

GOD'S NAME

Elohim

- **Genesis 1:1-2 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

The name given to God in Genesis 1:1 is Elohim, so this is where we will start.

Its root word is El, which simply, at least in English, means God. Beth'el means house (Beth) or God (El).

Genesis 28:13

What El means in the Hebrew is Mighty, strong or/and prominent.

Elohim thus is God (El) the all-powerful Creator (Ohim). This name is used 35 times between Genesis 1:1 and 2:4.

Elohim is, again in the Hebrew, a plural form of God, thus we have in the very beginning of the Bible the theological truth of the Trinity.

Verse 1 – God

Verse 2 - The Spirit

Verse 26 – Let us create

Colossians 1:15-16 - ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

John 1:1-3 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 8:58 - ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Elohim also lets us know there is no one else who can truly make and keep a covenant. Elohim is the covenant making God.

Genesis 9:11-16 - ¹¹ Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said: “This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³ I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵ and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth.”

Jeremiah 31:33 - ³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Jeremiah 32:40 - ⁴⁰ And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.

Numbers 23:19 - ¹⁹ “God *is* not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Hebrews 6:18 - ¹⁸ So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. (NLT)

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- Genesis 14:18-24 - ¹⁸Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High. ¹⁹And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.

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- **Genesis 14:18-24 - ²¹ Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself.” ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I *will take* nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that *is* yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich’...**

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Meaning - God Most High

This signifies that God is the Creator and possessor of all things and His nature is unchangeable.

Psalm 47:1-3 - Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! ² For the Lord Most High *is* awesome; *He is* a great King over all the earth. ³ He will subdue the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

Psalm 95:1-5 - Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. ³ For the Lord *is* the great God, and the great King above all gods.

⁴ In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills *are* His also.

⁵ The sea *is* His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry *land*.

God never changes. His power never changes, and His promises never change. Our covenant with Jesus Christ will never change. We are saved and God will never change His mind or recant His grace.

The possessor of everything also means control of everything.

Nothing, no matter how much of a mess our lives look, will ever be out of God's control.

Psalm 33:4 - ⁴ For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does.

When we are faithful and life is upside-down, God will always have everything under control.

Romans 8:35-39 - ³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. ³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NLT)

El Shaddi

- **Genesis 17:1 - When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.**

Shaddi means almighty. Literally in the Hebrew it means all-powerful and all-sufficient.

Romans 4:20-21 - ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Numbers 11:22-24 - ²² Even if we butchered all our flocks and herds, would that satisfy them? Even if we caught all the fish in the sea, would that be enough?" ²³ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Has my arm lost its power? Now you will see whether or not my word comes true!" (NLT)

Luke 1:37 - ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible.”

Matthew 19:26 - ²⁶ But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Yahweh

- Exodus 3:13-16 - ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What *is* His name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

Yahweh

- **Exodus 3:13-16 - ¹⁵ Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.’ ¹⁶ Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, “I have surely visited you and *seen* what is done to you in Egypt;**

Exodus 3:15-16 - ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations. (NLT)

I AM - Related to the name of God, *YHWH*, rendered *Lord*, which is derived from the verb *HAYAH*, to be.

There is no word Jehovah in Hebrew because the Hebrew alphabet only has 22 letters and there is no “J” in their alphabet.

YHWH – You were not to write God’s name.

Exodus 6:2-3 - ² And God said to Moses, “I am Yahweh—‘the Lord.’ ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty’—but I did not reveal my name, Yahweh, to them. (NLT)

While El or Elohim spoke of God's greatness, Yahweh spoke of a personal relationship. This is the only time God truly gives His name. (I AM)