

THE NAMES OF GOD

*“The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe.” Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)*

1. **ELOHIM**: God is Creator. Elohim created (used 3 times in Gen.1) the Elements on Day One of the Creation account (Genesis 1:2), Animal life on Day Five (1:21), and Human Life with an Eternal spirit in the image of God on Day Six (1:27). In Christ we have a new birth (John 3:8), a new mind (1 Cor. 2:16) and new works for us to walk in by obeying His commands (Eph. 2:10).
2. **EL ELYON**: God Most High is the ultimate Ruler (sovereign) over the earth and universe (Genesis 14:18-22). Abraham authenticated El Elyon as the true God when he gave tithes to the priest-king, of Salem (Jerusalem), Melchizedek who was a gentile.
3. **ADONAI**: Lord, Owner, the Lord who is Master. He promises to empower our lives as we yield to His rule and authority. Genesis 15:2, John 13:13; Romans 14:9.
4. **YAHWEH**: It is the “to be” verb in Hebrew revealing that God is eternal, and He never had a beginning and will never have an end. He always WAS, IS and WILL BE. This name also means He is “self-existent” that is, He is not a created Being (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58).
5. **YAHWEH-JIREH**: (sounds like year) The Lord my Provider (Genesis 22:14). God has, is and will provide our basic needs. It is God’s Nature to be a provider (Philippians 4:19).
6. **EL SHADDAI** (i sound): God almighty is all-powerful (Genesis 49:24&25) and uses His power to stretch out His mighty arm to accomplish His purposes through us (1 Kings 8:42).
7. **YAHWEH-RAPHA** : The Lord who heals by turning a bitter experience into something sweet. Ex. 15:22ff. 1 Peter 2:24.

8. **YAHWEH-NISSI** (e sound): The Lord who is our banner, our signet of victory. He marches before us to fight the battle and We will be victors in Him as we follow His lead! Exodus 17:8;
9. **YAHWEH-SHAMMAH**: The Lord is there. His presence brings us boldness and strong confidence as we advance His Kingdom. Ex. 33:12-23; Ezek. 48:35; Matt.28:20.
10. **YAHWEH-M'KADDESH**: God is Holy (Leviticus 11:44). The root word for holiness means “set apart” or “sanctification.” God is Holy because ALL His attributes are perfect. The Spirit works in us to progressively “sanctify” us (1 Thess. 5:23). We do our part by incrementally obeying His commands (1 Peter 1:14,15). The result is we become more Christ-like.
11. **YAHWEH-SHALOM**: The Lord who is our peace. Peace has a threefold meaning: it means cessation from external hostility; the restored relationship between God and man; the and wholeness in relationship to others. Judges 6:24; John 16:33; Rom. 5:1;14:19.
12. **YAHWEH-ROHI** (e sound): The Lord who is my Shepherd, who directs, protects, and provides for us in order to promote His name. Psalms 23; John 10:11-18.
13. **YAHWEH-TSIDKENU** (silent t): The Lord is our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6). He declares us righteous (2 Cor. 5:21), and we progressively practice righteousness demonstrating we are born of Him (1 John 2:29).
14. **EL ROI** (e sound): The God who sees (Genesis 16:11-14). We are the objects of His gracious attention as He observes our thoughts and actions (Psalm 139:7-12).
15. **YAHWEH SABAOTH**: (sab-bah-oath) The LORD of Hosts (1 Samuel 1:3) will always fulfill His purposes. Call on Him in times of great despair (Malachi 1:19-14). This name is the basis of the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7). The fear of the Lord is living with the daily consciousness that He is observing our every move.

