

The Names of God

There are multiple names of God mentioned in Old Testament scripture. These names of God speak to God's character, His nature and who He is and will always be in our lives. This is going to encourage your faith and strengthen you in your walk and deepen your relationship with Him. Understand that the Old Testament was translated into English from the Hebrew language, so these names are going to be Hebrew names.

Jehovah Nissi

- You are going to see Jehovah mentioned in every name. Without getting too complicated or involved Jehovah simply means Lord.
- Nissi = "Banner"
- Jehovah Nissi = The Lord our Banner
- This name is found in Exodus 17:13-15
 - o This is where Moses was leading the children of Israel through the wilderness, and they were confronted by the Amalekites and God gave them victory that day in battle.
 - o After the victory Moses built an altar and called it Jehovah Nissi.
 - o Other nations would commonly fight under banners. These banners they flew into battle represented their country and people and became an encouraging reminder to the soldiers of what they were fighting for. Whenever they would maybe lose focus as the battle got rough, they would look to the banner and remember why they were fighting. If they got separated from the army, they could look and see the banner and know where to go. If the banner was flying, they knew they were still fighting.
 - o Moses said the Lord is our banner. He is the one we look to in battle to encourage us and remind us why we are fighting. He's the one we can look to when we have lost our way.
 - o Don't quit because you are fighting under the banner of God and whatever you have to go through for Him is going to be worth it in the end. Because when you fight under this banner you never lose.

Jehovah Raah (pronounced Ro eh)

- Raah = "Shepherd"
- Jehovah Raah = The Lord is my Shepherd
- The most commonly known place this is found is in Psalm 23:1
- The shepherd does three things for his sheep:
 - o Protects them
 - God is going to protect you from the enemy that wants to devour you.

- No lion, bear, wolf, wolf in sheep's clothing, snake or anything is going to harm you.
- Feeds them
 - Psalm 23:2 It's his job to find green pastures and lead you to them.
 - Psalm 23:5
 - Table is not like a table with legs. He's referring to a flat piece of ground that the shepherd would have to go and work and sow grass in so the sheep could have a place to eat.
 - So, if He can't find it, He will prepare it.
 - There was something needed in Chiefland to feed your soul, but it wasn't here, so God sent me to Hope Church and prepared it.
- Looks for them
 - Luke 15:4
 - I want to encourage somebody today that the shepherd is still looking.
 - Remember you didn't find Jesus; He came looking for you. Wherever you were, whatever you were doing, he came after you.
 - So, for those of you that have loved ones that are lost I would like to suggest to you that the shepherd is still looking for them and He is good at finding them. I know that because He found you.

Jehovah Rapha

- Rapha = "To restore", "to heal", "to make healthful"
- Jehovah Rapha = The Lord Who Heals You or The Lord Our Healer
- This name is first found in Exodus 15:26
 - I'll do this because this is my name.
 - God's saying I will live up to my name.
- But also in psalm 103:3
 - All diseases even covid and every variant there is.
- But he's not just Jehovah Rapha over your physical body Isa 61:1
 - He will heal the broken heart.

Jehovah Shammah

- Shammah = "There"
- Jehovah Shammah = "The Lord is There"
- This is found in Ezekiel 48:35
 - The Lord said you are going to call Jerusalem City "Jehovah Shammah".
 - This was going to be a reminder to the people that God has not or never will abandon Jerusalem and that there is going to be a restoration and an exaltation of this city.

- I want to encourage some of you today that He has not abandoned you or left you Hebrews 13:5
- He is Jehovah Shammah. He's right there in the midst of what you are going through. In the darkness, He's Jehovah Shammah. In the fire, He is Jehovah Shammah. In your pain and weakness, He is Jehovah Shammah.

Jehovah Tsidkenu

- Tsidkenu = "Righteous"
- Jehovah Tsidkenu "The Lord Who is our Righteousness"
- This name is found in Jeremiah 33:16
- There was a great exchange at the cross. Jesus took on your sin condition and through faith in His finished works He gave you His righteousness. He took our sin state at the cross so we could have his righteous state before God. Now my righteousness is as filthy rags. But when I put my faith in Him, I stand in His righteousness before God.
- He is Jehovah Tsidkenu in my life.

Jehovah Mekoddishkem

- Mekoddishkem = "Sanctify"
- Jehovah Mekoddishkem = "The Lord who Sanctifies You"
- Found in Lev 20:8

Jehovah Jireh

- Jireh = "To Provide"
- Jehovah Jireh = "The Lord our Provider"
- Found in Gen 22:14

Jehovah Shalom

- Shalom = "Peace"
- Jehovah Shalom = "The Lord is our Peace"
- Found in Judges 6:24

Jehovah Sabaoth

- Sabaoth = "Hosts" or "Armies"
- Jehovah = "Lord of Hosts" or "Lord of Armies" or "Lord of Angle Armies"
- Found in Psalms 24:9-10

Exodus 3:13-14

- Moses here basically asked God his name. Who are you God? Who should I tell the people You are when they ask me who sent me?

- So, God replied and told him to tell them I AM has sent you.
- Because God couldn't just give Moses the name Jehovah Nissi because He's more than just their banner. He couldn't say tell them Jehovah Rapha has sent you because he's more than just their healer and they are going to need more than just healing. He's also their provider, Jehovah Jireh and they are going to need that, but they will also need Jehovah Sabaoth the Lord of angel armies.
- So, God said just tell them I AM has sent you because that will fully describe me.
- Better translated the Becoming One. Becoming whatever you need.

But I want to leave you with the greatest name of all and that is the name of Jesus. There's no other name higher than the name of Jesus. This is the name you call on to be saved. But why is this name of God so great?

- In the Old Testament God had a personal name. Wherever you see the word "Lord" in the Old Testament that was the personal name of God. The highest name and it encompassed all of who God was and is.
- But the writers thought that God's name was too holy to write down plus they didn't want to risk writing it wrong and degrading the name of God.
- So, what they did was they just wrote the four consonants of that name which happened to be YHWH, or some translate it as YHVH (this is known as the tetragrammaton which simply means four letters). But without vowels you can't have or pronounce the name so therefore you can't say it and disgrace it by saying it wrong. You can't use it in vain because you don't know what it is.
- Therefore, other translators gave it vowels so that you could say something, and they began to call God YaHWeH
- While some just pronounced the consonants in Hebrew which is Yod, Heh, Vav, Heh
- But no one truly knows the personal name of God.
- So then with that in mind I was reading in Phil 2:8-11
 - o Notice in verses 8-9 it says that when Jesus was raised from the dead, He was given a name that is far above every name.
 - o So, this tells me that there was a name that Jesus didn't have when He was on earth, and He didn't get it until He rose again.
- But what was that name? verses 10-11
 - o Verse 11 tells us the name He received when it tells us what every tongue is calling Him. They are calling Him Lord or Yahweh.
 - o Jesus is Yahweh.
 - o When Jesus was on this earth, he was the Son of God, the Word manifested in the flesh, and also the Son of David which spoke of His humanity. He was also the blind eye opener, dead raiser, water walker and all these things.

- But when he submitted unto death and took the curse of sin on himself and then triumphantly rose on the third day defeating it all he became Lord. He inherited or received the right to be called Lord, Yahweh, the Highest name.
- The name of Jesus embodies all of who God is.