

# THE NAMES OF GOD

IS GOD “KNOWABLE”?

HOW HAVE MEN KNOWN GOD?

## 1. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT TIMES

- a. He made His presence felt.
- b. At times He was seen and spoken to.  
These times were very short and very limited in their nature.
- c. He made Himself known by the “Names” He used to reveal Himself by.

## 2. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT TIMES & FORWARD

JESUS CHRIST HAS “EXPLAINED” GOD Jn 1:18 to men.

Thus, the answer to Philip’s question Jn 14:8-9.

NOTE: a) If men are to know God, it is because He has made Himself known to them.

It is not for man to reflect on the Unseen and form conclusions regarding it. Rather, the Unseen manifests Himself before man and they know it. Job 42:1-6

- b) An exhaustive communication of God cannot be made, because the creature cannot take it in. Though Jesus is the fullest communication ever made, that communication was God, “veiled”.

Jesus at the Transfiguration has been the greatest Communication to date, but again, it was for a brief moment. The greatest communication is yet future, because we will be Changed to receive it. I Jn 3:1-2

## 3. BIBLE NAMES OF PERSONS have a meaning which often reflects the intrinsic character of the one who bore the name:

Abram (Exalted Father) to Abraham (Father of a multitude) Gen 17:5

Jacob (Supplantor) to Israel (He strives with God- yisra EL) Gen 25:26,  
Gen 32:28; Hosea 12:3-5

Solomon to Jedidiah (beloved of the Lord) 2 Sam 12:24-25

This being true of men.....Much More So Of God!

NAMES OF GOD



## Yahweh

translated Jehovah from the middle ages forward

translated in our English Bibles as LORD.

It means “I am the one who is” Ex 3:13-14; 6:2-3

This is the most common name found for God (about 6,800 times)

Ex 20:2-3; Jer 31:31-34

### 1. Yahweh Sabaoth

The Septuagint (LXX) translates this name as “Lord Almighty”.

Our Bible translates it as “LORD of Hosts”.

Changing Yahweh to Jehovah – same word:

2. Jehovah-jireh (The LORD will provide) Gen 22:14

3. Jehovah-rapha (The LORD that healeth) Ex 15:26

4. Jehovah-nissi (The LORD our banner) Ex 17:1-16, esp vs 15

5. Jehovah-shalom (The LORD our peace) Judges 6:24

6. Jehovah-ra-ah (The LORD my shepherd) Ps 23:1

7. Jehovah-tsidkenu (The LORD our righteousness) Jer 23:6

8. Jehovah-shammah (The LORD is there) Ezk 48:35



## Elohim

Second most common name (about 2,500 times)

It is translated God.

It is in the plural form Gen 1:1, 31:42, etc.

Note: It is used of: pagan gods Gen 31:30; Ex 12:12 and  
men Ps 82:6

When used of God it means “The strong one”.

It comes from the root “EL”, which is combined with many other  
descriptives, becoming compound names.

1. EL-Shaddai (God Almighty) Gen 17:1

2. EL-Elyon (God Most High) Gen 14:20

3. EL-Olam (Everlasting God or God of Eternity) Gen 21:33

4. EL-Roi (God who sees) Gen 16:13-14

Deut 6:4 “Hear O Israel” Jehovah is our Elohim; Jehovah is one”.



## Adonai

Translated Lord.

Took the place of LORD because the Hebrews would not speak the name of Jehovah.

The word is also used to title masters and husbands. Gen 24:9; 18:12  
Ex 4:10-14 brings these two titles together.



GOD

When YHWH (Jehovah) is connected to the word Lord (Adonai), it is translated GOD Gen 15:8.

If it was not, our translation would read “Lord LORD”.



God is also mentioned as:

King Ezk 20:33-44 The Lord God (Adonai-Elohim) of the OT is  
Clearly Jesus Christ of the NT

Rev 19:11-16; Matt 24:29-31; Matt 25; Rev 22:20

Lawgiver Isa 33:22

And

Judge Jn 5:22-27; Acts 10: 42-43

Rock Ps 18:2-3; Deut 32:15-21; Rom 9:33; 1 Cor 10:1-4

Deliverer Isa 59:20-21; 60:16; Rom 11:25-29

Fortress Ps 31:1-5; 91:1-2; 144: 1-2

Shepherd Ps 23:1; 28:9; Jn 10:1-18

Husband Hosea 2:2,7; 3:1; Eph 5:21-32

Father Mal 2:10; Ex 4:21-23; Isa 9:6



New Testament names for God include: 1 Cor 8:5-6

Father Jesus

Son Lord

Spirit of God Christ

Holy Spirit Father, Son, Holy Spirit