

## NAMES OF GOD

Introduction: The Bible reveals many names of God, each one highlighting a different aspect of His nature and character. These names not only give us insight into who God is but also show how He interacts with His people. Studying the names of God deepens our understanding of His power, love, provision, and holiness.

### 1. ELOHIM – THE CREATOR GOD

Scripture: “In the beginning, God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

Meaning: The name “Elohim” is the plural form of El, which signifies God's power and majesty. It emphasizes God's role as the Creator of the universe. The plural form also hints at the complexity and unity of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

Key Points:

- Elohim is the powerful, all-knowing Creator.
- It reveals God's sovereignty over all creation.
- He created the world from nothing by His will.

Study Questions:

- What does it mean to you that God is the Creator of everything?
- How does understanding God as Elohim change the way you view the world around you?
- How can we live in response to God as our Creator?

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### 2. YAHWEH – THE LORD (I AM)

Scripture: “God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'” (Exodus 3:14)

Meaning: Yahweh is the personal name of God. It is derived from the Hebrew verb “to be” and reflects God's eternal, self-existent nature. Yahweh is the “I AM,” meaning He is present, eternal, and unchanging.

## Key Points:

- Yahweh speaks of God's eternal existence and self-sufficiency.
- God's covenant with His people is established through this name.
- Yahweh is unchanging; He was, He is, and He will always be.

## Study Questions:

- How does the name "I AM" remind us that God is always present and eternal?
- What significance does God's covenant with His people hold for you personally?
- How can you rely on God's unchanging nature in your daily life?

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### 3. ADONAI – LORD AND MASTER

Scripture: "What do you want with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" (Matthew 8:29)

Meaning: Adonai is a title that refers to God as the Lord and Master. It emphasizes God's supreme authority and ownership over everything. He is the one who rules and commands, and His sovereignty is without question.

## Key Points:

- Adonai stresses God's authority over all creation and our lives.
- Acknowledging God as Lord means submitting to His will.
- It signifies the need for a relationship where we trust and obey God as our Master.

## Study Questions:

1. How does it challenge your life to think of God as your Master?
2. What does it look like to submit to God's authority in practical ways?
3. In what areas of your life do you need to trust God more as your Lord?

## 4. JEHOVAH-JIREH – THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Scripture: “Abraham called that place the LORD will provide. And to this day it is said, 'On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.'” (Genesis 22:14)

Meaning: Jehovah-Jireh means “The LORD will provide.” This name is revealed when God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac, Abraham’s son. It speaks of God's faithfulness and His provision in times of need.

### Key Points:

- Jehovah-Jireh assures us that God provides for our needs.
- Trusting God’s provision requires faith, especially when it seems uncertain.
- God's provision may not always come in the way we expect, but it is always sufficient.

### Study Questions:

- How has God provided for you in ways you did not expect?
- What can you do to trust in God’s provision even when the future feels uncertain?
- How does knowing that God is your provider impact your attitude toward material needs?



## 5. JEHOVAH-RAPHA – THE LORD WHO HEALS

Scripture: “He said, 'If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.'” (Exodus 15:26)

Meaning: Jehovah-Rapha means “The LORD Who Heals.” This name reflects God’s ability and willingness to heal both physical and spiritual ailments. It is a reminder that God has the power to restore and make us whole.

## Key Points:

- Jehovah-Rapha offers healing for both body and soul.
- God's healing may not always be immediate, but He promises to restore us.
- It emphasizes God's care for our well-being and His desire for us to experience complete healing.

## Study Questions:

- In what areas of your life do you need healing, and how can you trust God as Jehovah-Rapha?
- How does God's healing power give you hope in the midst of illness or brokenness?
- What role does prayer and seeking God's healing play in your spiritual walk?

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## 6. JEHOVAH-NISSI – THE LORD IS MY BANNER

Scripture: "Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner." (Exodus 17:15)

Meaning: Jehovah-Nissi means "The LORD is my Banner." It signifies that God is our leader and protector, and He gives us victory over our enemies. A banner is a symbol of identity and rallying together, showing that we belong to God.

## Key Points:

- Jehovah-Nissi speaks of God's protection and guidance in battle.
- It symbolizes God's leadership and the victory we have through Him.
- We can find strength and courage knowing that God is our banner in life's struggles.

## Study Questions:

- What does it mean for God to be your "Banner" in times of struggle or conflict?
- How can you rely on God for victory in spiritual battles?
- How can you help others see God as their Banner in the midst of life's challenges?

## CONCLUSION

The names of God give us a rich understanding of His character and how He relates to us. From being our Creator to our Provider, He is constantly revealing more of Himself to His people. As we continue to study and meditate on these names, let's deepen our relationship with God, trust Him more fully, and respond to His call in our lives.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for revealing Yourself to us through Your many names. Help us to grow in our understanding of who You are and to trust You in every aspect of our lives. May we always seek to honor You as our Creator, Lord, Healer, and Provider. Amen.

