

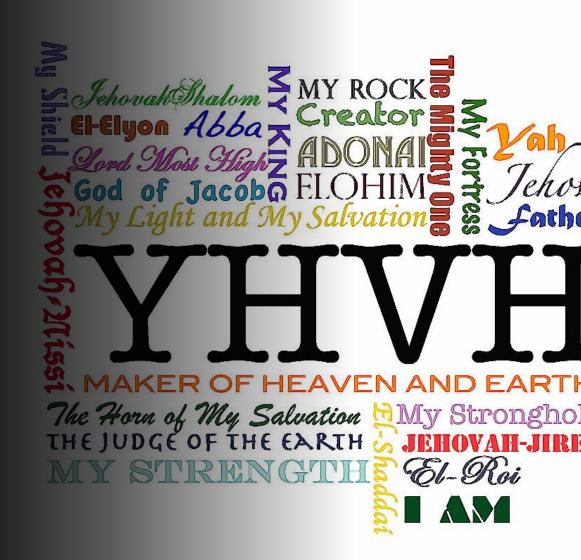
Understanding God BIBLE STUDY SERIES

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God's Names



Biblical Meaning of a Name

In the Bible, a person's name is a description of his or her character. For instance:

Abraham – Father of a Multitude (Genesis 17:5)

Jacob – one who takes by the heel or one who supplants (Genesis 25:26; 27:36)

Barnabas – Son of Encouragement (Acts 4:36)

Which individual(s) name had been changed?

God's Names

- The names of God are inseparable from God's person. They are meant to be received as a faithful revelation of God. One name does not reveal the whole character of God, but each and every name of God expresses some truth about God's character and person. God has a lot of names, at least 300 to be exact.
- Immanuel God with Us
- Jesus Jehovah Saves

PRIMARY NAMES OF GOD

- EL and ELOHIM The one True God (Deuteronomy 5:7) Elohim specifically (God of Creation (Genesis 1)
- YHWH/JEHOVAH I AM GOD (Exodus 3:13-15; John 8:58)
- ADONAI Lord (John 13:13; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - Implies God's right as our Master to obey. We are not our own but we get direction and instruction from God.

Names of God - EL

El Elyon – The most high God (Genesis 14:18)

El Olam – The Everlasting God (Genesis 21:33)

El Shaddai – The Almighty God (Genesis 17:1)

NAMES OF GOD - Jehovah

- Jehovah Jireh God will Provide (Genesis 22:14)
- Jehovah Nissi God our banner (Exodus 17:8-15)
- Jehovah Shalom God our peace (Judges 6:23-24)
- Jehovah Sabbaoth God of hosts (1 Samuel 1:3)
- Jehovah Maccaddeshcem God our sanctifier (Exodus 31:13)
- Jehovah Roi God our shepherd (Psalm 23:1)
- Jehovah Tsidkenu God our righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6)

NAMES OF GOD — JEHOVAH continued

- Jehovah Shamma God is there (Ezekiel 48:35)
- Jehovah Rapha God our healer (Exodus 15:26)
- Jehovah Shaphat God our Judge (Judges 11:27)
- Jehovoah Hosenu God our Maker (Psalms 95:6

Book of Revelation Names of Jesus

- The First born from the dead (1:5)
- The highest of earthly kings (1:5)
- The Alpha and Omega (1:8; 22:13)
- Lord God (1:8)
- The Almighty (1:8)
- Son of Man (1:13)
- The first and the Last (1:17)
- The Living One (1:18)
- Son of God (2:18)

- Witness (3:14)
- Creator (4:11)
- Lion of the Tribe of Judah (5:5)
- Root of David (5:5)
- The Lamb (5:6)
- The Shepherd (7:17)
- Christ (12:10)
- Faithful and True (19:11)
- Word of God (19:13)
- King of Kings (19:16
- Lord of Lords (19:16)

What should we do with God's name?

- Worship God's Name (Psalm 138:1-3)
- Pray God's Name(Jeremiah 29:12; John 14:13)
- Don't take God's name in vain (Exodus 20:7)
 - Profanity
 - Impress
 - Intimidation
 - Lack of Faith
 - Frivolously
- Make it Personal (Psalm 91)
 - Know the I will of God
 - How do you see God?