

Names and Titles of God

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God's names and titles reveal His position of power and authority. They reveal His eternal and unchanging existence. They reveal the many unique characteristics and qualities of God that we must learn to depend on in this Christian life.

Elohim – A Hebrew term translated “God” in scripture (Gen.1:1). Used 2300 times throughout the Old Testament. The one true God is often called Elohim in scripture, but not all Elohim in scripture are a reference to the one true God.

El - A generic term for God. It comes from a Hebrew root word meaning, “might, strength, power”.

God used the term El in relationship to people and things that He was identified with. **Gen. 35:10.**

Israel- As it refers to Jacob it means, “Prevailer with God”.

Israel - As it refers to the nation it means, “God Rules or Ruled By God”.

Ishmael = “God Hears”. **Immanuel** = “God With Us”. **Bethel** = “House of God”.

In Mark 15:34 - Jesus Christ cried out a form of El.

Although El is a generic term for God, it is often used in combination with other Hebrew words to reveal characteristics of God.

El - Shaddai = “Almighty God or All Sufficient God”. **Gen. 17:1-5**- God known to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by this name. Shaddai comes from the root word Shad = meaning “Breast or Breasted”. Refers to provision and sustenance.

El - Elyon = “Most High God”. **Gen. 14:18-20, Ps. 9:1-2** - Expresses God's strength, sovereignty and supremacy.

El - Roi = “The God Who Sees Me or God of Vision”. **Gen. 16:9-14**- God sees everything.

El - Olam = “The Everlasting God or The God of Eternity”. **Gen. 21:33, Psalm 90:1-4, 93:1-2.**

YHVH, YHWH-

God's formal name. Not a general term like EL. YHWH is God's personal name.

Ex 6:2-3, Isaiah 42:8 – “I am the LORD (YHWH), that is My name...”

The name YHWH expresses God's self – existent and eternal nature.

It is the name that Israel identified with the God they had covenant with. Appears 6800 times in the Hebrew writings.

Compounds of the name YHWH lend to a fuller understanding of God's character and how He interacts with His people.

YHWH Yireh – “The LORD Will Provide”. **Gen. 22:13-14**, N.T. parallel **Matt.6:30-33**. God provides for our needs.

YHWH Shalom – “The LORD Is Peace”. **Judges 6:23-24**, N.T. parallel, **Phil. 4:6-7,9**. God is our peace today.

YHWH Nissi – “The LORD Is My Banner”. **Ex. 17:13-16, Ps 60:1-5**.

YHWH Tseva'ot- “The LORD of Hosts / Armies”. **1 Sam. 17:45, Jer. 32:17-19, 2 Kings 6:11-17**.

YHWH Tsidkenu – “The LORD our Righteousness” **Jer. 33:14-16, Ps. 89:14-16**. God is the source of all righteousness.

YHWH Mekaddishkem – “The LORD Our Sanctifier”. **Ex. 31:13-, Lev. 20:7-8**.

YHWH Rophekha- “The LORD Who Heals You”. **Ex. 15:24-26, Ps. 103:1-5**.

YHWH Ro'i – “The LORD My Shepherd”. **Ps. 23**.

YHWH Avinu – “The LORD our Father”. **Isaiah 64:8**

God's personal name and the titles associated with His name, gives us a deeper understanding of the God we worship and the type of personal relationship we can have with Him.