



The Names of God

Old Testament Names – Part 1



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Romans 15:4

Elohim – God

- First name given God and used 2200+ times.
- “El” likely means **power/might** or **worship** – Gen. 1:1; Psa. 96:6-7
- Plural in form:
 - Manifold in power, or power multiplied
 - Used with singular verbs/pronouns signifying that God is *plural yet one* – Deut. 6:4; Gen. 1:26-27

Jehovah - LORD

- Jehovah – the self-Existent/Eternal; Jewish national name for God and not pronounced.
- This is God's name for Himself – Ex. 3:7ff.
 - God spoke of His eternal, unchanging nature—"I AM WHO I AM"—GOD IS! – Ex. 3:13-14
 - God calls Himself Jehovah/Yahweh, a derivative of "I AM" – Ex. 3:15
- This should be a name of great comfort to us – Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8

El Elyon – God Most High

- El (might) + Elyon (supreme, most high)
- Speaks of God's absolute power and dominion
- Used by Melchizedek, the type of Christ – Gen. 14:18-22; Heb. 7; Acts 10:36; 1 Cor. 1:30-31
- Used in N.T. of Christ as the Son and of us as God's servants – Mk. 5:7; Acts 16:17
- Application: Nothing is above God!

Conclusion

- The names of God express...
 - His power (as seen in creation)
 - His plural yet oneness in being
 - His eternal, unchanging nature of being
 - His supreme rule and authority
- Do your appreciation, reverence, and submission to God measure up?
- It all begins with coming to Christ – Luke 6:46