR

The Mighty God

Isaiah's great names of the Child.

"and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

ISAIAH 9:6

I AM

The Name from the Bush

Jesus claims the name of God.

"Before Abraham was, I am."

JOHN 8:58

THE LAMB OF GOD

Our Sacrifice

He takes away the sin of the world.

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

JOHN 1:29

ALPHA AND OMEGA

The First and the Last

The beginning and the end of all things.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord"

REVELATION 1:8

> *"And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."*
>
> Revelation 19:16 (KJV)

Reading the KJV and Honouring His Name

READING YOUR BIBLE

How to Read LORD, Lord and GOD in the KJV

The King James Version uses capital letters to show which Hebrew name stands behind the English word.

LORD

Jehovah (YHWH)

God’s personal covenant name, printed in capital letters.

“The LORD is my shepherd”

PSALM 23:1

Lord

Adonai

Lord or Master, printed in small letters.

“I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up”

ISAIAH 6:1

Lord GOD

Adonai Jehovah

When the two come together, GOD in capitals stands for Jehovah.

“Lord GOD, what wilt Thou give me”

GENESIS 15:2

FOR TODAY

Honouring God’s Name Today

God’s name is holy. Knowing it should change how we speak, pray and live.

1

Keep His Name Holy

The first request of the Lord’s Prayer.

“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.”

MATTHEW 6:9

2

Never Use It Lightly

The third commandment.

“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain”

EXODUS 20:7

3

Trust His Name

Knowing Him leads to trusting Him.

“And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee”

PSALM 9:10

4

Run to Him for Safety

His name is a strong tower.

“The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.”

PROVERBS 18:10

5

Call on His Name

Salvation is offered to all who call.

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13

6

Bow at the Name of Jesus

One day every knee will bow.

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow”

PHILIPPIANS 2:10

Key Themes

KEY THEMES

Six Truths God's Names Teach

Taken together, the names of God teach six truths about who He is.

1

He Is the Creator

Elohim made all things.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

GENESIS 1:1

2

He Is Almighty

Nothing is too hard for El Shaddai.

"I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect."

GENESIS 17:1

3

He Is Eternal

The LORD simply is, without beginning or end.

"I AM THAT I AM"

EXODUS 3:14

4

He Keeps His Covenant

Jehovah is the name of His promises.

"this is My name for ever, and this is My memorial unto all generations."

EXODUS 3:15

5

He Meets Every Need

He provides, heals, leads and gives peace.

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

PSALM 23:1

6

He Came to Save

Every name meets in Jesus.

"and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins."

MATTHEW 1:21