



**WHAT'S
IN A**
NAME?

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The Names Of God - Part 1

What's In A Name? | Zechariah 12:3, 9

INTRODUCTION

As we begin this new series, we're going to study the different names of God. God wants us to see who He is and has allowed His character to be revealed specifically in 12 different names. Names are very, very important. God reveals Himself through His names. He reveals Himself through what He calls Himself. So we're going to get to learn a lot about God throughout this study as we break down each of His different names.

KEY POINTS

1. "Elohim" – "I am all-powerful."

"Elohim" describes God as the One who is great, mighty, and dreadful. "El" describes the One who is great and mighty. "Ohim" is to declare or swear. He brings into being that which has never been. In other words, God created the world "Ex Nihilo" (something out of nothing). God takes nothing and turns it into something. That is the description of Elohim. He is all-powerful.

God uses this name about 2,700 times in the Bible referring to Himself. We should also note that it is a plural name and that this plurality refers to the Trinity.

2. "El Shaddai" – "I am all-sufficient."

"El Shaddai" is a Hebrew word. It is mentioned about 48 times in Scripture. "El" means great and glorious. "Shaddai" means almighty. And when you translate this word as a combination, it means "I am all-sufficient." The prime derivative of that word, "Shaddai," is the word breast. It is describing nourishment, implying satisfying someone, supplying us. When God's name is used in Scripture, "El Shaddai" describes He who is all-sufficient and meets all of our needs, never leaving us unsatisfied.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What did you learn about the names of God in this message that you didn't already know?
2. Why do you think God has so many different names?
3. What is an example of God being all-powerful or all-sufficient in your life?
