

WHAT IS HIS NAME?

How the names of God reveal His nature

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In the Bible, God is known by many names. A majority of them are descriptive, adding an attribute or action after the word YHWH, or Yahweh (sometimes transliterated as “Jehovah”), which itself seems to be the closest thing God has to a personal name in the Old Testament. Many of these names, such as “the LORD our Banner,” are ones that have been given to God by His worshipers. Names like this stand as altars to God throughout history—testimonies that we still remember of who He is and what He has done. He was a Provider, and He is still a Provider. He was a Shepherd, and He remains our Shepherd.

Many lists like this exist, and this one is not comprehensive, but we hope it will be helpful to you in times of studying the Word and in prayer. A lot can be learned about God through what He has been called for generations. As you read this list, we also invite you to consider—what is your testimony and altar before God? What is the name of God that lies closest to your heart?



*“Suppose they ask me,
‘What is His name?’
Then what shall I tell them?”*

–Exodus 3:13b, paraphrase



God—El, Elohim, Theos

Genesis 1:1; 2 Samuel 7:22;
Psalm 46:10; John 3:16–17;
1 John 4:8–9

Father—Abba, Pater

Psalm 68:5; Isaiah 64:8;
Luke 6:36; Ephesians 3:14–15;
Romans 8:14–15

Lord; Lord of Lords—Adonai, Kyrios

Deuteronomy 10:17;
Psalm 136:3; 1 Timothy 6:15–16;
Revelation 19:16

LORD—YHWH, Yahweh, Jehovah

Exodus 34:5–7;
Numbers 6:24–26;
Deuteronomy 6:4–5

“I AM WHO I AM”; “I AM”; the Self-Existent One

Editor’s note: In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes seven distinct “I AM” statements (“ego eimi” in Greek). This has been understood in Christian tradition as His self-identification that He is God.

Exodus 3:14; John 4:26, 6:20,
8:24, 8:28, 8:58, 13:19, 18:5–8

The Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and the End; the First and the Last

Revelation 22:13

Ancient of Days

Daniel 7:9, 13, 22

Anointed One—Messiah, Christ

Daniel 9:25–26; Matthew 1:16,
16:16; John 1:41, 4:25–26

Cornerstone; Foundation

Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 21:42;
1 Corinthians 3:11;
Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:4

Creator

Psalm 146:6; Isaiah 40:28;
Acts 17:24–25

Everlasting God—El Olam

Genesis 21:33; Isaiah 40:28

Faithful and True

Revelation 19:11

God Almighty; the All-Sufficient One—El Shaddai

Genesis 17:1, 35:11; Ezekiel 10:5

God Most High—El Elyon

Genesis 14:18–20;
Psalm 57:2, 78:35

God Who Sees—El Roi

Genesis 16:13

God With Us—Immanuel

Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22–23

Helper; Advocate

Psalm 33:20, 118:7;
John 14:16–17, 14:26, 15:26, 16:7

Jealous

Exodus 34:14

King; King of Kings

Psalm 29:10, 98:4–6;
1 Timothy 1:17, 6:15–16;
Revelation 19:16

Lamb of God

Isaiah 53:7; John 1:29, 36;
Revelation 5:12, 19:7

Lion of Judah

Revelation 5:5

Living God

Jeremiah 10:10; Daniel 6:26;
Matthew 16:16; Acts 14:15

LORD of Hosts; LORD Almighty—
YHWH Sabaoth

1 Samuel 17:45; Psalm 46:11;
Isaiah 9:7

LORD Our Banner—YHWH Nissi

Exodus 17:15

LORD Our Healer—YHWH Rapha

Exodus 15:26

LORD Our Provider—YHWH Jireh

Genesis 22:13–14

LORD Our Righteousness—YHWH
Tsidkenu

Jeremiah 23:5–6

LORD Our Rock—YHWH Selah

Psalm 18:1–2, 28:1

LORD Our Shepherd—YHWH Raah

Genesis 48:15; Psalm 23:1;
Ezekiel 34

The LORD Saves—Yeshua

Matthew 1:21

The LORD Who Sanctifies You—
YHWH Mekoddishkem

Exodus 31:12–13;
Leviticus 20:7–8

The LORD Is Peace—YHWH Shalom

Judges 6:24

Redeemer

Psalm 19:14, 78:35;
Isaiah 49:26, 54:5–8, 63:16

Son of God

Matthew 14:33; Luke 1:35;
John 11:25–27, 20:30–31

Son of Man

Daniel 7:13–14; Matthew 16:13;
Mark 2:10; Revelation 1:13

**Spirit of the LORD; Spirit of God;
Holy Spirit**—Ruach YHWH, Ruach
Elohim, Pneuma

Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4;
Isaiah 11:1–2; Acts 1:8, 2:4

The Word—Logos

John 1:1, 14

Wonderful Counselor (or
Wonderful, Counselor)

Isaiah 9:6

