

Review Of The Nature & Character Of The Godhead

Names of God in Hebrew and Their Pronunciations

In the Hebrew Bible, God is referred to by various names that reflect different aspects of His nature and character. Below is a detailed list of these names along with their English pronunciations, meanings, and relevant Bible verses.

1. Yahweh (יהוה)

Pronunciation: Yahweh

Meaning: “I Am” or “The Eternal”

Bible Verses: Exodus 3:14 - “God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And he said, ‘Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Yahweh is considered the most sacred name of God in Judaism and is often represented as “LORD” in English translations.

2. Elohim (אלהים)

Pronunciation: Elohim

Meaning: “God” or “Mighty One”

Bible Verses: Genesis 1:1 - “In the beginning, God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth.”

Elohim is a plural form but is used singularly when referring to the one true God.

3. El Shaddai (אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי)

Pronunciation: El Shaddai

Meaning: “God Almighty” or “The All Sufficed One”

Bible Verses: Genesis 17:1 - “When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty (El Shaddai); walk before me, and be blameless.’”

This name emphasizes God’s ultimate power over all.

4. Adonai (אֲדֹנָי)

Pronunciation: Adonai

Meaning: “My Lord”

Bible Verses: Psalm 8:1 - “**O LORD, our Lord (Adonai)**, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

Adonai is often used as a substitute for **Yahweh** in prayer and scripture reading.

5. Yah (יְהוָה)

Pronunciation: Yah

Meaning: A shortened form of **Yahweh**; often signifies praise.

Bible Verses: Psalm 68:4 - “**Sing to God**; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; **his name is the LORD (Yah)**; exult before him!”

This name appears frequently in compound names such as **HalleluYah** (“**Praise Yah**”).

6. Yahshua (יֵשׁוּעַ)

Pronunciation: Yahshua

Meaning: “Yah Saves” or “Yah’s Salvation”

Bible Verses: Matthew 1:21 - “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name (Jesus – English from the King James transnational which was changed three different times) (**Yahshua**), for he will save his people from their sins.”

Yahshua combines the divine name **Yah** with **shua** meaning salvation.

7. El Elyon (אֱלֹהֵי יוֹן)

Pronunciation: El Elyon

Meaning: “The Most High God” – **God of gods - Above All other god’s**

Bible Verses: Genesis 14:18-20 - “...and he was priest of **God Most High (El Elyon)**. And he blessed him...”

This title emphasizes God’s supremacy over all other gods.

8. El Olam (אֱלֹהֵי עוֹלָם)

Pronunciation: El Olam

Meaning: “**The Everlasting God**” – “**The Eternal One**”

Bible Verses: Genesis 21:33 - “...and Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the **LORD, the Everlasting God (El Olam).**”

This title highlights *God's eternal nature.*

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