

Introduction: *Existence,* ***Definition, And Names For God.***

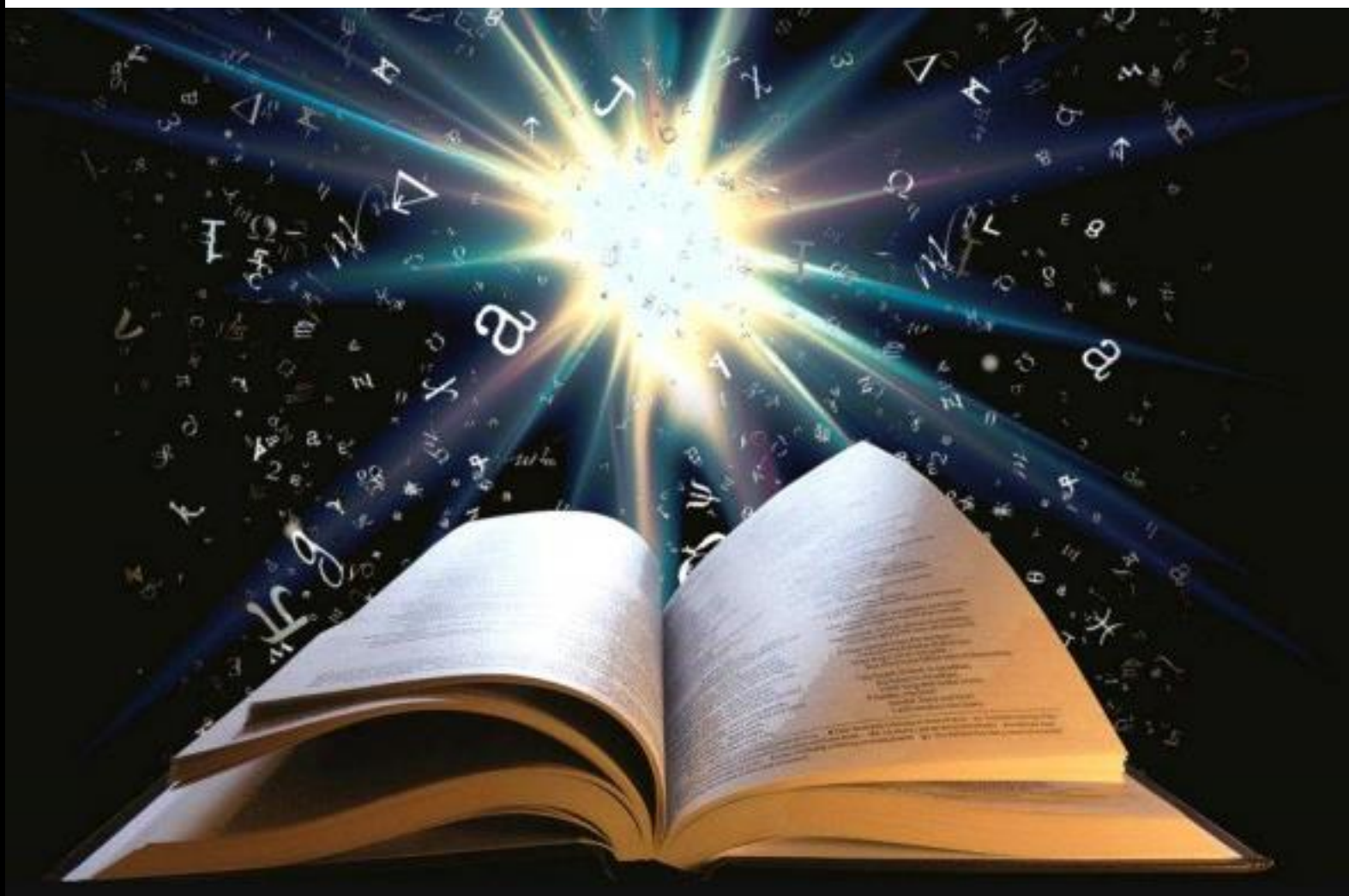
Theology
Lesson one



Lesson Goal:

To describe the Godhead and by the illumination of the Holy Spirit gain a knowledge of God's self-revelation of His character.

A. THE EXISTENCE OF GOD



Philosophical arguments (reasons) for the existence of God

1. **Universal belief** - All cultures of all history exhibit belief in a Supreme Being.
2. **Cosmological** - All things must have a first cause.
3. **Ontological** - The very idea of God requires that He exist.
3. **Anthropological** - Man's moral nature requires creation by a moral God.

B. The Word of God assumes God.

God's revelation of Himself is seen in nature and in **JESUS** and in **HIMSELF**.

It is accepted by **FAITH**. Hebrews 11:3 **BY FAITH we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

- GENESIS 1:1 -



C. THE DEFINITION OF GOD

True or False - It is really impossible to define God.

True or False - The Best definition of God is the person of Jesus Christ.

GOD'S NAMES help demonstrate what He is like.

D. THE OLD TESTAMENT NAMES OF GOD

A word cloud of names and titles for God, centered around the phrase "I AM". The words are arranged in a circular pattern around the central text. The background is a dark, cloudy sky with a bright light source, creating a dramatic, golden glow. The words are in various colors and fonts, including bold, italicized, and outlined styles. The central text "I AM" is the largest and most prominent.

I AM

AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH TEACHER *GUIDE* CORNER **STONE**
SHALOM LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH
JEHOVAH -NISSI BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR *KING OF KINGS*
YAHWEH ETERNAL GOD HOLY SPIRIT
STRONG TOWER JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU EL-SHADDAI *HOPE*
MASTER SAVIOR LIVING WATER ELOHIM MEDIATOR
THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE THE ROCK TRUE LIGHT
IMMANUEL HOLY ONE MESSIAH MOST HIGH EL-ROI
JEHOVAH ADONAI VINE BRIDE GROOM
ABBA-FATHER PRINCE OF PEACE TRUTH EL-ELYON
GREAT SHEPHERD AMEN EI-OLAM LOVE ALEPH TAV SHEPHERD
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR ADVOCATE PURIFIER
LIGHT OF THE WORLD THE DOOR FAITHFUL & TRUE
JESUS CHRIST SHIELD JEHOVAH-JIREH ALMIGHTY
OUR PASSEOVER LAMB CREATOR GENTLE WHISPER †
EVERLASTING FATHER POTTER DELIVERER

ELOHIM

Creator



ELOHIM

Meaning

- **The all-powerful one creator, Elohim: Used 2,570 times, it refers to God's power and might.**

ELOHIM

Application

- **God is the all-powerful creator of the universe.**
- **God knows all, creates all, and is everywhere at all times.**

ELOHIM

Scripture

- “In the beginning God (**Elohim**) created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God (**Elohim**) was hovering over the waters. And God (**Elohim**) said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” —Genesis 1:1–3
- Deuteronomy 10:17; Psalm 68; (Mark 13:19)

ELOHIM

Insights

- ***Elohim* is the plural form of *El*.**
- **This name is usually associated with God in relation to his creation.**
- **Some people use the plural word *Elohim* as proof for the Trinity (Genesis 1:26).**
- ***Elohim* is also used to refer to false gods and even human judges (Psalm 82:6–7; John 10:34).**



EL

The Strong One

EL

Meaning

- **The Strong One**

EL

Application

- **He is more powerful than any false god.**
- **God will overcome all obstacles.**
- **We can depend on God.**

Scripture

- **“The LORD (YHWH) is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.” —Exodus 15:2**
- **Numbers 23:22; Deuteronomy 7:9 (Mark 15:34)**

EL

Insights

- Occurs more than 200 times in the Old Testament (including compounds).
- Generic Semitic name for God, used by other cultures to refer to their gods.
- El is used in compound proper names such as *Isra-el* (wrestles with God), *Beth-el* (House of God), and *El-isha* (God is salvation).

EL ELOHE YISRAEL

God of Israel



EL ELOHE YISRAEL

Meaning

- **God, the God of Israel**

EL ELOHE YISRAEL

Application

- **The God of Israel is distinct and separate from all false gods of the world.**

EL ELOHE YISRAEL

Scripture

- **“He earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.” —Psalm 68:8**
- **Genesis 33:20; Exodus 5:1; Psalm 106:48**

EL ELOHE YISRAEL

Insights

- **This is the name of the altar that Jacob (Israel) erected after his encounter with God and God's blessing upon him (Genesis 32:24–30; 33:19–20).**

EL ELYON

"The Most High God"

EL ELYON

Meaning

- The God Most High

EL ELYON

Application

- He is the Sovereign God in whom we can put our trust.
- *El Elyon* has supremacy over all false gods.

EL ELYON

Scripture

- “At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the **Most High**; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.” —Daniel 4:34
- Genesis 14:17–22; Psalm 78:35; (Acts 16:17)

EL ELYON

Insights

- Melchizedek, the king of Salem (Jeru “Salem”) and the priest of God Most High, referred to God as *El Elyon* when he blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18–20).

EL OLAM

Eternal God

EL OLAM

Meaning

- The Eternal God
- The Everlasting God

EL OLAM

Application

- He is the beginning and the end, the one who works his purposes throughout the ages.
- He gives strength to the weary.

EL OLAM

Scripture

- “Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the **everlasting God**, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.” — Isaiah 40:28
- Genesis 21:33; Psalm 90:1–2; (Romans 1:20)

EL OLAM

Insights

- Jesus Christ possesses eternal attributes.
- He is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).
- He obtained eternal redemption for us (Hebrews 9:12).

EL ROI

The God Who Sees Me

EL ROI

Meaning

- The God who sees me

EL ROI

Application

- There are no circumstances in our lives that escape his fatherly awareness and care.
- God knows us and our troubles.

EL ROI

Scripture

- By a fountain of water in the wilderness, Hagar “gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: ‘You are **the God who sees me,**’ for she said, ‘I have now seen the One who sees me.’” —Genesis 16:13
- Psalm 139:7–12

EL ROI

Insights

- God knows all of our thoughts and feelings.
- Jesus knew the thoughts of those around him, demonstrating that he is *El Roi* (Matthew 22:18; 26:21, 34; Luke 5:21–24).

EL SHADDAI

God Almighty

EL SHADDAI

Meaning

- The All Sufficient One
- The God of the Mountains
- God Almighty

EL SHADDAI

Application

- God is the all-sufficient source of all of our blessings.
- God is all-powerful.
- Our problems are not too big for God to handle.

EL SHADDAI

Scripture

- “And God said to him, ‘I am **God Almighty**; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants.’ —Genesis 35:11
- Genesis 17:1–3; 48:3; 49:25; Psalm 90:2

EL SHADDAI

Insights

- Some scholars suggest that *Shaddai* refers to God's power evident in his judgment.
- Others suggest that *El Shaddai* means "God of the Mountains."
- God refers to himself as *El Shaddai* when he confirms his covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:1).

IMMANUEL

God With Us

IMMANUEL

Meaning

- God with us
- “I am”

IMMANUEL

Application

- Jesus is God in our midst.
- In him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.

IMMANUEL

Scripture

- “Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him **Immanuel.**” —Isaiah 7:14 (Matthew 1:23)
- Isaiah 8:8–10

IMMANUEL

Insights

- This name indicates that Jesus is more than man; he is also God.
- Jesus is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his nature (Hebrews 1:3).



ADONAI

"Lord, Master, Owner"

ADONAI

Meaning

- The Lord
- My Great Lord
- Lord, Master, Owner

ADONAI

Application

- God is the Master and majestic Lord.
- God is our total authority.

ADONAI

Scripture

- “I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign **LORD**, and you became mine.” —Ezekiel 16:8b
- Psalm 8; Isaiah 40:3–5; Habakkuk 3:19

ADONAI

Insights

- *Adonai* (plural) is derived from the singular *Adon* (Lord).
- *Adonai* was pronounced in substitution of YHWH which was considered too sacred to be uttered.



YHWH

The Self-Existent One

YHWH

Meaning

- “I AM”
- The one who is
- The self-existent one

YHWH

Application

- God never changes.
- His promises never fail.
- When we are faithless, he is faithful.

YHWH

Scripture

- “I the **LORD** do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.” — Malachi 3:6
- Exodus 3:14

YHWH

Insights

- YHWH is God's personal name given to Moses.
- Also called the tetragrammaton ("four letters").
- Occurs about 6,800 times.
- Translated "LORD" in English versions of the Bible, because it became common practice for Jews to say "Lord" (Adonai) instead of saying the name YHWH.

YAH, JAH

"I AM"

YAH, JAH

Meaning

- “I AM”
- The one who is
- The self-existent one

YAH, JAH

Application

- God never changes.
- His promises never fail.
- When we are faithless, he is faithful.
- God promises his continuing presence.

YAH, JAH

Scripture

- “Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the **LORD**.” —
Psalm 68:4
- Exodus 3:14; 15:2; Psalm 46:1; Isaiah 26:4

YAH, JAH

Insights

- Shorter form of *Yahweh*.
- It is often used when combined with other names or phrases.
 - *Hallelujah* means “Praise Yah (the Lord).”
 - *Elijah* means “God is Yah (the Lord).”
 - *Joshua* means “Yah (the Lord) is my salvation.”

A wide landscape featuring a dirt road that stretches into the distance. The road is flanked by golden fields on the left and green fields on the right. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds against a blue background. A person is riding a bicycle on the road in the distance.

YAHWEH

The One Who Is

YAHWEH

Meaning

- “I AM”
- The One Who Is
- The Self-Existent One

YAHWEH

Application

- God never changes.
- His promises never fail.
- When we are faithless, he is faithful.
- We need to obey him.

YAHWEH

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
- Exodus 6:2–4; 34:5–7; Psalm 102

YAHWEH

Insights

- A 16th-century German translator wrote the name *YHVH* (*YHWH*) using the vowels of *Adonai*.
- This was because the ancient Jewish texts from which he was translating had the vowels of *Adonai* under the consonants of *YHVH*.
- By doing this, he incorrectly came up with the name *Jehovah* (*YaHoVaH*).

YAHWEH - JIREH

The Lord Will Provide

YAHWEH -JIREH

Meaning

- The Lord will provide.

YAHWEH -JIREH

Application

- Just as God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac, he provided his son Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice.
- God will meet all our needs.

YAHWEH -JIREH

Scripture

- “So 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
- Psalm 23 (Mark 10:45; Romans 8:2)

YAHWEH -JIREH

Insights

- Abraham called the place “The Lord will provide” where God provided a ram to be sacrificed instead of his son Isaac (Genesis 22:13–14).
- Jesus said that he was the bread of life and anyone who comes to him will be provided for (John 6:35).
- Also known as YHWH-Jireh.

YAHWEH - MEKADDISHKEM

The Lord Who Sanctifies

YAHWEH -MEKADDISHKEM

Meaning

- The Lord who sanctifies.

YAHWEH -MEKADDISHKEM

Application

- God sets us apart as a chosen people, a royal priesthood, holy unto God, a people of his own.
- He cleanses our sin and helps us mature.

YAHWEH -MEKADDISHKEM

Scripture

- “Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the **LORD, who makes you holy.**’ —Exodus 31:13
- 1 Peter 1:15–16; Hebrews 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

YAHWEH -MEKADDISHKEM

Insights

- Also known as *YHWH-Mekaddishkem*.
- We have been set apart, made holy, and redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, our *Jehovah-Mekaddishkem*.
- Therefore, we are to continue to live our lives holy and pleasing to God (1 Peter 1:13–25).

YAHWEH - NISSI

The Lord is My Banner



YAHWEH -NISSI

Meaning

- The Lord is my banner.

YAHWEH -NISSI

Application

- God gives us victory against the flesh, the world and the devil.
- Our battles are his battles of light against darkness and good against evil.

YAHWEH -NISSI

Scripture

- “Moses built an altar and called it **The LORD is my Banner.**” —
Exodus 17:15
- Deuteronomy 20:3–4; Isaiah 11:10–12 (Ephesians 6:10–18)

YAHWEH -NISSI

Insights

- Also known as YHWH-Nissi.
- Name of the altar built by Moses after defeating the Amalekites at Rephidim (Exodus 17:15–16).
- Isaiah prophesies that the “Root of Jesse” (Jesus) will stand as a banner for the peoples (Isaiah 11:10).

YAHWEH -RAPHA

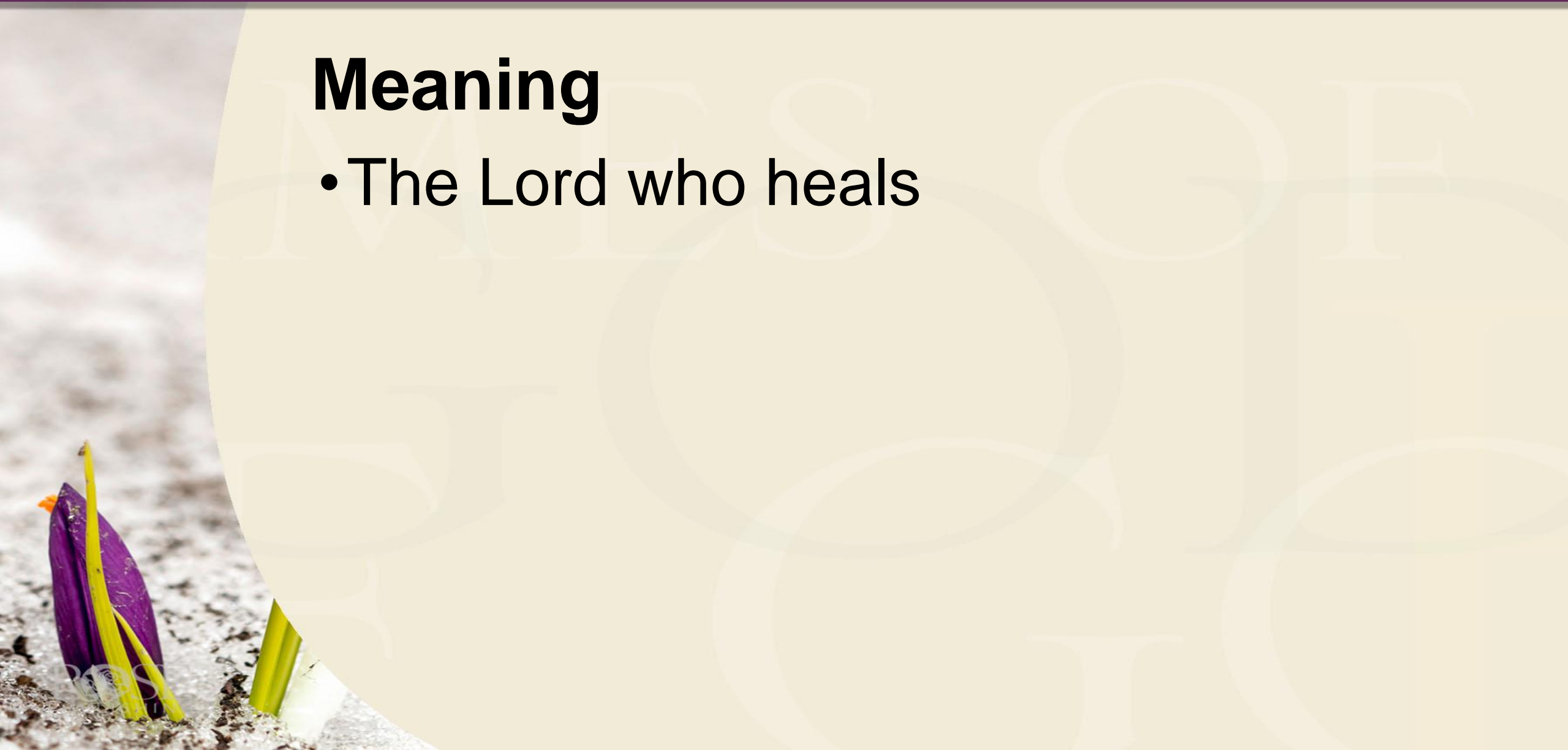
The Lord Who Heals



YAHWEH -RAPHA

Meaning

- The Lord who heals



YAHWEH -RAPHA

Application

- God has provided the final cure for spiritual, physical, and emotional sickness in Jesus Christ.
- God can heal us.



YAHWEH -RAPHA

Scripture

- “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
- Psalm 103:3; Psalm 147:3 (1 Peter 2:24)

YAHWEH -RAPHA

Insights

- Also known as YHWH-Rapha.
- Jesus demonstrated that he was *Jehovah-Rapha* in his healing of the sick, blind, lame, and casting out demons.
- Jesus also heals his people from sin and unrighteousness (Luke 5:31–32).

YAHWEH - ROHI

The Lord is My Shepherd



YAHWEH -ROHI

Meaning

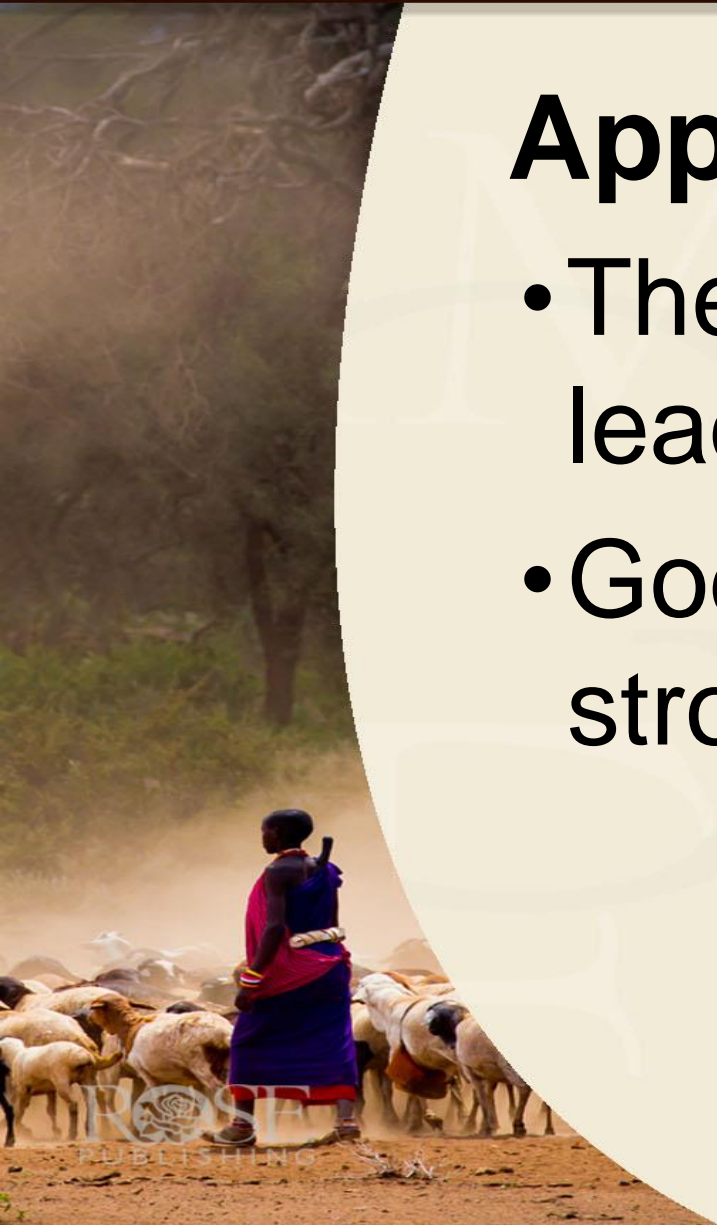
- The Lord is my shepherd.



YAHWEH -ROHI

Application

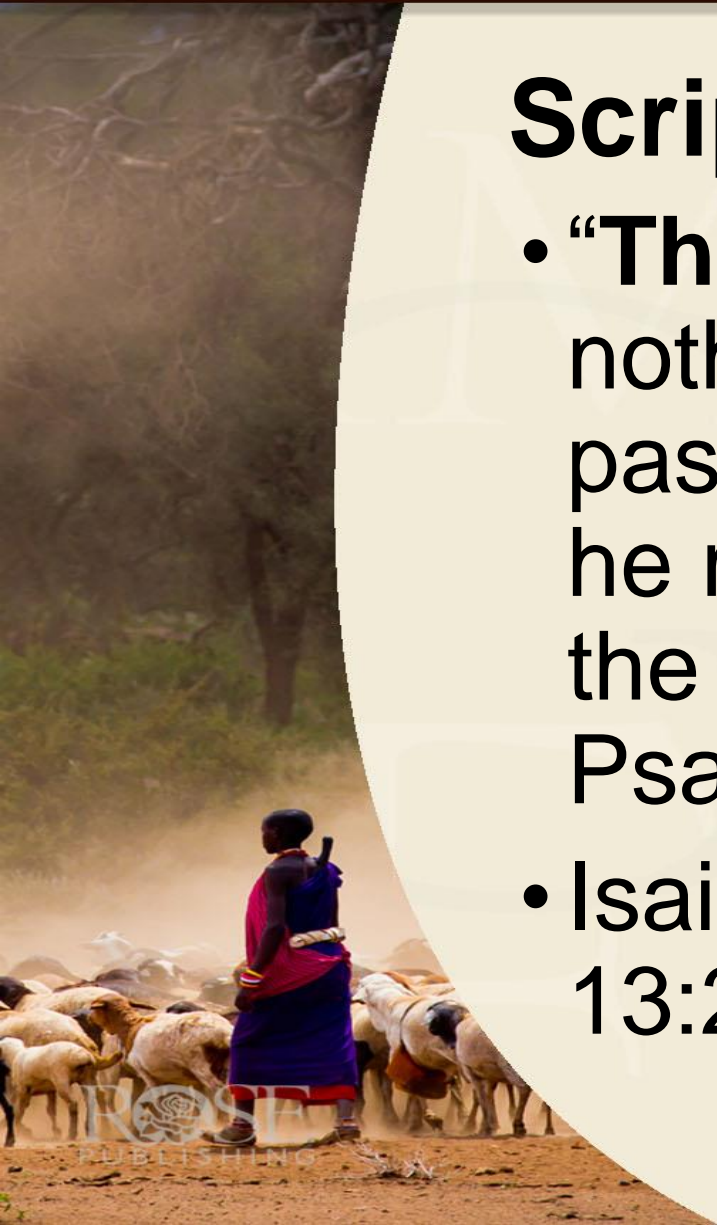
- The Lord protects, provides, directs, leads, and cares for his people.
- God tenderly takes care of us as a strong and patient shepherd.



YAHWEH -ROHI

Scripture

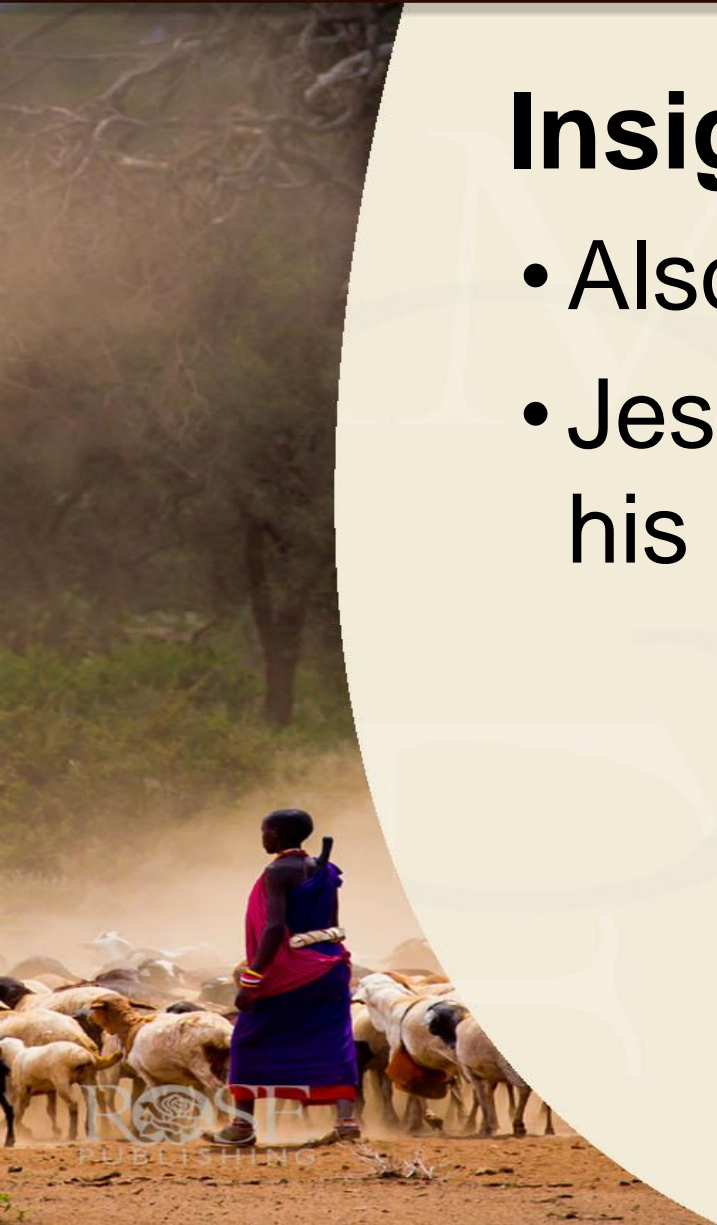
- **“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.” — Psalm 23:1–3**
- **Isaiah 53:6 (John 10:14–18; Hebrews 13:20; Revelation 7:17)**



YAHWEH -ROHI

Insights

- Also known as YHWH-Ra'ah (RAH-ah).
- Jesus is the good shepherd who laid down his life for all people (John 10:11).



YAHWEH - SABAOTH

The Lord of Armies

YAHWEH -SABAOTH

Meaning

- The Lord of hosts
- The Lord of armies



YAHWEH -SABAOTH

Application

- The Lord of the hosts of heaven will always fulfill his purposes, even when the hosts of his earthly people fail.



YAHWEH -SABAOTH

Scripture

- “David said to the Philistine, ‘You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of **the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies** of Israel, whom you have defied.’” —1 Samuel 17:45
- 1 Samuel 1:3; Psalm 46:7; Malachi 1:10–14 (Romans 9:29)



YAHWEH -SABAOOTH

Insights

- Also known as YHWH-Sabaoth.
- Many English versions of the Bible translate *Sabaoth* as *Almighty*.
- *Jehovah-Sabaoth* is often translated as *The Lord Almighty*.
- *Sabaoth* is also translated as *Heavenly Hosts* or *Armies*.



YAHWEH -
SHALOM

The Lord is Peace

YAHWEH -SHALOM

Meaning

- The Lord is peace



YAHWEH -SHALOM

Application

- God defeats our enemies to bring us peace. Jesus is our Prince of Peace.
- God brings inner peace and harmony.

YAHWEH -SHALOM

Scripture

- “But the LORD said to him, ‘Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.’ So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it **The LORD Is Peace.**” —Judges 6:23–24
- Numbers 6:22–27; Isaiah 9:6 (Hebrews 13:20)

YAHWEH -SHALOM

Insights

- Also known as YHWH-Shalom.
- Name of the altar built by Gideon at Ophrah to memorialize God's message of peace (Judges 6:22–24).
- Isaiah tells us that the Messiah will also be known as the Prince of Peace, our *Jehovah-Shalom* (Isaiah 9:6).

YAHWEH - SHAMMAH

The Lord is There



YAHWEH -SHAMMAH

Meaning

- The Lord is there
- The Lord my companion



YAHWEH -SHAMMAH

Application

- God's presence is not limited or contained in the tabernacle or temple, but is accessible to all who love and obey him.



YAHWEH -SHAMMAH

Scripture

- God revealed to Ezekiel that the name of the New Jerusalem: “And the name of the city from that time on will be: **the LORD is there.**” —Ezekiel 48:35
- Psalm 46 (Matthew 28:20; Revelation 21)



YAHWEH -SHAMMAH

Insights

- Also known as YHWH-Shammah.
- Through Jesus Christ, the Spirit of God dwells in us (1 Corinthians 3:16).

YAHWEH -TSIDKENU

The Lord Our Righteousness

YAHWEH -T SIDKENU

Meaning

- The Lord our righteousness

YAHWEH -T SIDKENU

Application

- Jesus is the King who would come from David's line, and is the one who imparts his righteousness to us.

YAHWEH -TSIDKENU

Scripture

- “Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper. ...Now this is His name by which He will be called: **The LORD Our Righteousness.**” — Jeremiah 23:5–6 (NKJV)
- Jeremiah 33:16; Ezekiel 36:26–27 (2 Corinthians 5:21)

YAHWEH -TSIDKENU

Insights

- Also known as YHWH-Tsidkenu.
- All people sin and fall short of God's glory, but God freely makes us righteous through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22–23).
- God promised to send a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right.
- The people will live in safety (Jeremiah 23:5–6).



APPLICATION:

TWELVE CHRONOLOGICAL STAGES OF THE BIBLE



- **Since God has placed in the mind of every person a knowledge of His being, one may either:**
 - **Pursue this knowledge and come to know God in Christ.**
 - **Suppress this knowledge through pride and reject God, suffering the consequences eternally.**