

# Names of God

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## Part I:

Class	English Form	Hebrew Equivalent
Primary	God	El, Elah- singular or Elohim (Gen 1:1) plural
	LORD	Jehovah (Gen 2:4)
	Lord	Adon or Adonai (Gen 15:2)

## Part II:

Compound with El El = God	Almighty God Most High, Most High God Everlasting God	El Shaddai (Gen 17:1) El Elyon (Gen 14:18) El Olam (Gen 21:33)
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## Part III:

Compound with Jehovah Jehovah =LORD	LORD God Lord GOD LORD of hosts	Jehovah Elohim (Gen 2:4) Adonai Jehovah (Gen 15) Jehovah Sabaoth (1 Sam 1:3)
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## Introduction:

Why study the names of God? We can see the attributes of God so clearly in His names. We can see how these various characteristics of God are emphasized and it makes all the Bible gel together in a beautifully woven tapestry.

For instance, in Genesis 1:1 we see that "God" (Elohim), the Creator/True God, is used all the way up to Genesis 2:4 when we see it change to "*LORD God*." (Jehovah Elohim). God then creates Man and He needs to COMMUNICATE with him. The 1 Person of the Triune Godhead who would communicate with Man is this LORD=Jehovah. He represents Jesus Christ in the New Testament, and in the Old Testament, among other names He is God, the Son and He appears to Man (called: theophany).

So, LORD= JEHOVAH= JESUS CHRIST = THE WORD/THE COMMUNICATOR

**John 1: 1** In the beginning **was the Word**, [the Communicator] and the Word was with God [Elohim], and **the Word was God**. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup>All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**JEHOVAH = YHWH יהוה** Yood, Hey, Vav, Hey (reading right to left) (Strong's H3068)

includes the root word "**to exist**" and the Yood "**hand**", so we see a picture of "**the maker of all that is**" or "**self-existent**." We know from scripture, that God's created everything and that He is the only self existing One -no one created Him.

In Job 38, God asks Job: **Job 38:4** Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

God created EVERYTHING. It's all above our ability to even understand! And, we only have understanding when He communicates TRUTH/THE WORD to us!

Jehovah comes from the contraction of: **Jahwe – Havah**

I AM                      become more and more revealed

**So, Jehovah (from studying the contraction) means: I AM to become more and more revealed**

This shows the nature of God that there is PROGRESSIVE REVELATION concerning Him, concerning His will throughout the entire Bible which, after all, is the handbook we were given- God communicating to us!

God speaks to Moses and tells him to go to Pharaoh. Here, God reveals that He is the **I AM (Exodus 3:4)** Jesus tells the Pharisees: **John 8: 56-58** <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

<sup>57</sup> Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**

Note: The Book of John contains 7 “I Am’s” that line up with the Old Testament:

“I am the bread of life” (John 6:35)

“I am the light of the world” (John 8:12)

“I am the door of the sheep”(John 10:7) “I am the door” (John 10:9)

“I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11)

“I am the resurrection, and the life” (John 11:25)

“I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6)

“I am the true vine” (John 15:1)

## **PART I:**

**El, Elah, Elohim= Strength and Might אֱלֹהִים Strong's#H430**

Elohim, the plural form, is the **NAME OF THE TRIUNE GOD, eternal, sovereign God: God -the Father; God - the Son; and God- the Spirit**

### **El**

(Hebrew Letters:)

Alef – an ox, strong, first

Lamed – cattle goad, to control, to speak, to shepherd

*God is the First, or the Strong Authority, Strong Shepherd, Strong Voice; God is the First Tongue*  
(think how He spoke the world into existence)

### **Add for Elohim, the plural form:**

Hey – behold, to show, to reveal

Yood – closed hand, to work, deed done

**Mem – water, liquid, mighty, massive, chaos**

Here in the full “Elohim” we see again the emphasis on *God being First, Leader, Strong and a Completed Work!*

How perfect, when we see: **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning **God [Elohim]** created the heavens and the earth This emphasizes that God’s Creation was PERFECT and COMPLETE!

**Genesis 1:2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit [ruwach] of God [Elohim] moved upon the face of the waters. [mahim]**

In between these 2 verses something had happened to God’s Creation – **judgment by WATER (we can even see this with the letter Mem - chaos)**

Elohim has the root=to swear. He is the Keeper of His Covenants. God is under a covenant with Himself and promises to perform: Hebrews 6:13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

### The TRIUNE GOD:

#### EL - GOD THE FATHER:

**Genesis 14:18** <sup>18</sup> And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. [El]

The name *el* was also used for pagan gods, but we can see here that **God is declaring He is the most high God.** Jehovah is God's name to the nation of Israel. El is the name when He speaks to the Gentiles. Lost man creates idols, calls them gods, and they in fact are worshipping demons. God is telling the Gentiles: He is THE ONE, the ONLY God, the ONLY WAY.

#### EL - GOD THE SON:

Jesus is referred to as Immanuel which we know means "*God with us*": **Isaiah 7:14** <sup>4</sup> Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a *virgin shall conceive*, and bear a son, **and shall call his name Immanuel.**

**Immanuel = God with us** עִמָּנוּאֵל Strong's #6005, (root word "with") and #410 (El)

"with" Ayin = eye, to see, know, experience  
**Mem = water, mighty, massive, many, chaos, to come from (#40-days of water in Noah's flood)**

"us" Bet = house, household, in, into, family  
Vav = nail, peg, "and", to add, to secure

"God" Alef = ox, bull, strength, leader, first  
Lamed = cattle goad, control, authority, the tongue

*The word picture includes God securing us to His family.*

**Immanuel only appears twice in the KJV (Isaiah 7:14- as we have just seen and also Isaiah 8:8) We have 3 names of God in 4 verses: Jehovah, Adonai, Immanuel.**

**Isa 8:5** The LORD [Jehovah] spake also unto me again, saying,

**Isa 8:6** Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;

**Isa 8:7** Now therefore, behold, the Lord [Adonai=Master] bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:

**Isa 8:8** And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, **O Immanuel.**

The Bible gives us many pictures concerning WATER: Water sustains life...Jesus is The Fountain of Living Water, the "waters of Shiloah." There is going to be a river of living water that flows from Jerusalem. (Zechariah 14:8; Revelation 7:17) The name "Moses", the future deliverer of Israel, and type of Jesus Christ means: "taken from the water." The Water Libation ceremony during the Feast of Tabernacles included pouring water and wine onto the altar of God, in the holy of holies. Water and blood poured from the side of Jesus Christ when He hung on the Cross.

God has used WATER as judgment, between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, and the world-wide Flood of Noah's time; God opened the Red Sea for Israel so they would stand in victory on the other side (a picture of baptism), but the same wall of water crashed down on the Egyptian army; the Nile River was turned into blood (Exodus 7:20) and Revelation 11:6 states how the two witness are given the ability to turn the waters into blood.

Seeing this element of WATER in Immanuel's name struck me as interesting until I found the above scripture. But, we must remember that Jesus referred to Himself as the FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS. Immanuel, God with us, Jesus Christ, the One born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), stands at the last day of the Feast of Tabernacle, crying out to them:

**John 7:37, 38** In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

<sup>38</sup> He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

As GOD, THE SON.... Jesus is REJECTED just as Isaiah 8:6 states:

They reject Him and we see the Pharisees bringing a woman caught in adultery for Jesus to judge her. He writes in the earth twice:

**John 8:7-9** But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

<sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

<sup>8</sup> And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

What was Jesus writing on the ground? **Jeremiah 17:13** ○ LORD the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

This is also seen: **Isa 8:6** Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly,

Jesus is the FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS. He is the SOURCE of LIFE, and His name Immanuel speaks of this.

**Shiloah or Siloah = "sent"** שִׁלּוֹחַ

**Sheen = teeth, to consume, to destroy**

**Lamed = control, authority, the tongue**

**Chet = fence, inner room, private, to separate, to cut off from, to protect (there's a negative and positive connotation to a fence)**

I believe this singles out that WALL that IMPRISONS so the word picture: *"Destroy (Sheen) the wall (Chet) that controls/separates (Lamed)"*

Another Hebrew word very close to Shiloah is "shach" which is the strongest Hebrew word for **humility**:

It represents someone lying prostrate: שָׁח Strong's# 7807

...so very similar to Shiloah, both have:

**Sheen = teeth, to consume, to destroy**

**Chet= fence**

*To be humble is to have your fence of pride destroyed.*

As SHILOAH....we can see how Jesus Christ was SENT....He HUMBLISHED HIMSELF (left His glory and was shamed to hang on a Cross, being made SIN...SIN THAT HE HATES), He is the Word SENT to DESTROY THE WALL THAT SEPARATES US. This is He who is the waters of Shiloah, the

**Chet [FENCE] is also in the word for SIN** = "chata" which contains a word picture that SIN IMPRISONS SOMEONE WITH A STRONG WALL. (Hebrew letters are pictures of: fence, snake, surrounds, ox, strong)

**Job 22:29** When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the **humble** [shach] person

FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS. Rejected. Yet, anyone who receives Him. The wall (pride/sin) is knocked down-how? By His Word:

**Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

So, we can see from scripture how God is The Authority and He alone is able to break down/destroy the walls of sin that separate us from Him. God sent prophets and God, the Son, to reconcile first Israel back to God, but as a nation they refused. How much they have suffered! Their sin kept God out! Their religion kept God out. God wants an intimate relationship. They refused this, "**the waters of Shiloah that go softly**" (Isaiah 8:6) and the consequences were clearly prophesied: The Gentile nations were used by God as a "flood of water" to chastise and disperse Israel, as a nation. The Roman Empire destroyed the Temple in 70 AD and dispersed them to the ends of the earth. Hitler fulfilled the hate-filled teachings of the Catholic Church towards the Jews, even the teachings of Martin Luther. Still in the future, the Time of Jacob's Trouble will be a time of the greatest persecution against the Jews when 2/3 of their population will be destroyed. We see how Isaiah 8 prophesies this. And also in **Revelation 12:15** And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Whatever the "flood" may be..be it a flood of water, or flood of soldiers, the antichrist tries to destroy this fleeing remnant, but God is in control! He draws a line in the sand! **Revelation 12:16** And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

**Jesus, Immanuel, the Living Water, water of Shiloah, calls out to each one of us.....those who reject Him...will stand ashamed just as Jeremiah 17 and John 8, their names written in the earth...earth is humanity....the names of those are not in the Book of Life, they do not get a new name in stone. (Revelation 2:17) Those who are humbled, He will save!**

## **EL – GOD, THE SPIRIT**

**Job 33:4** The spirit of God (*El*) hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.  
**Job 37:10** By the breath of God (*El*) frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

## **Spirit of God "ruwach" רוּחַ Strong's# H7307 in Hebrew**

**Chet** – fence, inner room, private, to separate

**Vav** – and, to add, to secure

**Reysh** – a person, the head, the highest

*Here, we see how the Spirit of God seals/secures (VAV) man to God. He sets us aside, separates us, protects us!(CHET) Oh, we see this picture of being sealed, separated when we look at the Tabernacle in the wilderness...coming into the 1 Door (Jesus) called "The Way" and now we are no longer separated from God's righteousness.*

The Spirit of God is the Third Person of the triune God. He inspires and impels a prophet to utter a warning; He endows various gifts; He is the "energy of life," and is manifested in the Shekinah glory. God's Spirit also imparts strength beyond normal human strength.

**Gen 1:2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit (*ruwach*) of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit (*ruwach*) shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Samson: Jdg 15:14,15 And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit [ruwach] of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands. And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and **slew a thousand men therewith.**

Ephesian 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit [pneuma in Greek] of God, whereby **ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption.

**LORD = Jehovah יהוה Strong's#3068 "YHVH"**

Jehovah = "the existing One", the proper name of the one true God, (unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of 0136) (root=to be/exist; to breathe)

**LORD=JEHOVAH=God the Son= Jesus the Christ = the Communicator/Word**

In our introduction, we saw how Jehovah is the contraction of: **Jahwe – Havah**

I AM		to exist, to become known, to become more and more revealed
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**So, Jehovah means: *I AM to become more and more revealed***

This shows the nature of God that there is PROGRESSIVE REVELATION concerning Him, concerning His will throughout the entire Bible which, after all, is the handbook we were given- God communicating to us! We cannot understand Him ...in our lost/without hope condition,...but as He reveals Himself through His Word, we come to know Him.

**Jehovah is distinctly the redemption name of Deity and represents Jesus Christ.** Scofield writes: "Salvation by Jehovah apart from sacrifice is unknown to Scripture."

**Compound Names using Jehovah:**

**Jehovah-Jireh** – "the LORD will see/provide" (Genesis 22:13,14). He provided a sacrifice.

**Jehovah –M'Kaddesh** – "the LORD is my/our sanctification" (Leviticus 20:1-8) He sanctifies/sets us apart from sin so we may live for eternity in the presence of His holiness.

**Jehovah-Rapha** (Rophe)– "the LORD that healeth" (Exodus 15:26) Physical as well as spiritual healing.

**Jehovah-Nissi** – "the LORD our banner" (Exodus 17:8-15) The war of the Spirit against the flesh.

**Jehovah-Shalom** – "the LORD our peace" or "the LORD send peace" (Judges 6:24) Jehovah hates and judges sin. Jehovah loves and saves sinners and brings them into His peace - but only through His sacrifice .

**Jehovah-Ra-ah** (Rohi) – "the LORD my shepherd" (Psalm 23)

**Jehovah-Sabaoth** – "the LORD of warrior hosts" (1 Samuel 1:3) He has sovereign command over all armies – physical and spiritual.

**Jehovah-Tsidkenu** – "the LORD is righteous. The LORD our righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6) yet in the future restoration/conversion of Israel.

**Jehovah-Shammah** – "the LORD is there – ever present" (Ezekiel 48:35)

**Jehovah- Makkeh** – "the LORD shall smite you." (Ezekiel 7:9)

Jesus is the PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION of the INVISIBLE GOD. The Triune God speaks to His creation through Jesus Christ, the Son...JEHOVAH. Hebrews 11: 1, 2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

<sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, [HE IS THE COMMUNICATOR]

Exodus 3:7 And the LORD [*Jehovah*] said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and **have heard their cry** by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

**Not only does He speak to us...but He listens!**

**Jehovah: YHWH יהוה**

YHWH includes the root word="to exist" (hey, vav, hey) and with Yood, it creates a word picture: "*The Maker of all that is*" "*In His hand is all that exists*" or "*Self-Existent*"

**Yood= is the word picture of a Hand**

**Hey= is the word picture of a Window, or to See, to Behold**

**Vav = is the word picture of a Nail**

**Hey = is the word picture of a Window, or to See, Behold**

Also...interesting to see that the Hebrew word picture could also be seen as: "*Behold the nail, behold the hand*"

**Looking back to Jesus, on the Cross:**

**John 19:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was Jesus Of Nazareth The King Of The Jews.

<sup>20</sup> This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

<sup>21</sup> Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

As customary, the message was probably written with large first letters, or with only their abbreviations, so they would have looked like this (transliterated):

*Yahshua HaNazarai Wemelek HaYehudim - [Hebrew]*

So hanging above Jesus Christ, on the Cross was WORD PICTURE created by the YOOD HEY VAV HEY: "**Behold the hand, behold the nail.**" **The very name of God! And I'll add something extra amazing:**

"**Yood**" is the picture of a hand...but it's a closed hand. It symbolizes 1) to work; and 2) a deed done! When Jesus Christ said: "it is finished!" this is indeed what He meant. No work on our part is needed. Just faith in *His FINISHED Work* on the Cross....alone! The Yood is also the 10<sup>th</sup> letter and is used for our number 10. Ten is the number of testimony/testing/law! God wrote the Ten Commandments with His own hand! We can look to those Ten Commandments as God's revealed holiness and test ourselves....no, we are not holy for only Jesus Christ - God who came in the flesh - is sinless.

"**Vav**" symbolizes the joining together, making secure, becoming bound (nailed to). It's numeric value is: 6 which we know is the number of Man. Jesus came, God in the flesh, to join Himself to Man. It's another picture of the bond servant who chooses to serve and remain and so his ear is nailed to the

doorpost, a Hebrew custom that paints a picture of Jesus and His role as bond servant. The One who chose to be pierced for our sin on the Cross to pay for our sin debt so we could be joined forever in Heaven with Him. What love! Just as Scofield stated, **We can see how Jehovah is synonymous with REDEMPTION.**

**Lord – Adon or Adonai, “Master” Strong’s #H136** primary meaning is **אֲדֹנָי**  
also the husband name of God

Yood – closed hand, work, a deed, to make  
Bet – tent, house, household, in, into, family  
Dalet – door, pathway, to enter  
Alef – ox, bull, strength, leader, first

**A title that was spoken in place of Yahweh in Jewish display of reverence, and gives attention to the Master-servant relationship. You first need to enter into (BET) THE ONE Door (DALET/ALEF), Jesus Christ, and make Him your Lord and then serve Him! He is also the HUSBAND/GROOM and we, His Body, is His Bride.**

**God commands Moses to speak to Pharaoh...and he doubts himself. He is but a lowly shepherd, someone who would be an abomination to an Egyptian. (Genesis 46:34) Exodus 4:10** And Moses said unto the LORD, [Jehovah] O my Lord, [Adonai=Master] I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

(verse 12) And the LORD [Jehovah] said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

**It is fitting that Moses uses the term “Adonai” because God is asking Moses to serve Him. And so, Moses refers to God as Master. But how interesting that God..Jehovah, turns around and says: “Who hath made man’s mouth?” I’m the Creator God...I made your mouth! And...Jehovah is going to COMMUNICATE to Pharaoh THROUGH Moses!**

*LORD = Jesus  
This points to creation power.  
Jer 1:4-10 LORD puts words in  
Jeremiah's mouth.*

**Part II**

**Compound with El**  
El = God

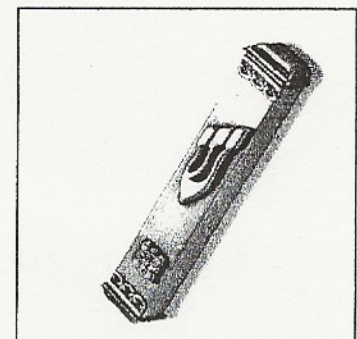
Almighty God  
Most High, Most High God  
Everlasting God

El Shaddai (Gen 17:1)  
El Elyon (Gen 14:18)  
El Olam (Gen 21:33)

**שַׁדַּי** “Shadday” Strong’s#H7706 and comes from the root:

**shadad** **שָׁדַד** Strong’s#H7703 (Shadad=to deal violently with, despoil, devastate, ruin, destroy, spoil)

**El Shaddai – Almighty God = denotes fruitfulness, all sufficient, inexhaustible bounty, the One who pours forth blessings**




A Mezuzah (www.judaica-mall.com)

Sheen = teeth, to consume, to destroy  
Dalet = door, pathway to enter  
Yood = closed hand, to work, a deed done



El Shaddai represents **fruitfulness...a finished work**. (Yood) Sheen has an element of a consumer or a destroyer. This would line up with the idea that "Shaddai" comes from "shadhadh" which means "to destroy," or "to terrify." Beholding the Hand of God and His power would strike awe and terror and perhaps this is what we can see with the letter Sheen. This is the name that stands for ALMIGHTY

GOD! It also relates to FRUITFULNESS. In fact, the Hebrew word "shad"  (Strong's#7699) means "the breast" and pictures God as "the Nourisher, "the Strength-giver," "the Satisfier." **He makes fruitful. He commands obedience and reverence. He chastens His people in order for them to yield more fruit. He prunes us for more fruit! Ouch!**

Households have a Mezuzah which literally means "doorpost", and contains the prayer of the Shema and the name "Shaddai", which is a name for God that means "**Guardian of the Doors of Israel**". We see DALET=door in this word picture. There are many beautiful designs on the

outside of the Mezuzah, some of which have the full name: Shaddai on them **שַׁדַּי**. But they all contain the Shema:

**Deut. 6:1-9** Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

<sup>2</sup> **That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.**

<sup>3</sup> **Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.**

<sup>4</sup> **Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:**

<sup>5</sup> **And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

<sup>6</sup> **And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:**

<sup>7</sup> **And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.**

<sup>8</sup> **And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> **And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.**

We can see the strength of God in this passage, how He commands to be reverentially feared, how He increases mightily and they are to remember this commandment by placing this Shema (Shema=Hear!) on the doorposts, believing that God was the Guardian of the Doors of Israel.

**Genesis 17:1-2; 6** And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the **Almighty God**; [El Shaddai] walk before me, and be thou perfect. [this is the FIRST MENTION of God's name: Almighty God. He is PROMISING FRUITFULNESS!]

<sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and **will multiply thee exceedingly.**

<sup>6</sup> And **I will make thee exceeding fruitful**, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

**Genesis 28:3** <sup>3</sup> And **God Almighty**[El Shaddai] bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

In the various scriptures that use this term for God, it denotes strength, and the ability of God to bring fruitfulness, but also to take away, to chasten, to trouble. The Almighty is used 31 times in

pruning

**the Book of Job. God was not judging, but He was PURIFYING Job unto greater fruitfulness because he was a man who was righteous before God. This characteristic of God inspires awe!**

**Job 5:17** Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the **Almighty**: [El Shaddai]

**Ruth 1:20, 21** And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, [=pleasant] call me Mara: [=bitter] for the **Almighty** [El Shaddai] hath dealt very bitterly with me.

<sup>21</sup> I went out full and the **LORD** [Jehovah] hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the **LORD** [Jehovah] hath testified against me, and the **Almighty** [El Shaddai] hath afflicted me?

**Job 23:16** For God [El] maketh my heart soft, and the **Almighty** [El Shaddai] troubleth me:

**Job 8:3** Doth God [El] pervert judgment? or doth the **Almighty** [El Shaddai] pervert justice?

Job 8:3 seems to be asking a rhetorical question. God, the ONE TRUE GOD, the MIGHTY GOD, the FIRST or the STRONG AUTHORITY, is the Judger of hearts. He brings justice. God *does not pervert judgment* and the **Almighty** God *does not pervert justice*. Also, it is important to note that the Biblical Hebrew view of a judge is different from ours today. A judge did not condemn, **he protected**. We see this affirmed in the Hebrew word picture for “judge”: Dalet, Noon (door, life) He sat at the gate of the city, his Biblical role was to protect, defend and really the only one who should fear him, would be someone who opposed what God protects! (Thought: Lot sat at the gate of Sodom – a judge? a defender? He was a believer and yet how weak was his testimony!)

This is full picture of ALMIGHTY GOD: the love of God (for those who are saved-He nurtures/protects/chastens/prunes to bring more fruit)...the wrath of God (for those who are lost/disobedient). Just as Jesus came as the Kinsman Redeemer and the Blood Avenger.

For those who are His, God allows trials to test our faith, to grow our faith in Him, so that we may bear MORE fruit for Him. Unfortunately, the “feel good” messages that people desire so that they keep in the “mountain-top” experiences, EDIT OUT this portion of scripture, or God’s nature! Christians are in a state of “denial” and when they experience tribulation, their roots are so weak, because they haven’t cultivated any understanding of God’s basic nature. Pruning is necessary for fruit!

**El Shaddai – We see the 2 parts: 1) God demands REVERENTIAL FEAR for He deals VIOLENTLY...MIGHTILY! 2) JEHOVAH called out Israel and promised to bless them:**

**Deuteronomy 26:7-15** <sup>7</sup> And when we cried unto the **LORD** God of our fathers, the **LORD** heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

<sup>8</sup> And the **LORD** brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

<sup>9</sup> And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.

<sup>10</sup> And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, **O LORD**, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the **LORD** thy God, and worship before the **LORD** thy God:

<sup>15</sup> Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

## El-Elyon, 'elyown "most high God" אֱלֹהֵי עֵלְיוֹן Strong's#5945, 410

This is the name by which Gentiles knew God. As Matthew Henry states: The MOST HIGH GOD "bespeaks his absolute perfections in himself and his sovereign dominion over all the creatures; he is King of kings."

El = God

Vav= connected- nail, peg, to add, to secure, "and"

Yood=work done - closed hand, work, a deed, to make

Lamed=cattle goad, control, authority, the tongue

Tsade=fishhook, catch, desire, need

*This picture is of God who has authority over His creation, He has sovereign dominion over all creatures.*

This name ('elyon, "highest") is a derivative of `alah אֱלֹהִים = to go up, ascend. God is the "Exalted One." He is lifted far above all gods, all men.

**That is why Paul writes in Romans that God gives them over to an uncleanness when they take what He is SOVEREIGN OVER....Creation and worships it... rather than worshipping Him, the Most High God, the Creator: Romans 1: 25** Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

This name is followed by "*the possessor of heaven and earth.*" We could see how the most high God possesses everything and holds it all together in His hand...connecting everything with His Word. He possesses all blessings. And when the king of Sodom offers booty from the battle to Abram, Abram is quick to say....he's looking to the most high God. He's the possessor of what he desires!

**Genesis 14:18-23** <sup>18</sup> And Melchizedek king of Salem [a type of Christ, King-Priest and perhaps even this is a theophany of Christ appearing before Abram] brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the **most high God**. [elyown]

<sup>19</sup> And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the **most high God**, [elyown] possessor of heaven and earth:

<sup>20</sup> And blessed be the **most high God**, [elyown] which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

<sup>21</sup> And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

<sup>22</sup> And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the **LORD, the most high God**, [elyown] the possessor of heaven and earth,

<sup>23</sup> That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

Abram is looking to God, the possessor of heaven and earth, the King of Kings - to give him blessings – not the world, and certainly not to a pagan king.

## El Gibbor - "the mighty God" אֱלֹהֵי גִבּוֹר Strong's#H1368

Reysh=head, person, the head, the highest

Vav=nail, peg, to add, to secure "and"

Bet=tent, house, household, in, into, family

Gimel=camel, to lift up, pride, benefit

*The highest or chief of a household perhaps?* We see it used over and over again having to do with mighty men. But then we see it used to describe God..He is THE MIGHTIEST! Gimel is a camel that

takes a load upon itself. Perhaps that is showing strength but it also denotes pride. Men who are mighty may be great leaders but we know what happens before a fall...pride!

But here is God ...a Mighty God...brought low to be a child...given to us. What meekness! Strength under control!

**Isaiah 9:6** For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God** [*El Gibbor*], Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

Since Israel was in constant struggle for their land, they considered God as fighting for them. So, this name of God applied to God as the Mighty Man of war, a warrior, champion...VICTOR!

Ark's Triumphant Entry: **Psalm 24:7,8**<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>8</sup> **Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

Allegory of the Messiah-King: **Psalm 45:1-3** My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

<sup>2</sup> Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

<sup>3</sup> **Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.**

Matthew Henry puts it beautifully: "1. See him in his humiliation. The same that is *the mighty God* is a *child born*; the ancient of days becomes an infant of a span long; the *everlasting Father* is a *Son given*. Such was his condescension in taking our nature upon him; thus did he humble and empty himself, to exalt and fill us. He is born into our world. *The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*. He is given, freely given, to be all that to us which our case, in our fallen state, calls for. God so loved the world that he gave him. He is born *to us*, he is given to us, us men, and not to the angels that sinned. It is spoken with an air of triumph, and the angel seems to refer to these words in the notice he gives to the shepherds of the Messiah's having come (Lu. 2:11), *Unto you is born, this day, a Saviour*. Note, Christ's being born and given to us is the great foundation of our hopes, and fountain of our joys, in times of greatest grief and fear."

And may I add: He is VICTOR, having fought death and sin, won us, taken us with Him on the Cross, to the grave, and to Heaven as He sees us already there with Him! And if that doesn't excite you...He fights every spiritual battle for us!

## Elohim Olam, El Olam – 'owlam everlasting God Strongs#5769

Mem – water, liquid, mighty, massive, chaos  
Lamed – cattle goad, control, authority, the tongue  
Vav – nail, peg, "and," to add, to secure  
Tsade – fishhook, catch, desire, need

**This name of God highlights His attribute of being: forever, always continuous existence-without beginning-or end, everlasting, eternal. I liked one definition: the God to whom eternity is what present time is. The one who stands apart from time because time is only for Man. He exists beyond our greatest vision of who He is.**

5769 'owlam o-lawm' or lolam {o-lawm'}; from 5956 (to veil from sight-conceal); time out of mind (past or future), eternal, perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+ without end).

**Genesis 21:33** And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, **the everlasting [*'owlam*] God.**

**Psalm 90: 2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, *from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

**Revelation 1:8** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, **which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.**

God is from everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 90). We say from ETERNITY PAST to ETERNITY FUTURE. This is the word "olam." He is also a God that REVEALS THINGS THAT ARE HIDDEN at His pleasure, also another translation for "olam." And He uses a specific TIME that He's carved out of Eternity for Man to REVEAL specific things....or keep certain things HIDDEN.

This so confirms the DISPENSATIONS! He reveals His will specifically and purposefully in each dispensation.

**Olam** means time, or age. With a tiny change in the vowel signs in Hebrew, the ancient rabbis would spell it *alam*, "hidden", focusing on the mysterious nature of God. When the rabbis would write "for ever" (**olam**) defectively, rendering it *alam*, "to conceal," "to cover" they were teaching that the name of God was to be concealed. It's just not His name....but certain things that God chose to HIDE...and then at His pleasure to REVEAL.

**El Olam, the Everlasting God! Who has no beginning or end! We can worship Him as eternal. His goodness, His longsuffering, His faithfulness ... they are all from "everlasting to everlasting." The Present Tense of I AM confirms that He stands outside of Time...He is past, present, future all in one! He is ALWAYS available. ALL KNOWING. He knows the end from the beginning.**

**Psalm 41:13.** <sup>13</sup> Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

**Isaiah 46:10** Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things that are not yet done*, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

**Deuteronomy 29:29** The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

**Ephesians 3:8-9** <sup>8</sup> Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

<sup>9</sup> And to make all men see what is the fellowship of **the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath been **hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

**Romans 16:25-26** Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to **the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,**

<sup>26</sup> **But now is made manifest**, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

**Colossians 1:25-27** Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; **Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his**

saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

That is...Christ in us! And that glorious condition of blessedness promised to us when we receive our glorified bodies!

This beautiful ATTRIBUTE of God flies in the face of Man who is lost and does not know God. Because “secular humanism” says that *Man is a god...and knows all*. So, as my one relative once said to me, “How dare Jesus speak in parables!” Those things he spoke in parables that the lost would remain lost and not understand, and those who came to salvation, would have the Holy Spirit who would reveal all things...but not all at once. I don’t think we could bear all that understanding! But it’s by His will that we come to understanding since He teaches us. He reveals Himself, His Word in due season!

### Part III:

<b>Compound with Jehovah</b>	LORD God	Jehovah Elohim (Gen 2:4)
<b>Jehovah =LORD</b>	Lord GOD	Adonai Jehovah (Gen 15)
	LORD of hosts	Jehovah Sabaoth (1 Sam 1:3)

**LORD God is Jehovah Elohim Strongs#3068**This term focuses on the **relation of Deity to man**. He is Creator, He has authority over man, He creates and governs the earthly relationships of man. Jehovah is the redemption name of Deity. It is JEHOVAH ELOHIM who sought after Adam and Eve and clothed them with “coats of skins.” (Genesis 3:21) This was a picture of His providing righteousness through sacrifice of an innocent

**Gen 2:2-7** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

<sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day **God [Elohim]** ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

<sup>3</sup> And **God [Elohim]** blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which **God [Elohim]** created and made.

(up to this point, God = Elohim and then it switches to LORD God – Jehovah Elohim)

<sup>4</sup> **These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,**

<sup>5</sup> And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the **LORD God [Jehovah Elohim]** had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

<sup>6</sup> But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

<sup>7</sup> And the **LORD God [Jehovah Elohim]** formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

**This shows God’s personal relationship with Man and the generations to follow. Then, Eve refers to God as the LORD.**

**Genesis 4:1** And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the **LORD [Jehovah]**

**Let’s remember that LORD= Jehovah=Jesus Christ**

**Since God’s promise of a Redeemer in Genesis 3:15, Eve would have been expecting to bear the Redeemer.**

Here in Joshua we see God's desire to be in *RELATIONSHIP* with Israel. That they *CLEAVE* to Him. It is to be a *FAITHFUL RELATIONSHIP*. God is faithful! Man is not! We get a picture of Israel, "the adulterous wife of Jehovah" rebelling and going after other gods, and the consequences of this:

**Joshua 23:11-16** <sup>11</sup> Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.

[*Jehovah Elohim*]

<sup>12</sup> Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

<sup>13</sup> Know for a certainty that the LORD your God [*Jehovah Elohim*] will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God [*Jehovah Elohim*] hath given you.

<sup>14</sup> And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God [*Jehovah Elohim*] spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD [*Jehovah*] bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

<sup>16</sup> When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD [*Jehovah*] be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

Here is God's warning. He will bring fruitfulness if they obey, but He will show His wrath against them, if they or we should say- *when* they disobey- because God in His all-knowing knew they'd disobey Him! On the "good land" they were fruitful. They were taken off, dispersed when they disobeyed. The anger of Jehovah, the great I AM, would be kindled against them: Jehovah who had appeared in the burning bush. Jehovah, who had been a pillar of fire by night (to keep them warm) and a cloud by day (to shade them from the sun). Jehovah who had dried up the Red Sea for Israel to flee from the Egyptians. Jehovah who had brought the wall of water down upon the advancing Egyptian army of Pharaoh and destroyed them all! Woe!

## **Lord GOD is Adonai Jehovah – the *Lord (Master)* is emphasized over God's attributes as Jehovah.**

The sin of Achan was upon Israel because Achan had disobeyed God and taken some of the booty of Jericho. Joshua sends spies into Ai and then he listens to their report and sends about 3,000 men into Ai. As a result, about 36 of the men are killed. Joshua cries to God.

**Joshua 7:8-11** <sup>7</sup> And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God [Adonai Jehovah], wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!

<sup>8</sup> O Lord, [Adonai] what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies!

<sup>9</sup> For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD [Jehovah] said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

<sup>11</sup> Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

It strikes me as interesting how Joshua speaks to God, as His Master, he being a servant of God who is ordered by Jehovah to get up! Sin is in the camp and it needs to be dealt with!

## LORD of hosts Jehovah Sabaoth (1 Sam 1:3) "tsaba"



Strong's#6635 "tsaba" is a host of angels, a host of organized army, refers to the whole creation, refers to the sun, moon, stars.

Tsade = fishhook, catch, desire, need, to pull toward, desire, trouble, harvest

Bet=tent, house, household, in, into, family

Alef=ox, bull, strength, leader, first

*These letters give us a picture of God being a strong leader of an army.*

This is used about 260 times in the Old Testament. LORD of heaven and earth, sole God and ruler of the world; LORD of all angels, men, demons. He has sovereignty over every army, both spiritual and earthly.

Psalm 24:9-10<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, [tsaba] he is the King of glory. Selah.

The first time in scripture that God is called *the LORD of hosts-Jehovah Sabaoth*.

1 Sam 1:3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts [Jehovah Sabaoth] in Shiloh.

Elkanah, Samuel's father was a Levite, and he went up at the solemn feasts to the tabernacle at Shiloh, to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts.

Matthew Henry comments: "It is a name by which he was afterwards very much called and known.

Probably Samuel the prophet was the first that used this title of God, for the comfort of Israel, when in his time their hosts were few and feeble and those of their enemies many and mighty; then it would be a support to them to think that the God they served was LORD of hosts, of all the hosts both of heaven and earth; of them he has a sovereign command, and makes what use he pleases of them."

We can see this HOOK, (the TSADE) and how He will reach forth and pull the Russian army down to attack Israel: Ezekiel 38:3,4<sup>3</sup> And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

<sup>4</sup> And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

## Elohim-Sabaoth – "the God of hosts"

Psalm 80:7 Turn us again, O God of hosts [Elohim-Sabaoth], and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. Psalm 80:14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: [Elohim-Sabaoth] look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

Matthew Henry's commentary on Psalm 80 indicates that Israel is crying out to God in their distress. And it would be a proper psalm for the day of Jacob's Trouble. They call upon Him to act



“before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh” and Henry suggests that “perhaps these three tribes are named because they were the tribes **which formed that squadron of the camp of Israel** that in their march through the wilderness followed next after the tabernacle; **so that before them the ark of God's strength rose to scatter their enemies.**”

Henry goes on to say: “They are conscious to themselves that they have gone astray from God and their duty, and have turned aside into sinful ways, and that it was this that provoked God to hide his face from them and to give them up into the hand of their enemies; and therefore they desire to begin their work at the right end: “**Lord, turn us to thee in a way of repentance and reformation, and then, no doubt, thou wilt return to us in a way of mercy and deliverance.**” Observe, 1. No salvation but from God's favour: “*Cause thy face to shine*, let us have thy love and the light of thy countenance, and then we shall be saved.” “ **This would certainly apply to the Tribulation, the time of atonement for Israel as a nation, who will cry in repentance....knowing God is surely able to deliver them from the enemies that surround them!**

**Our Father Who art in Heaven *Hallowed be Thy Name*....John 12:28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.**

A study of the amazing names of God is a wonderful experience of worship of God! The reason there are so many names for God is that God is so great He cannot adequately describe Himself with one Name. Even the Names we have do not exhaust Him....they exhaust us! But...we will have all eternity to learn...and with glorified minds to comprehend/retain, we will enjoy it so! How we will continue to worship God by coming to a FULL understanding of Him!