

"A Survey of Bible Doctrine"

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Chapter 1: What is God like?

What does God call Himself? NAMES OF GOD

Primary Names:

1. **Elohim**: "Strong One" (2601 times in the OT)
2. **JEHOVAH**: never occurs in the OT. YHWH in Exodus 3:14: 6:6 (6828 times in the OT)
Artificial English word from YHWH + vowels of ADONA = YaHoWaH
YHWH translated as "LORD"
3. **Adonai**: means "Lord" or "master." Used 773 times in the OT, over 300 times of God.

Compound Old Testament Names (13 names)

1. **El Elyon** - God Most High (Genesis 14:22)
2. **El Olam** - the Everlasting God (Genesis 21:33; Isaiah 40:28)
3. **El Shaddai** - the Almighty God (Genesis 17:1)
4. **Yahweh Jireh** - The LORD provides (Genesis 22:14). This is the only occurrence.
5. **Yahweh Nissi** - The LORD is my Banner (Exodus 17:15) God is victorious over His enemies.
6. **Yahweh Shalom** - The LORD is peace (Judges 6:24).
7. **Yahweh Sabbaoth** - The LORD of hosts (1 Samuel 1:3).
8. **Yahweh Maccaddeschem** - The LORD your sanctifier (Exodus 31:13).
9. **Yahweh Roi** - The LORD my shepherd (Psalm 23:1; 80:1-2).
10. **Yahweh Tsidkenu** - The LORD our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6).
11. **Yahweh Shammah** - The LORD is there (Ezekiel 48:35).
12. **Yahweh Elohim Israel** - "The LORD God of Israel" used 99x in OT (Judges 5:3)
13. **Qadosh Israel** - "The Holy One of Israel" title used (30x in OT) (25x in Isaiah)

What is the Trinity? The Trinity is the one true God exists as three eternal and co-equal persons,

Who are distinct, but not separate. The word TRINITY is NOT used in the Bible!

1. **Evidence for oneness**: Old Testament- Deuteronomy 6:4; 4:35; 32:39; Isaiah 45:14; 46:9.

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 8:4; James 2:19

2. **Evidence for Threeness in New Testament**

- a. The Father is recognized as God. John 6:27
- b. Jesus Christ is recognized as God. John 20:28 and Jesus claimed to be God. John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."
- c. The Holy Spirit is recognized as God. Acts 5:3-4; John 3:5, 6, 8

3. **Evidence for Threeness in Old Testament**

- a. Passages which use plural word for God (Elohim) and plural pronouns. Genesis 1:1-2, 26
- b. The Angel of Yahweh is recognized as God and yet is distinct from God. Genesis 22:15-16

- c. Messiah is called the Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6) and is ascribed eternality (Micah 5:2), One born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14) and names 'Immanuel" which means "God with us." Psalm 110:1
- d. Three persons seen in Old Testament Passages of Isaiah 48:16; Isaiah 61:1-2

4. New Testament verses on the Trinity:

Matthew 28:19

Matthew 3:16–17

2 Corinthians 13:14

The Father

1. The particular relationships of the Father

- a. All people are called the offspring of God. Acts 17:29
- b. God is the Father of the nation Israel. Exodus 4:22
- c. God is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 3:17
- d. In a very special way, God is the Father of all who believe in Christ. Galatians 3:26

2. The particular works of the Father

- a. It is the Father who was the Author of the decree or plan of God. Psalm 2:7-9
- b. The Father was the Author of the act of election. Ephesians 1:3-6
- c. The Father sent the Son into this world. John 5:37
- d. The Father is the disciplinarian of His children. Hebrews 12:9
- e. Important ramifications of the doctrine of God
 - 1. **gods of our own making are false.** We know God not because we can produce it ourselves, but because God has revealed Himself to us. Beware of creating a god!
 - 2. If we accept the facts about the true God which have been revealed, then it shouldn't be difficult to believe He could and can do what is claimed of Him-creation, miracles, inspired Bible, Incarnation, prophecy, etc.!

The most important thoughts we have are our thoughts about GOD!