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Why study the Names of the Lord?

Proverbs 18:10 (ESV)

10The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

El: General Name for God/god

Strong or Mighty

Caananites misused it in their pagan religions:

El - Ba'al - Asherah

Elohim: The Supreme Being
(Plural with Singular verb)

Deuteronomy 10:17 (NASB95)

17“For the LORD [*Yahweh*] your God [*Elohim*] is the God [*Elohim*] of gods [*elohim*] and the Lord [*Adone*] of lords [*adonim*], the great, the mighty, and the awesome God [*EI*] who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.

El Shaddai: God Almighty

Genesis 17:1–5 (ESV)

- 1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD [*Yahweh*] appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty [*Ei Shaddai*]; walk before me, and be blameless,
2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”
- 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God [*Elohim*] said to him,
4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.
- 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

Genesis 17:6–8 (ESV)

6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

Ephesians 3:20–21 (ESV)

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

El Elyon: The Most High God
Supremecy and Sovereignty

Genesis 14:17–20 (ESV)

17After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

18And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)

19And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

20and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

El Roi: The God Who Sees

Genesis 16:7–10 (ESV)

7The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur.

8And he said, “Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai.”

9The angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress and submit to her.”

10The angel of the LORD also said to her, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.”

Genesis 16:11–12 (ESV)

11 And the angel of the LORD said to her, “Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction.

12 He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen.”

13 So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”

El Echad: The One God

Malachi 2:10–11 (ESV)

10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God [El Echad] created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?

11 Judah has been faithless, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD, which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

1 Corinthians 8:5–6 (ESV)

5For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—

6yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Yahweh: Proper Name for Lord of Israel

9th Century Adonai and YHWH were combined to create an artificial name of Jehovah which became popular in the 1611 KJV.

Exodus 3:13–15 (ESV)

13 Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

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.’”

15 God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the 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 thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Hosea 12:5 (ESV)

5the LORD [Yahweh], the God of hosts [El Sabaot],
the LORD [Yahweh] is his memorial name:

Yahweh Jireh: The Lord Will Provide

Genesis 22:9–12 (ESV)

9When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

11But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

12He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

Genesis 22:13–14 (ESV)

13And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

14So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Yahweh Nissi: The Lord is My Banner

Exodus 17:14–15 (ESV)

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”

15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner,

Yahweh Rapha: The Lord Who Heals

Exodus 15:23–25 (ESV)

23When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah.

24And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?”

25And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them,

Exodus 15:25–26 (ESV)

25 And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them,

26 saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.”

James 5:13–16 (ESV)

13Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

14Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

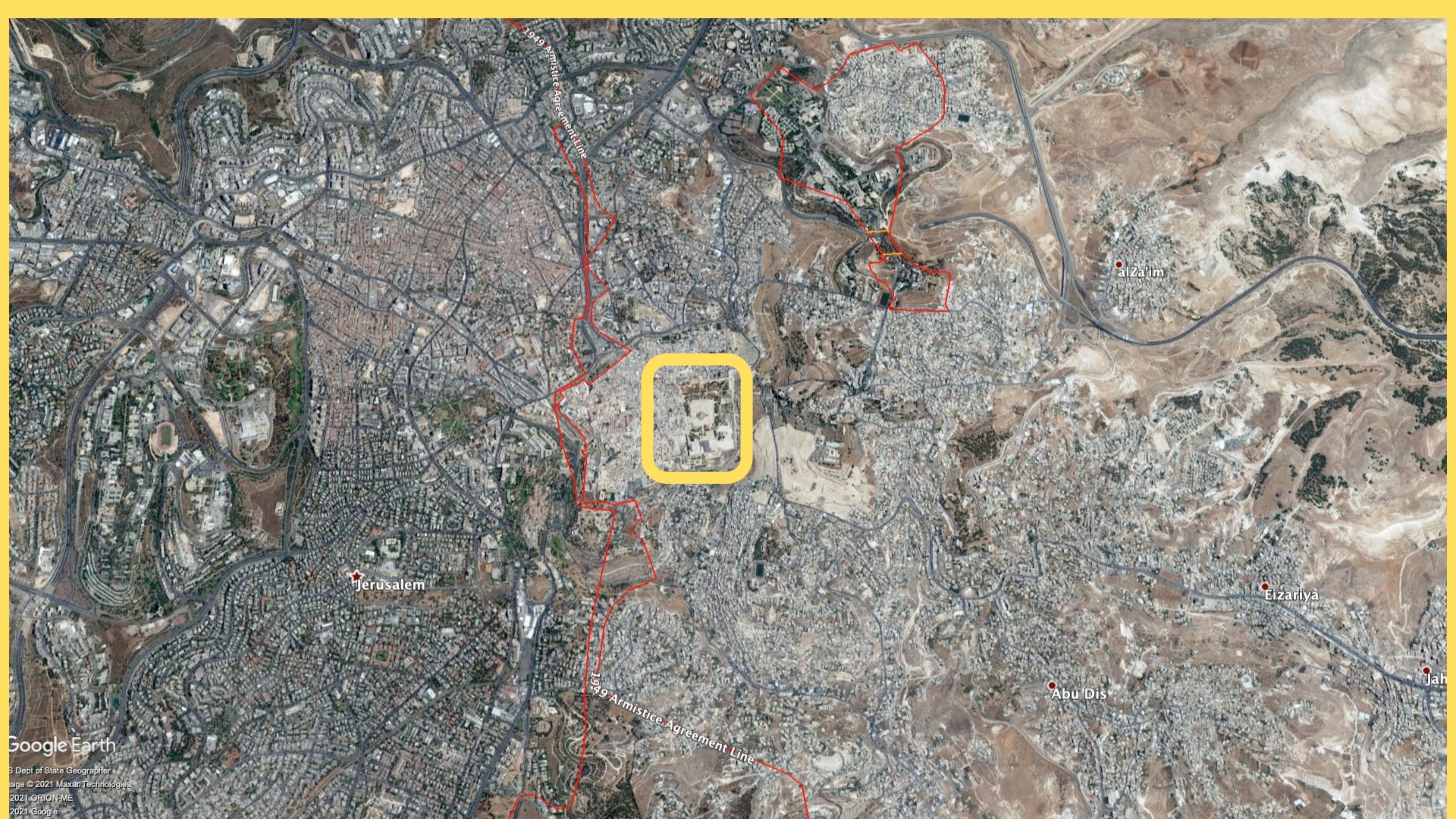
15And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

16Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Yaweh Shamma: The Lord is There

Ezekiel 48:35 (HCSB)

35The perimeter of the city will be six miles, and the name of the city from that day on will be: "Yahweh Is There."



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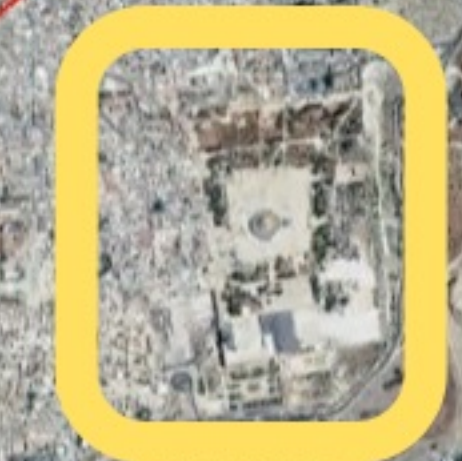
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Yahweh Roi: The Lord is My Shepherd

Psalm 23:1–4 (HCSB)

1The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

2He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

3He renews my life; He leads me along the right paths for His name's sake.

4Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff — they comfort me.

Psalm 23:5–6 (HCSB)

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD as long as I live.

John 10:7–11 (HCSB)

7 So Jesus said again, “I assure you: I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn’t listen to them.

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

10 A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Yahweh Tsidkenu: The Lord Our Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:5–6 (ESV)

5“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

6In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (ESV)

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Yahweh Shalom: The Lord is Peace

Judges 6:22–24 (ESV)

22 Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the LORD. And Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.”

23 But the LORD said to him, “Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.”

24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

Romans 5:1 (ESV)

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Adonai: Lord Master

Psalm 8:1–2 (ESV)

1 O LORD [*Yahweh*], our Lord [*Adonai*], how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

Luke 14:25–27 (ESV)

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,

26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Immanuel: God with Us

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.

Hebrews 4:15–16 (ESV)

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Theos: God

Romans 9:4–5 (ESV)

4They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

5To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God [*Theos*] over all, blessed forever. Amen.

John 1:1–3 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God [*Theos*], and the Word [*Logos*] was God [*Theos*].

2 He was in the beginning with God [*Theos*].

3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Kurios: Lord Master

Romans 10:8–10 (ESV)

8But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

9because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord [*Kurios*] and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Abba: Dearest Father

Matthew 6:9 (ESV)

9 Pray then like this: “Our Father [*Abba*] in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Romans 8:15 (ESV)

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Knowing the Attributes and Names

Yahweh - Elohim - Adonai - Abba

Mature in Worship

Mature in Prayer

Mature in our Faith



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