

WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

Lesson 1 - Part 3

GOD THE FATHER

The names of God

1. We are continuing to learn about God in this lesson.

Write four reasons how we know there is a God.

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2. We know there is a God because the Bible accepts as true that there is a God, people everywhere believe there is a god, someone had to make all things, and every design must have someone who designed it.

When we meet a strange person, we want to know who he is. One of the first things we ask is, "What is your name"? Some names are easy to remember and some are hard to remember.

What do we like to know when we meet a new person?

3. We like to know his or her name. In some communities and in some families people have a "nickname." Often the nickname says something about the person.

In this lesson we want to learn some of the names given to God. The Old Testament was first written in the Hebrew language. We want you to remember these Hebrew and English names. The Hebrew name is written first and then the English name is written.

- El - god.

- El Elyon - God Most High.
- El Olam - the Eternal God.
- El Shaddai - the Almighty God.
- Elohim - gods, the God of Creation.
- Adonai - my Lord.
- Jehovah (Yahweh) - the Self-existent One.

Do you think these names tell us something about God?

4. The names given to God show what He is like. The first name we want to learn is El. This is the Hebrew word for god. It can be used for the living God or for any idol god.

What is the Hebrew word for “god”?

5. The Hebrew word for God is El. This means one god. In the Hebrew language the word El is sometimes used with other words. It is used with Elyon as **El Elyon**. This means the God Most High.

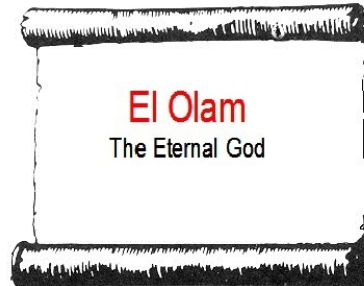


Genesis 14:18-20

When Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of (El Elyon) God Most High, and He blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by (El Elyon) God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be (El Elyon) God Most High, who delivered our enemies into your hand.”

The Hebrew name is El Elyon. What is the English name for God?

6. The English name is the God Most High. No other god is as great as the Most High God.



Sometimes El is used with Olam as **El Olam**. This means the Eternal God.

Genesis 21:33

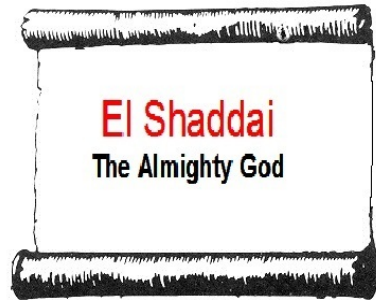
Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the (Yahweh) LORD,

(El Olam) the Eternal God.

Another Hebrew name is El Olam. What is the English name?

7. The English name is the "Eternal God."
God always was and always will be.

Let us look at another name, **El Shaddai** .
This means that He is the Almighty or the all
powerful God.



Genesis 17:1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the (Yahweh) LORD appeared to him and said, "I am (El Shaddai) God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless."

The Hebrew name here is El Shaddai. What is the English name?

8. The English name is God Almighty. We see that El means god. The names El Elyon - the God Most High, El Olam - the Eternal God, and El Shaddai - the Almighty God, tell us things about God. There is no greater god than the Almighty God. God always was and always will be and He has all power.

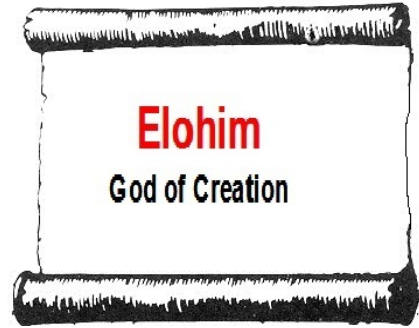
Can you write the right English names for these names?

- El
- El Elyon
- El Olam
- El Shaddai

9. El is god. El Elyon is the God Most High. El Olam is the Eternal God

and El Shaddai is the Almighty God.

Elohim means more than one god, but is used as one God. In English we add an “s” to a word to mean more than one, for example: god and gods. In Hebrew they add “im” to the end of a word to mean more than one. So El means one God. Elohim means more than one God. The name Elohim is used in Genesis 1:1 and 1:26.



This name is used for God when He created the world and people. He is the God of Creation.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning (Elohim) God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:26,27

Then (Elohim) God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So (Elohim) God created man in his own image, in the image of (Elohim) God he created him; male and female he created them.

What does the word “Elohim” mean?

10. Elohim means more than one god, but is used as one God. God can use this name for Himself. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one God. They are not three gods.

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The (Yahweh) LORD our (Elohim) God, the (Yahweh) LORD is one.

One name for God is El. What are the English names for God?

- El
- El Elyon

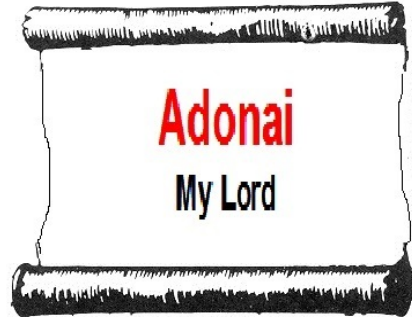
- El Olam
- El Shaddai
- Elohim -

11. El means god. El Elyon is the God Most High. El Olam is the Eternal God and El Shaddai is the Almighty God. Elohim means more than one. God, but is used as one God. Elohim is one God existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Elohim is used for the God of Creation. This means that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit were active in the creation.

Another name for God is **Adonai**.

Genesis 15:8

*But Abram said, "O (**Adonai** Yahweh) Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"*



Adonai means my Lord. The Almighty God is our Lord. When we call God Adonai, we say that He is the One who tells us what to do. He also watches over us.

What does the Hebrew name "Adonai" mean?

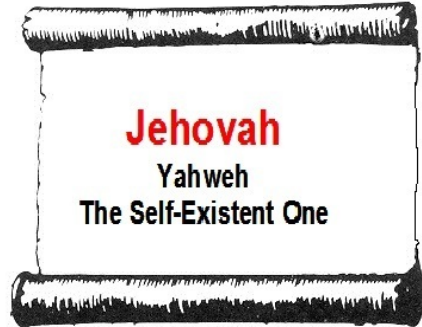
12. Adonai means my Lord.

We have now learned six names for God. Do you remember all of them?

- El
- El Elyon
- El Olam
- El Shaddai
- Elohim -
- - my Lord

13. El is god. El Elyon is the God Most High. El Olam is the Eternal God. El Shaddai is the Almighty God. Elohim is more than one God, but is used as one God. He is the God of Creation. Adonai is my Lord.

Now we want to look at a name which is different from the ones we have learned so far. The name "Jehovah" or "Yahweh" has a special meaning to the people of Israel. "Yahweh" is the personal name for God. "Yahweh" makes the covenants (promises) with the people of Israel. It is a holy name. It is so holy that they do not say it. When the Israeli people read the Scriptures, they will not say the name Yahweh. It is too holy to say aloud. They will use the name "Adonai" or they will be quiet.



What is God's personal name?

14. Jehovah or Yahweh is God's personal name. This name, "Yahweh" means that God can exist or live without any help from anyone else. He has life in himself, and He can keep living by himself. He can take care of himself. God is self-existent.

Which name says that God is self-existent?

15. This name is Jehovah or "Yahweh." The Israeli people use this personal name for God, but they do not say it aloud. It means that God can live without help from anyone. He is the self-existent One.

Which name for God means the "Self-existent One"?

16. Jehovah or "Yahweh" is the name which means the Self-existent One. When the name Jehovah is translated Lord, it is written "LORD." Notice that it is written with capital letters in your Bible - "LORD."

What does the name “Jehovah” or “Yahweh” mean?

17. “Jehovah” or “Yahweh” means the Self-existent God. It says that God can live without anyone helping him to live.

These names which we have learned tell us that God can take care of us. They also tell us that we have a very great and wonderful God. This God is our God.

18. Write down the names for God. Some Hebrew names and some English names are given.

- El
- El Elyon
- El Olam
- El Shaddai
- Elohim -
- - my Lord
- Jehovah (Yahweh) -

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