



# What's in a Name?

Lesson 1

## Names of God in the Old Testament

### What's in the Names of God as revealed in the Old Testament?

#### What's in the name Elohim?

- This is the most basic name for the \_\_\_\_\_ true God.  
Genesis 1:1                      *The basic meaning is "strong one, mighty leader, supreme Deity".*
- It reveals the one true God as the Creator of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Genesis 1 - 2                      *The awesome majesty/supremacy of a Creator...*  
Yet, He's not too big or too great to care about us.                      Isaiah 40:27-31
- It reveals the Creator of heaven and earth in all His \_\_\_\_\_.  
*The power of many embodied in One.*

**Elohim: God is revealed as the "\_\_\_\_\_ of everything.**

*Do you personally know the One True God who is the Maker of Heaven and Earth, which includes you?*

*How majestic are your thoughts about God?*

*When was the last time you got alone with the Creator and meditated on the Majesty of God?*

#### What's in the name El-Shaddai?

- This is the name that God used to reveal His \_\_\_\_\_ to the Patriarchs of Israel.  
El-Shaddai is most often translated in our English Bibles as God Almighty ... the Almighty God ... God Most High.  

<b>Abraham</b>	Genesis 17:1-8, 15-16	<b>Isaac</b>	Genesis 28:1-4
<b>Jacob</b>	Genesis 35:9-15	<b>Joseph / his sons</b>	Genesis 48:1-5
- It reveals the one true God as the Covenant Maker who is able to do \_\_\_\_\_.  
Each generation of the Patriarchs faced a different situation ... a different obstacle ...  
... but in *all of them*, God showed Himself all-powerful in fulfilling His covenant.
- It reveals God as able to fulfill His creation plan and covenant promises because of His \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Is there anything too difficult for the One who is supreme, sovereign, and all-powerful?*

**El-Shaddai: God is revealed as the "\_\_\_\_\_ who is able to do anything.**

*What "mountains" do you have in your life right now, which are impossible for you to move?*

*What promises from El Shaddai can you begin to claim?*

## What's in the name Yahweh?

History of the name's usage:

1. It is the name that Jews considered too \_\_\_\_\_ to be spoken.
2. It is the name that no one can agree on how to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It is the name that is translated several ways in English.
  - In many *older* translations this personal name of God is translated as \_\_\_\_\_ in all upper case letters.  
*Exodus 6:3 KJV "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty [El-Shaddai] but by My name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."*
  - In *most* translations this personal name of God is translated as \_\_\_\_\_ in all small upper case letters.  
*Exodus 6:3 NKJV "I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not know to them."*
  - In some *newer* translations this personal name of God is shown as \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Exodus 6:3 HCSB "I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but I did not make My name Yahweh known to them."*

However it is translated and however it is pronounced:

4. This is the name by which God revealed Himself as being \_\_\_\_\_ involved with the children of Israel.

Exodus 3:1-18      *Moses meets the "I Am" God.*

The revelation of Elohim and El-Shaddai to Moses    vv. 1-6

The planned redemption by Yahweh of Israel    vv. 7-12

The revelation of Yahweh to Moses    vv. 13-18

The inner meaning of Yahweh: *The self-existent One.*

5. It reveals the one true God who is not only the majestic Creator but also the merciful \_\_\_\_\_.

The redemption *promised*                      Exodus 6:1-8

The redemption *in action*                      Exodus 12:31-36

The redemption *celebrated*                      Exodus 15:1-18

6. It reveals God fulfilling His creation plan and keeping His covenant promises in all His \_\_\_\_\_.

- He is our merciful Creator Redeemer.  
He provided a way of redemption for Adam and Eve (and us) after the Fall. Genesis 3  
He provided deliverance from Egyptian bondage for the children of Israel.
- He is our merciful Promise Keeper.  
He provided an ark for Noah during the flood. Genesis 6-9  
He provided a seed, a land, and a blessing for Abraham and his descendents. Genesis 17
- He is our ever-present Mercy Shower.  
The LORD Provides (Jehovah-jireh) what we cannot. Genesis 22:8, 14  
The LORD is Peace (Jehovah-shalom) when everything around us is chaos. Judges 6:24  
The LORD is Our Righteousness (Jehovah-tsidkenu) when we fail to measure up. Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16  
The LORD is There (Jehovah-shammah) when we really need Him. Ezekiel 48:35

***Yahweh: God is revealed as the " \_\_\_\_\_ " Who is more than anyone can put into words.***

*"I am who I am and I will be what I will be when you need Me and call on My Name!"*

What do you need today? A savior-redeemer ... a provider ... peace ...

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***Everything You Will Ever Need When It Is the Name of the "I Am" God!***