

Taking Steps to Jesus

What is in the name?

I. Open in PRAYER -

- II. **GOAL:** To discover the Scriptural names of God, what each name means, thereby growing our Faith in God. As we follow the Scriptural roadmap, looking to learn and understand the NAMES of GOD from GOD Himself, we strengthen the foundation of our faith in Him.

It is hard to truly trust someone we don't know very well ... and the opposite is also true ... someone we know well – we can trust completely.

III. SIGNIFICANCE of GOD's NAME

- **Matthew 6:9-10** Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be THY NAME ...
- **Exodus 20:7** "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain ...

a) OT Use and Significance

(1) Abraham called on the name of the Lord (Gen. 12:8; 13:4).

(2) The Lord proclaimed His own name before Moses (Ex. 33:19; 34:5).

(3) Israel was warned against profaning the name of the Lord (Lev. 13:21; 22:2, 32).

(4) The name of the Lord was not to be taken in _____ (Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11).

(5) The priests of Israel were to _____ in the name of the Lord (Deut. 18:5; 21:5).

(6) The name of God is called "wonderful" in Judges 13:18.

(7) To call on the name of the Lord was to _____ Him as God (Gen. 21:33; 26:25).

Consequently, from this we can conclude that such phrases as "the name of the LORD" or "the name of God" refer to God's _____. It was a summary statement embodying the entire person of God.

b) NT Use and Significance

When we turn to the New Testament we find the same. The name Jesus is used in a similar way to the name of God in the Old Testament:

(1) _____ is through His name (John 1:12).

(2) Believers are to gather in His name (Matt. 18:20).

(3) Prayer is to be made in His name (John 14:13-14).

(4) The servant of the Lord who bears the name of Christ will be hated

(Matt. 10:22).

(5) The book of Acts makes frequent mention of worship, service, and suffering in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:18; 5:28, 41; 10:43; 19:17).

(6) It is at the _____ of Jesus that every knee will one day bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil. 2:10-11).

So, just as the name of God in the Old Testament spoke of the holy character of God the Father, so the name of Jesus in the New Testament speaks of the holy character of God the Son.

IV. Names – Meanings – and Applications of GOD's NAMES

- 1) " _____ " (Genesis 1:1) (Deut 10:17) - over 2300 times in the OT (or Elohay) : Hebrew Root Word "Creator, Mighty, Strong, Powerful"
It's the first name for God found in the Bible, and it's used throughout the Old Testament over 2,300 times. This name has the unusual characteristic of being distinctly plural in form. In Genesis 1:1, we read, "In the beginning Elohim created the heaven and the earth." Right from the start, this plural form for the name of God is used to describe the One God, in a plurality (the TRINITY) - a mystery that is uncovered throughout the rest of the Bible.
- 2) " _____ " (Exodus 15:2) - Over 200 times in OT
("Elohim" is the plural form of the Hebrew word "EL") – "EL" meaning "THE STRONG ONE". In context, "EL" (GOD) is more powerful than any and all false gods, and HE will overcome all obstacles. We can depend on His mighty strength. When used of the true God, it is a plural of majesty and intimates the trinity. This name is used especially in reference to God's sovereignty, creative work, mighty work for Israel and in relation to His sovereignty (Isa. 54:5; Jer. 32:27; Gen. 1:1; Isa. 45:18; Deut. 5:23; 8:15; Ps. 68:7).
El is the simple form arising from Elohim, and is often combined with other words for descriptive emphasis. Some examples: El HaNe'eman - **The Faithful God**: (Deuteronomy 7:9). El HaGadol - **The Great God**: (Deuteronomy 10:17). El HaKadosh - **The Holy God**: (Isaiah 5:16). El Yisrael - **The God Of Israel**: (Psalm 68:35). El HaShamayim - **The God Of The Heavens**: (Psalm 136:26). El De'ot - **The God Of Knowledge**: (1 Samuel 2:3). El Emet - **The God Of Truth**: (Psalm 31:6). El Yeshuati - **The God Of My Salvation**: (Isaiah 12:2). El Elyon - **The Most High God**: (Genesis 14:18). **Immanu El - God Is With Us**: (Isaiah 7:14).
- 3) " _____ " (Psalm 90:1-2) (Isaiah 40:28) -
Meaning: "**The ETERNAL and EVERLASTING GOD**" - (translated "God"). In context, it is that GOD is the BEGINNING and the END, the ONE who works HIS will and purposes throughout the ages.

THIS was the HEBREW name/description that affirmed JESUS CHRIST in the letter to the Hebrews ... in the NT ... Hebrews 13:8 JC is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He obtained eternal redemption for us Hebrews 9:12.

4) “ _____ ” (Genesis 17:1-3) (Genesis 35:9-12) - used 7 times in OT
Meaning: “All Sufficient One, the GOD of the Mountains, GOD ALMIGHTY”. In context, God was the all-sufficient source of all our blessings and needs, He is all-powerful, and our problems are NOT too big for GOD to handle. Abraham and Jacob came to know the name GOD offered as GOD ALMIGHTY – the ALL SUFFICIENT GOD that can handle any problems – nothing too big for God.

5) “ _____ ” or “ _____ ” (Exodus 3:14) (Exodus 6:2-4) - occurs 6800 x

Meaning: The “I AM”, The ONE who is Self-Existent, The Eternal ONE, the LORD. Also known and translated YAH-WAY. In Context, God never changes, His promises are true and never fail. When we are faithless HE is faithful, - and because HE IS we need to obey Him as THE LORD.

JEHOVAH / YAH_WAY is used (about 7000 x) as the name for GOD more than any other in the Bible. Yahweh is the promised name of God. This name of God which (by Jewish tradition) is **too holy to voice**, is actually spelled "YHWH" without vowels. While YHWH is first used in Genesis 2, God did not reveal Himself as YHWH until Exodus 3. The modern spelling as "Yahweh" includes vowels to assist in pronunciation. Many pronounce YHWH as "Yahweh" or "Jehovah." We no longer know for certain the exact pronunciation. During the third century A.D., the Jewish people stopped saying this name in fear of contravening the commandment "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain" (Exd 20:7). As a result of this, Adonai is occasionally a substitute for YHWH.

Names formed WITH “JEHOVAH”

- “ _____ ” (Genesis 22:13-14) Meaning: “The LORD WILL PROVIDE”
In context, God provided a ram in place of Isaac – and He provided Jesus in our place. God will meet ALL our needs.
- “ _____ ” (Exodus 17:14-16) (Deut 20:1-4) (Eph 6 – armor of God)
Meaning: “The Lord is My Banner” – He is my VICTORY FLAG! He reigns in VICTORY - to them and to us ... HE HAS WON – WE WIN
In Context, God gives us victory against the flesh, the world, and the devil. Our battles are HIS battles – light against darkness – good against evil.
- “ _____ ” (Ex. 17:15-16) (Psalm 103:3) (Psalm 147:3) (Isaiah 53:5)

Meaning **“The LORD who HEALS”**. Healing is in the hands of the ONE who heals. In context, it was GOD who possessed the power to bring healing and wholeness

- **“ _____ ” (Psalm 23:1-3) (Isaiah 53:6) (Hebrews 13:20)**

Meaning: **“THE LORD is my SHEPHERD”**. He protects, provides, directs, leads, cares for His people. God is the strong, tender, patient, and loving caretaker.

- **“ _____ ” (Numbers 6:22-27) (Hebrews 13:20)**

Meaning: **“The LORD is PEACE”** God defeats our enemies to bring us peace. Jesus is our prince of peace. God is our source of peace & harmony.

- **“ _____ ” (Jeremiah 23:5-6) (Ezekiel 36:26-27) (2 Cor. 5:21)**

Meaning: **“The LORD Our RIGHTEOUSNESS”**. The promised ONE would come from David’s line, and HE alone would impart HIS righteousness to US. (they knew even then that they had no righteousness to offer God – but they believed God would make a way as promised – a way to salvation and adoption.

- **“ _____ ” (Exodus 31:12-13) (Hebrews 13:12)**

Meaning: **“The LORD Who SANCTIFIES”** (or sets us apart). God has chosen His people to be a royal priesthood, holy unto (before) Him, and He alone has the power to cleanse sin and make us holy by the blood of JESUS.

- 6) **“ _____ ” (Exodus 20:5-6) (James 4:4-5) meaning “JEALOUS GOD”**

In context – they came to know God as “jealous for them and their affection and worship.

V. GOD in the NAME: YHVH / YESHUA (JESUS)

- GOD revealed by name and revealed in the OT as YHVH (YAH-WEH / Jehovah) – eternal existent LORD – THE I AM ... is revealed in the NT as Yeshua (Jesus)
- _____ shares the same attributes as YHVH and clearly claims to be YHVH.
- (John 8:52-59) (Romans 10:9-13) (John 10:30)

Names and Titles of Jesus:

1. **Almighty One** – “...who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Rev. 1:8
2. **Alpha and Omega** – “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Rev. 22:13
3. **Advocate/ Righteous One** – “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.” 1 John 2:1
4. **Author and Perfecter of Our Faith** – “Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Heb. 12:2
5. **Authority** – “Jesus said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’” Matt. 28:18
6. **Bread of Life** – “Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” John 6:35
7. **Beloved Son of God** – “And behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Matt. 3:17
8. _____ – “And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.” Matt. 9:15
9. **Chief Cornerstone** – “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone.” Ps. 118:22
10. **Deliverer** – “And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.” 1 Thess.1:10
11. **Faithful and True** – “I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.” Rev.19:11
12. **Good Shepherd** - “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11
13. _____ – “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.” Heb. 4:14
14. **Head of the Church** – “And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church.” Eph. 1:22

15. **Holy Servant** – “...and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.” Acts 4:29-30
16. _____ – “Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” John 8:58
17. **Immanuel** – “...She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel, which means 'God with us.'” Is. 7:14
18. **Indescribable Gift** – “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.” 2 Cor. 9:15
19. **Judge** – “...he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.” Acts 10:42
20. **King of Kings** – “These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.” Rev. 17:14
21. **Lamb of God** – “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29
22. **Light of the World** – “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12
23. **Lion of the Tribe of Judah** – “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” Rev. 5:5
24. **Lord of All** – “For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Phil. 2:9-11
25. _____ – “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” 1 Tim. 2:5
26. **Messiah** – “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).” John 1:41
27. **Mighty One** – “Then you will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.” Is. 60:16
28. **One Who Sets Free** – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36
29. _____ – “...Christ Jesus our hope.” 1 Tim. 1:1
30. **Peace** – “For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,” Eph. 2:14

31. **Prophet** – “And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” Mark 6:4
32. **Redeemer** – “And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth.” Job 19:25
33. **Risen Lord** – “...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” 1 Cor. 15:3-4
34. _____ – “For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.” 1 Cor. 10:4
35. **Sacrifice for Our Sins** – “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” 1 John 4:10
36. **Savior** – “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11
37. **Son of Man** – “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10
38. **Son of the Most High** – “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.” Luke 1:32
39. **Supreme Creator Over All** – “By Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together....” 1 Cor. 1:16-17
40. **Resurrection and the Life** – “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.” John 11:25
41. **The Door** – “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” John 10:9
42. _____ – “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6
43. **The Word** – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1
44. **True Vine** - “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.” John 15:1
45. **Truth** – “And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32
46. **Victorious One** – “To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.” Rev. 3:21
- 47– 50. **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace** – Isaiah 9:6