

Jehovah Elohim

The Lord Eternal

The Names of God, Part 2

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Our ability to trust God is linked to our understanding of His name. With a greater understanding of the name of God there should be a deeper appreciation for the relationship we share with Him.

Psalm 9:10 Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Name = A word or words by which an entity is designated and distinguished from others.

1.) Jehovah-Elohim, "The Lord eternal"

There are 519 passages in the Old Testament using the compound name "Lord God." Jehovah Elohim is used specifically in connection to the relation of Deity to man.

- as Creator (Gen 2:7-15)
- as morally in authority over man (Gen 2:16-17)
- as creating and governing the earthly relationships of man (Gen 2:18-24; 3:16-19, 22-24)
- as redeeming man (Gen 3:8-15, 21)

Genesis 2:4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God (*Jehovah-Elohim*) made the earth and the heavens. (*Emphasis added*)

Lord: יהוה, *yehôvâh*, *yeh-ho-vaw* '= (the) self-existent or eternal One (English Jehovah) the proper name of the one true God, 5523 references.

Jehovah is the covenant name of God and links Him to His people.

Exodus 3:13-14 (KJV) And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? ¹⁴And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

The idea expressed by the name "I AM" (the abbreviated form of I AM that I AM) is real, perfect unconditional independent existence, I was, I am, I will always be!

Psalm 102:25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. ²⁶They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. ²⁷But you remain the same, and your years will never end. ²⁸The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you."

Malachi 3:6 "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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God: אֱלֹהִים 'ēlōhîym, *el-o-heem*': noun masculine plural, of the supreme *God* (English Elohim), 2250 references.

Elohim is the name of God that links Him with creation. The basic root of the name is *El* which means mighty, strong and prominent.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:26 Then 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."

"The plurality of this word is not a hint of polytheism. It is a plural of majesty. It is a revelation of the infinite nature of God. This name suggests that there is a mystery to the Creator-God which human-kind cannot fully fathom. God is absolute, infinite Lord over creation and history. The Christian sees in this term a pointer to the Trinitarian reality of creation."

—Holman Bible Dictionary

"The God we worship is always revealed in His Word as Threefold in His Nature and Being. Never!—from the first word in the Book of Genesis to the last word in the Book of Revelation is the God of the Bible manifested as the singular, solitary numeral, or number ONE. The Oneness of God is NOT numerical! He is oneness in thought and purpose! A Oneness of Ministry and Love. It is a Oneness of holy accord and harmony ... Thus the "Fullness of the Godhead Bodily" is always revealed as the Father, the Son, and the Blessed Holy Ghost. Three in manifestation and redemptive operation; One in purpose, power, and love. Moreover, each of these entities which comprise the Godhead, have certain characteristics, manifestations, and ministries which never change. The Father is always the Father. The Son is always the Son. The Holy Spirit is always the Holy Spirit. And it is wonderful to know that these Three are One." —God And His Name, W.H. Offiler

Mark 12:28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"²⁹"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.'³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'³¹The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Romans 9:5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Col. 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

1 John 5:20 We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

God's redemptive relationship to man is seen in the various compound names of *Jehovah*. These names reveal Him as meeting our every need from salvation to the end.

Next week we will look at **Jehovah-jireh** "The Lord will provide"