

AN EXAMINATION OF SOME OF THE HEBREW NAMES OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES: -

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Psalm 148:13: - "Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven."

☞ When one examines carefully the Hebrew names of God as recorded in the Old Testament writings, one soon finds that these various names are describing different characteristics of the one true God of the Old Testament. This Study Document while it will be thorough, it will not be exhaustive, in its listing every different Hebrew name of God. It is really quite revealing how these names describe many of the characteristics of God.

If we study these Scriptures aright, it will help us to have a deeper and more insightful understanding of the character of the only true God Christians worship. And to **truly** know Him, is life eternal according to the words of Jesus Christ.

John 17:3: - "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

The most frequently occurring Hebrew singular word for "God" is the word אֱלֹהִים - "Elohim" - Strong's Hebrew Number 410.

- The One God - אֱלֹהִים יְחִיד - "El Echad" - Malachi 2:10: - "Have we not all one father? hath not **one God** created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?"
- The Faithful God - אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַאֱמִנִי - "Ha El Hanne'man" - Deuteronomy 7:9: - " Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, **the faithful God**, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations."
- The Just God - אֱלֹהֵינוּ צַדִּיק - "El Tsaddik" - Isaiah 45:21: - "Tell ye, and bring [them] near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a **just God** and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me."

¹ Please note, that Biblical Hebrew is read from right to left, and NOT left to right as in English.

- The Almighty God² - אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי - "El Shaddai" - Genesis 17:1: - "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am the Almighty God*; walk before me, and be thou perfect."
 - The Great God³ - הָאֱלֹהִים הַגָּדוֹל - "HaEl Haggadol" - Deuteronomy 10:17: - "For the LORD your God *is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward.*"
 - The Most High God - אֱלֹהֵי עֵלְיוֹן - "El Elyon" - Genesis 14:18 - 20: - "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was the priest of the most high God*. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.*"
 - The Mighty God⁴ - אֱלֹהֵי גִבּוֹר - "El Gibbor" - Isaiah 9:6: - " For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God**, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
 - The Everlasting God⁵ - אֱלֹהֵי עוֹלָם - "El Olam" - Genesis 21:33: - "And *Abraham* planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, **the everlasting God.**"
 - The Holy God - הָאֱלֹהִים הַקְּדוֹשׁ - "HaEl Hakkadosh" - Isaiah 5:16: - "But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and ***God that is holy** shall be sanctified in righteousness."
- NOTE:** - The margin has two alternative translations for "God that is holy"; One, "**Or, the holy God**"; or two, "**Heb. the God the holy**".
- The Gracious God - אֱלֹהֵי חַנּוּן - "El-Channun" - Jonah 4:2: - "And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.*"
 - The Merciful God - אֱלֹהֵי רַחוּם - "El Rachum" - Deuteronomy 4:31: - "(For the LORD thy God *is a merciful God*;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them."

² The Lord Jesus Christ is recognized in the New Testament as being **the Almighty**.

Revelation 1:7 & 8: - "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord**, which is, and which was, and which is to come, **the Almighty.**"

³ Titus 2:13 KJV translation: - "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing **of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.**"

According to the principles of New Testament Greek grammar discovered by the English scholar Granville Sharp in the 18th century, the highlighted portion of this verse should actually read as "**of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.**"

⁴ This is a prophecy of the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, Who is called "the mighty God."

⁵ The Everlasting God is the Creator.

Isaiah 40:28: - "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.*"

- The Jealous God - לֵא אֱקַנְךָ - "El Kanno" - Exodus 20:5: - "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God **am a jealous God**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me."
- The Terrible [in the sense of Awesome] God - אֱהָלֵ הַנּוֹרָא - "HaEl Hannora" - Nehemiah 9:32: - "Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and **the terrible God**, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day."
- The God of Truth - אֵל אֱמֶת - "El Emet" - Psalms 31:5: - "Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD **God of truth**."
- The God who sees me⁶ - אֵל רֹאֵי - "El Roi" - Genesis 16:13: - "And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, **Thou God seest me**: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?"
- The God of Knowledge - אֵל עוֹדֹת - "El De'ot" - 1st Samuel 2:3: - "Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let *not* arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD **is a God of knowledge**, and by him actions are weighed."
- The God of Glory - אֵל דֵּהַכָּבוֹד - "El Hakkovod" - Psalms 29:3: - "The voice of the LORD **is upon the waters: the God of glory** thundereth: the LORD **is upon many waters**."
- The God of Heaven - לֵא הַמַּשָּׁיִם - "El Hashamayim" - Psalms 136:26: - "O give thanks unto **the God of heaven**: for his mercy *endureth* for ever."
- The God of my Life - לֵא יַחַיִּי - "El Chaiyai" - Psalms 42:8: - "Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto **the God of my life**."
- The God of Israel - אֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל - "El Yisrael" - Psalms 68:35: - "O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: **the God of Israel** *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God."
- God my Rock⁷ - לֵא סֶעֱלִי - "El Sali" - Psalms 42:9: - "I will say unto **God my rock**, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"
- The God of my Salvation - לֵא יִשׁוּעָתִי - "El Yeshuati" - Isaiah 12:2: - "Behold, **God is my salvation**; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also *is* become my salvation."
- The God of our Salvation - אֱהָלֵ יִשׁוּעָתֵנוּ - "HaEl Yeshuatenu" - Psalms 68:19: - "Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, **even the God of our salvation**. Selah."

⁶ We cannot hide our behaviour from God's eyes. He truly does see everything we do.

Proverbs 15:3: - "The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

⁷ Jesus Christ is identified by the inspired Apostle Paul, as being that Rock [that is, the Rock Who was with the children of Israel in their wilderness wanderings].

1st Corinthians 10:4: - "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: **and that Rock was Christ**."

- Immanuel – God with us⁸ - **לֵא - נוֹעַמַן לֵא** - "Immanu El" - Isaiah 7:14: - "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**."

OTHER HEBREW NAMES OF GOD: -

- The LORD⁹ - **יְהוָה** - "Jehovah" – Exodus 6:2 & 3: - "And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I *am* ***the LORD**: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty, but by **my name JEHOVAH** was I not known to them."

NOTE: - The margin has in VS. 2 for "**the LORD**", "Or, **JEHOVAH**".

- I AM THAT I AM¹⁰ - **אֲהֵי־אֲשֶׁר־אֲהֵי** - "Eh'yeh 'Asher 'Eh'yeh" - Exodus 3:14 & 15: - "And 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. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever**, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations."

- The LORD Who Sanctifies you - **יְהוָה מְקַדְּשֵׁיכֶם** - "Jehovah m'qadish'kem" - Exodus 31:13: - " Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* **the LORD that doth sanctify you**."

- THE LORD my Banner - **יְהוָה נִיֵּי** - "Jehovahnissi" - Exodus 17:15 & 16: - "And Moses built an altar, and **called the name of it *Jehovahnissi**: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation."

NOTE: - The margin has for "**Jehovahnissi**" in VS. 15, "Or, **The LORD my banner**: See Judg. 6:24".

- The LORD is Peace¹¹ - **יְהוָה שְׁלֵמוֹ** - "Jehovahshalom" - Judges 6:24: - "Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and **called it *Jehovahshalom**: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites."

NOTE: - *The margin has for "**Jehovahshalom**", "i. e. **The LORD send peace**: See Gen. 22:14, Ex. 17:15, Jer. 33:16, Ezek. 48:35."

- The LORD will See or Provide - **יְהוָה הִרְאָה** - "Jehovahjireh" - Genesis 22:13 & 14: - "And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham **called the name of that place *Jehovahjireh**: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen."

NOTE: - *The margin has in VS. 14 for "**Jehovahjireh**", "i. e. **The LORD will see, or, provide**".

⁸ Immanuel is defined as, "they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us**" – Matthew 1:23.

⁹ The word "JEHOVAH" appears four times in the KJV Old Testament Scriptures: - Exodus 6:3; Psalm 83:18; Isaiah 12:2; Isaiah 26:4.

¹⁰ Jesus Christ claims the title of "I AM".

John 8:58: - "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am**."

¹¹ Peace comes through Jesus Christ, Who is Lord of all.

Acts 10:36: - "The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, **preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)**"

- The LORD Who Heals you - יהוה רפואה - “**Jehovah Roph'ek**” – Exodus 15:26: - “And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* **the LORD that healeth thee.**”
- The LORD is there - יהוה שמה - “**Jehovah-shammah**” - Ezekiel 48:35: - “It was round about eighteen thousand *measures*: and the name of the city from *that day shall be*, **The* LORD is there.**”

NOTE: - *The margin has for “**The LORD is there**”, “**Heb. Jehovah-shammah**”: See Ex.17:15, Judg 6:24”.

- The LORD of Hosts¹² - יהוה צבאות - “**Jehovah Ts'ba'oth**” – 1st Samuel 17:45: - “Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee **in the name of the LORD of hosts**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.”
- The LORD is my Shepherd¹³ - יהוה ירעי - “**Jehovah Ro'i**” - Psalms 23:1: - “**The LORD is my shepherd**; I shall not want.”
- The LORD of Recompense¹⁴ - יהוה לנמל - “**Jehovah--G'mul**” - Jeremiah 51:6: - “Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of the **LORD'S vengeance**; he will render unto her a recompense.”
- The LORD our Righteousness¹⁵ - יהוה צדקנו - “**Jehovah-tsidkenu**” - Jeremiah 23:5 & 6: - “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* **his name whereby he shall be called, *THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”

NOTE: - *The margin has in VS. 6 for “**THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**”, “**Heb. Jehovah-tsidkenu**”.

¹² “The LORD of Hosts” - “**Jehovah Ts'ba'oth**” can also be translated as “The LORD of Armies”. God is the LORD of the Armies of Heaven. “The LORD of Hosts” is repeatedly referred to in the Old Testament Scriptures, as the name of the Hebrew God. I shall give three witnesses to this truth.

Isaiah 47:4: - “As for our redeemer, **the LORD of hosts is his name**, the Holy One of Israel.”

Jeremiah 10:16: - “The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all *things*; and Israel *is* the rod of his inheritance: **The LORD of hosts is his name.**”

Jeremiah 32:18: - “Thou showest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, **the LORD of hosts, is his name.**”

See also: - Isaiah 48:2; 51:15; 54:5; Jeremiah 31:35; 48:15; 50:34; 51:19.

¹³ Jesus Christ is the good and great Shepherd of the sheep.

John 10:11: - “**I am the good shepherd**: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”

Hebrews 13:20: - “Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead **our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep**, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.”

¹⁴ Romans 12:19: - “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, **Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.**”

¹⁵ 1st Corinthians 1:30: - “But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.**”

- Lord - אֲדֹנָי - "Adonay"¹⁶ - Isaiah 6:1: - "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also **the Lord** sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple."
- The Ancient of Days¹⁷ - עֵתִיק יוֹמֵיִן - "Atiq Yomin" - Daniel 7:9 & 10: - "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and **the Ancient of days** did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened."

CONCLUDING SUMMARY: -

It may be helpful in concluding this Study Document, to recap with a simple list of the Hebrew names of God that I have shared with the reader.

1. The One God;
2. The Faithful God;
3. The Just God;
4. The Almighty God;
5. The Great God;
6. The Most High God;
7. The Mighty God;
8. The Everlasting God;
9. The Holy God;
10. The Gracious God;

¹⁶ The Hebrew word אֲדֹנָי — "Adonay" is listed under Strong's Hebrew Number 136.

"ADONAI"

a-do'-ni, ad-o-na'-i ('adonay):

"A Divine name, translated "Lord," and signifying, from its derivation, "sovereignty." Its vowels are found in the Massoretic Text with the unpronounceable tetragrammaton "YHWH"; and when the Hebrew reader came to these letters, he always substituted in pronunciation the word "adonay." Its vowels combined with the tetragrammaton form the word "Yahweh (Yahweh)." – International Standard Bible Encyclopedia – "Adonai". - <https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/adonai/> - Accessed 25/09/2020.

In the Old Testament Scriptures, אֲדֹנָי - "Adonay" is described as being the Lord of lords.


Deuteronomy 10:17: - "For the LORD your God is God of gods, and **Lord of lords** [אֲדֹנָי הָאֲדֹנִיִּם - "Adonay HaAdoniym"], a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward."

Psalms 136:3: - " O give thanks to **the Lord of lords** [אֲדֹנָי הָאֲדֹנִיִּם - "Adonay HaAdoniym"]: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

¹⁷ God is from Everlasting to Everlasting. Truly, He is the Ancient of Days.

Psalms 90:2: - "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even **from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.**"

11. The Merciful God;
12. The Jealous God;
13. The Terrible – Awesome God;
14. The God of Truth;
15. The God Who sees me;
16. The God of Knowledge;
17. The God of Glory;
18. The God of Heaven;
19. The God of my Life;
20. The God of Israel;
21. God my Rock;
22. The God of my Salvation;
23. The God of our Salvation;
24. Immanuel – God with us;
25. The LORD – Jehovah;
26. I AM THAT I AM;
27. The LORD Who Sanctifies you;
28. The LORD my Banner;
29. The LORD is Peace;
30. The LORD will See or Provide;
31. The LORD Who Heals you;
32. The LORD is there;
33. The LORD of Hosts;
34. The LORD is my Shepherd;
35. The LORD of Recompense;
36. The LORD our Righteousness;
37. The Lord; and,
38. The Ancient of Days.

 What is in a name? In this case, the various Hebrew Names of God, tell us a tremendous amount about His character and Who He is. Approaching this study in a humble and prayerful mindset, and desiring to learn about the

God of the Bible, Who He is, and what He is really like, our study will be richly repaid. To truly know and understand the Names of God, is to truly know Him.

Nehemiah 9:5: - "Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said, Stand up *and* **bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.**"