

THE NAMES of GOD

In the Old Testament

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God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." ...This is My Name forever, the Name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."

Exodus 3:13-15

Exodus 15:3 *The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His Name.*

Psalms 9:10 *Those who know Your Name will trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.*

Psalms 20:7 *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the Name of the LORD our God.*

Psalms 113:1-3 *From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the Name of the LORD is to be praised.*

Proverbs 18:10 *The Name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.*

John 8:58 *Jesus answered, "Before Abraham was born, I AM!"*

KNOWING GOD

The knowledge of God and His ways (character) is more essential for the Christian than anything else. It was the Lord's prayer in John 17:3, "This is eternal life: that they may KNOW (experience) the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." When we pray, "hallowed be Your Name," in the Disciples' prayer pattern, we are saying, "How we admire Your character," or How we love who You are. (Matthew 6:5- 15 and Luke 11:1-4)

THE THREE BASIC NAMES OF GOD

Many of the Names of God in the Old Testament are a combination of El, Elohim (God) such as El-Shaddai and El Elyon. The Name of Jehovah (LORD) is at times connected with something God accomplished. An example is Jehovah Jireh, Abraham's revelation about God's sacrifice Lamb.

God — Elohim, El, Mighty Covenant God. (Theos in the New Testament)

LORD — Jehovah, the Self-Existent, Eternal One. This is His relational Name and written with capital letters (or with small capitals as LORD).

Lord — Adonai, Adon, Master. This is written with lower case letters. (Kurios in the New Testament)



1. **Elohim** — God, Our Mighty Creator, Covenant God.
 - Genesis 1:1 (and throughout the Old Testament) *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
 - John 1:1-13 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God...*

2. **El-Shaddai** — The Mighty God.
 - Genesis 17:1-2 (and other places) *When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly."*
 - Matthew 26:23-27 *Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"*
 - Jesus conquers death by raising Lazarus in John 11:38-44.

3. **Adonai** — The Lord our Master. In many Old Testament instances we see Lord (small letters instead of small capitals) God which is Adonai Elohim.
 - Daniel 9:3-19 *...Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. 4 And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,... (Genesis 15:1-3; Malachi 1:6)*
 - John 13:12-17 *You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am...*

4. **El Elyon** — The Supreme, Most High God.
 - Genesis 14:18-22 *Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,...*
 - Daniel 4:34-35 *...I (Nebuchadnezzar) blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation...*
 - Mark 5:6 *When (the demoniac) saw Jesus from afar, he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."*

5. **El Olam** — The Everlasting, Eternal God Who does not change.
 - Malachi 3:5-7 *For I am the Lord, I do not change (but remain faithful to My covenant with you);... (Genesis 21:33)*
 - Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

6. **JEHOVAH** — LORD, the Self-Existent, Holy, Righteous and Loving God throughout the Old Testament.
 - Exodus 3:13-15 *...And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."...*

- Exodus 6:2-3 *And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty (El Shaddai), but by My Name LORD (JEHOVAH) I was not known to them.*
- John 8:58 *Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."*

7. **JEHOVAH Jireh** — The LORD our Provider. (The One who sees)

- Genesis 22:1-19 *...Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."...*
- Isaiah 53 *...But He was wounded (pierced through) for our transgressions, He was bruised (crushed) for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed...*
- Matthew 9:35-36 *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. (Feeding the thousands in Matthew 15:32-39 and Mark 8:1-13)*

8. **JEHOVAH Rophe** — The LORD our Healer.

- Exodus 15:22-27 *...There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."*
- Matthew 8 *...When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."*

9. **JEHOVAH Nissi** — The LORD our Banner.

- Exodus 17:8-16 *...Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner;...*
- Luke 10:17-20 *...Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you...*
- 2 Timothy 1:10 *...but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ... (John 11:25-26; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 1:18)*

10. **JEHOVAH Sabaoth** — The LORD of Hosts.

- 1 Samuel 17:45 *Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." (Haggai 2:4-9, 23; Joshua 5:13-15)*

- Revelation 19:11-14 *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ...and His Name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.*

11. JEHOVAH M'Kaddesh — The LORD our Sanctifier.

- Leviticus 20:8 *And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the Lord who sanctifies you (sets you apart).*
- Hebrews 10:14 *For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

12. JEHOVAH Shalom — The Lord our Peace.

- Judges 6:1-24 *...Then the Lord said to him (Gideon), "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die." So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace.*
- John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 16:33)*

13. JEHOVAH Tsidkenu — The LORD our Righteousness.

- Jeremiah 23:5-6 *"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His Name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."*
- Jerusalem is also called by His Name, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS in Jeremiah 33:15-18.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (Philippian 1:6)*

14. JEHOVAH Rohi — The LORD our Shepherd.

- Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...*
- John 10:1-18 *... "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.*

15. JEHOVAH Shammah — The LORD IS THERE.

- Ezekiel 48:35 *35 All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: THE LORD IS THERE."*
- John 14 *...In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also...*



The Name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe; they are set on high, far above evil.
Proverbs 18:10