

NAMES OF GOD

Webster defines “name” as “that by which a person or thing is known.” The Hebrews thought of names as being revelatory, as disclosing some attribute or characteristic of the person named. For instance, the name “Adam” means “of the earth” or “taken out of the red earth”; his name revealed his origin. A number of names for God are found in the Scriptures, for no one name, or even multiplicity of names, can reveal all His Attributes. But, we need only know God’s Attributes to the extent that He is pleased to reveal them, and those that pertain to the relationships we have with Him. It is assuring to know that there is some relationship with God, revealed by one of His names, that corresponds to every need of His children. It is the goal of theology to define, as far as possible, what those relationships are. The study of the names of God will significantly help us to attain that goal.

ELOHIM – *The one true God of Israel – Strong & Mighty* – In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heaven and the earth

EL ELYON – *The Most High God* – Blessed be Abram of the most High God (*El Elyon*), possessor of heaven and earth...

EL OLAM – *The Everlasting God* – Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth from everlasting to everlasting you are God (*El Olam*)

EL SHADDAI – *The Almighty God* - ...the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am the Almighty God (*El Shaddai*), walk before me and be blameless...

JEHOVAH – *Redeemer, The Personal Name of God* – Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, the LORD (*Jehovah*), the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, The God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name forever...

HA TSUR – *The Rock* – He is the Rock (*Ha Tsur*), His work is perfect, for all his ways are justice...Just and upright is He.

JEHOVAH ELOHIM – *Creator* – “These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God (Jehovah Elohim) made the earth and the heavens...

JEHOVAH JIRAH – *The Lord Will Provide* – So Abram called the name of that place the Lord Will Provide (Jehovah Jirah) ...on the mount of The Lord it shall be provided.

JEHOVAH RAPHA – *The Lord is Healer* – I am the Lord Your Healer (Jehovah Rapha)

JEHOVAH NISSI – *The Lord Is My Banner* – “And Moses built an altar and named it The Lord is My Banner (Jehovah Nissi)

JEHOVAH SHALOM – *The Lord is Peace* – “Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and named it The Lord is Peace (Jehovah Shalom)

JEHOVAH RAAH – *The Lord is my Shepherd* – “The Lord is my shepherd (Jehovah Raah), I shall not want...

JEHOVAH TSIDKENU – *The Lord Our Righteousness* – Israel will dwell securely and this is the name by which he will be called, The Lord is our righteousness (Jehovah Tsidkenu)

JEHOVAH SABAOTH – *Lord of Hosts, Protector* – Elisha found that the Lord of Hosts (Jehovah Sabaoth) surrounded His people in times of attacks by the enemy...Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts (Jehovah Sabaoth)

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH – *The Lord is There* – and the name of that city from that day shall be called, The Lord is There (Jehovah Shammah) – For he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee so that we may boldly say The Lord is my helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Self Existent – The Lord is totally self sufficient

- *Psalm 36:9* - For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. -
- *John 5:26* - For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

Infinite – Not only is God unlimited but He is unlimitable!!

- **Infinity & Time (Eternality)** –
 - *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.
 - *Acts 17:24-25* - The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.
- **Infinity & Space (Omnipresence)** –
 - *Psalm 139:7-12* - Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,” ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.
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- **Infinity & Knowledge (Omniscience)** –
 - *Psalm 147:4* - He determines the number of the stars, He gives to all of them their names.

- **Romans 11:33** – Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
- **Infinity & Power (Omnipotence)** –
 - **Isaiah 40:28** – Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
 - **Jeremiah 32:15-17** – For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land. After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the LORD, saying: Ah Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

Sovereign – The supreme being and ruler in the universe, total, absolute, in control of all things.

- **Ephesians 1:11** - In Him we have obtained an inheritance having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will