

El Shaddai

First seen in **Genesis 17:1** – Used 48 times in the Bible (sometimes without El, simply as Shaddai)

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

El is likely related to the word Elohim and is used in conjunction with other descriptive words to specifically reference a particular characteristic of God. Shaddai derives from the word for a woman's breast (shad) and literally means "many breasted one." This denotes God as provider, supplying, nourishing, and satisfying his people with their needs as a mother would her child. God our sustainer.

Shaddai is also related to the Hebrew word shadad which means to overpower or destroy, referring to God's absolute power. This describes God as the one who triumphs over every obstacle and all opposition.

Used together El Shaddai is usually translated Lord God Almighty. God is our all-powerful and all-sufficient sustainer.

So here is Abram who is absolutely unable to accomplish having children naturally with Sarai. Nothing He could do. Yaweh manifests himself and says to Abram, I am El Shaddai. God almighty, all sufficient. Abram I am almighty God, All you've ever needed!

The anticipated revelation of God to us is conveyed as follows: "I am the Almighty God." In this context, God elected to identify Himself to Abram by this title rather than by the name Jehovah, as referenced in Exodus. 6:3. He used it to Jacob, **Gen 28:3**:

3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

Gen 43:14

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

Gen 48:3

3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

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It is the name of God that is mostly used throughout the book of Job, at least in the discourses of that book. After Moses, 'Jehovah' became the more common term, while 'El-shaddai' was seldom used; it refers to God's almighty power.

As an avenger, he brought destruction—some believe God earned this title from destroying the old world, as referenced in Isaiah 13:6 and Joel 1:15. Or,

God is described as **all-sufficient**, meaning He is enough for all our needs. Our old English translation expresses this well: "I am God all-sufficient." It is important to remember that the God we deal with is truly sufficient in every way.

He is entirely self-sufficient; he possesses everything he needs and lacks nothing.

He suffices for us, provided we are in covenant with him; in him, we possess all that we require. His provision is adequate to fulfill even our greatest aspirations, address any shortcomings elsewhere, and ensure the well-being of our immortal souls.

Psalms 16:5-6

5 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Psalms 73:25

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

The expectation is outlined regarding our relationship with God. The covenant is reciprocal: "Walk before me, and be perfect," which implies acting uprightly and sincerely; the covenant of grace is structured such that sincerity represents our measure of perfection within the gospel. It is important to note the following:

To be religious means living with integrity before God—keeping Him constantly in mind and striving to think, speak, and act as if under His watch at all times. It involves consistently following His word as our guide, seeking His glory as the purpose of our actions, and maintaining a continual sense of reverence toward Him. True religion means sincere devotion in worship and wholly living for God. Sincerity is the essence of faith.

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Living faithfully with God is necessary to experience the full support and comfort that comes from our relationship with Him. If we ignore or are insincere with Him, we lose the benefits and reassurance of being connected to Him.

Maintaining constant awareness of God's complete sufficiency greatly impacts how sincerely we live in accordance with Him.