

The Names of God

To better understand the character and nature of God, it is helpful to study the names by which God revealed Himself to Israel in the Old Testament. In our culture, names do not necessarily reveal anything about a person. But this was not so in the culture of the Old Testament times. The name a person was given told something of his nature or character. It was not uncommon for a person's name to be changed: Abram to Abraham, Jacob to Israel, Saul to Paul, Simon to Peter, etc. Therefore, as we study the names by which God revealed Himself, we learn something of His very nature. **Let us look at some of these revealing names.**

Revealing Names of God			
Name	Translation	Emphasis	Scripture References
EI	God	Might, first in rank	Gen 14:18-22; 35:1
Elohim	God	Plural of EI; majesty (suggests Trinity)	used over 2500 times
El Elyon	Most High God	Majesty	Genesis 14:18
El Roi	God who sees	Omniscience	Genesis 16:13
El Shaddai	Almighty God	grace, relationship	Genesis 17:1; 35:11 Exodus 6:2-3
El Olam	Everlasting God	eternal, unchangeable	Genesis 21:33
Adonai	Lord	lord, master	Genesis 15:2,8 (used over 300 times)
Jehovah / Yahweh	Lord	I Am; covenant relationship	Gen 2:4-9; 15:2,8 (used over 6800 times)
Jehovah-jireh	The Lord will provide	provision	Genesis 22:14
Jehovah-rophe	The Lord that Heals	healing and health	Exodus 15:26
Jehovah-nissi	The Lord our Banner	banner, standard deliverance, salvation	Exodus 17:8-15
Jehovah-m'kaddesh	The Lord Who Sanctifies	set apart, separate	Exo 31:13; Lev 20:7-8; Lev 22:32; Ezk 20:12
Jehovah-shalom	The Lord our Peace	peace, assurance	Judges 6:23-24
Jehovah-ro-i	The Lord my Shepherd	care, provision	Psalms 23:1
Jehovah-tsidkenu	The Lord our Righteousness	righteous judgement	Jer 23:6; 33:16
Jehovah-shammah	The Lord Who is There	Presence, security, glory, blessing	Ezekiel 48:35