



God Reveals Himself in NAMES

El Shaddai — God Almighty

The Context

Genesis
12,15,16

- God made a special covenant with Abram, who was 75 and childless – Gen. 12:1-4
- Abram came to question God's promise because he remains childless – Gen. 15:1-6; Heb. 6:9-12
- Lesson: True faith is willing to let God's things be done in God's way
 - Because things were happening too slow, Sarai and Abram decided to help God out – Gen. 16:1-4
 - This decision had devastating results, causing immediate family problems and future national problems.

El Shaddai Revealed

Genesis
17

- God revealed this name to Abram – 17:1
 - Abram is 99 and it has been 24 years since Gen. 12
 - To help Abram, God introduces Himself as **El Shaddai**
- **El Shaddai** is introduced in the context of a covenant, which is no small thing – 17:2-4
 - God takes His covenants seriously and has the power to fulfill them – Heb. 10:23
 - Abram's faithfulness meant God would **give** this covenant of great blessings between them.
- This covenant resulted in Abram and Sarah receiving **new names** – Gen. 17:5-8, 15-18; Acts 11:26; Rev. 2:17
- God **fulfilled** His covenant promises!