

# THE NAMES OF GOD

## YHWH (YAHWEH)

### THE SELF-EXISTENT ONE

YHWH (often written as Yahweh or Jehovah) is the most sacred name of God in the Bible. It means “**I AM WHO I AM**” (Exodus 3:14), emphasizing his eternal and unchanging nature. This name signifies God’s **self-existence** and **sovereignty**. In the Old Testament Yahweh occurs 6,519 times.

## ELOHIM

### THE MIGHTY CREATOR

Elohim is the first name of God mentioned in the Bible (Genesis 1:1). It means “God” in the plural form, highlighting his **power, majesty**, and role as the **Creator of the universe**.

## EL SHADDAI

### LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

This name, meaning “Lord God Almighty” or “The All-Sufficient One,” appears in Genesis 17:1 when God reaffirms his covenant with Abraham. It speaks of God’s **limitless power** and **ability to provide for his people**.

## EL ELYON

### THE MOST HIGH GOD

El Elyon, meaning Most High God, refers to God’s **omnipotence, holiness**, and **gracious nature**, as seen in Deuteronomy 26:19, “He has declared that he will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations he has made and that you will be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised.”

## EL OLAM

### THE EVERLASTING GOD

In Genesis 21:33, Abraham calls on the LORD as El Olam. This name is a declaration of God’s **eternal and unchanging nature**, without beginning or end.

## ADONAI

### THE LORD AND MASTER

Adonai means “Lord” or “Master” and is used when acknowledging God’s authority and dominion. Found in Genesis 15:2, this name signifies **submission and reverence** to God’s rule over all things.

## JEHOVAH JIREH

### THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

First mentioned in Genesis 22:14 when God provided a ram for Abraham instead of Isaac, Jehovah Jireh highlights God as our provider, **meeting our needs in perfect timing**.

## JEHOVAH RAPHA

### THE LORD WHO HEALS

Found in Exodus 15:26, this name declares God as **our healer**—physically, spiritually, and emotionally. It reflects his desire to **restore and renew** his people.

## JEHOVAH NISSI

### THE LORD IS MY BANNER

Used in Exodus 17:15 after Israel’s victory over Amalek, Jehovah Nissi symbolizes God’s **protection, guidance, and victory** over the enemy.

## JEHOVAH SHALOM

### THE LORD IS PEACE

In Judges 6:24, Gideon calls God “Jehovah Shalom” after encountering him. This name reassures us that God is the **source of true peace**, even in the midst of chaos.

## JEHOVAH TSIDKENU

### THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jeremiah 23:6 introduces this name, pointing to God as the **source of our righteousness**. It prophetically refers to Jesus Christ, who makes us **right with God** through his sacrifice.

## JEHOVAH SHAMMAH

### THE LORD IS THERE

In Ezekiel 48:35, this name signifies God’s presence with his people. It reminds us that **God is near**, dwelling among his people and **never abandoning them**.

## JEHOVAH-RAAH

### THE LORD MY SHEPHERD

This name is a metaphor that describes God’s relationship with his followers, the believers. It highlights the **intimate relationship** God desires with us, as evidenced in Psalm 23.

## JEHOVAH MEKODDISHKEM

### THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES YOU

Found in Exodus 31:13, Jehovah Mekoddishkem occurs in a passage urging believers to keep the Sabbath and emphasizing the fact that **holiness comes from the Lord**.

## JEHOVAH SABAOOTH

### THE LORD OF HOSTS

The name Jehovah Sabaoth denotes a military context and signifies God’s **sovereignty over all armies**, both spiritual and earthly. As the God of angel armies, this name highlights God’s role as **a warrior who fights for his people Israel and against divine forces**. This is the name David used in 1 Samuel 17:45, when he said, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”