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Vocabulary

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Using a Bible dictionary or other source, study the names of God. Define each and explain the meaning of each and their place in the lives of believers today (At least 5/7 sentences for each). The focus of your discussion is "today." What is their meaning to believers today?

1. Elohim -God

Elohim is a personal name of God just as the name is Yahweh or Jehovah. Elohim is mentioned in the beginning of Genesis in Genesis 1:1. Elohim is the Hebrew word for God and in most of the Old Testament, Elohim is mentioned instead of the term, God. In the Hebrew Bible, Elohim occurs about 2500 times. Although the term is debated amongst scholar, it is popularly used.

2. Adonai -Lord, Master

Adonai is the verbal parallel to Yahweh and Jehovah. Adonai is the translation of "my Lords." When the singular *adon* is being used, it usually refers to a human lord. Adon is used 215 times to refer to men. Occasionally in Scripture and predominantly in the book of Psalms, the singular adon is used to refer to God as well.

3. Jehovah-Raah -The Lord my shepherd

Jehovah translated Rohi as "The Existing One" or "Lord." The meaning of Jehovah is derived from the Hebrew word Havah meaning "to be" or "exist." Raah means "shepherd" in Hebrew. When the two words are combined Jehovah Raah it is translated as "The Lord my friend." This indicates the intimacy God desires between Himself and His people.

4. Jehovah-Shammah - The Lord is there

Jehovah Shammah is a symbolic name for the earthly Jerusalem. Jehovah Shammah indicated that God has not abandoned Jerusalem, leaving it in ruins, but that there will be a restoration. Shammah is derived from the Hebrew word sham, which can be translated as "there." Jehovah Shammah is also defined as "The Existing One" or "Lord." The meaning of Jehovah is derived from the Hebrew word Havah meaning "to be" or "exist."

5. Jehovah-Rapha -The Lord that heals
Jehovah is the Great Physician who heals the physical and emotional needs of His people. When the two words Jehovah Rapha are combined it is translated as "Jehovah Who Heals." It also suggests the word Jehovah Rapha as "to become" or "specifically "to become known". The word Rapha means "to restore," "to heal" or "to make healthful" in Hebrew. "The Existing One" or "Lord." The meaning of Jehovah is derived from the Hebrew word Havah meaning "to be" or "exist."
6. Jehovah-Tsidkenu -The Lord our righteousness
"The Existing One" or "Lord." The meaning of Jehovah is derived from the Hebrew word Havah meaning "to be" or "exist." Tsidkenu means "to be stiff," "to be straight," or "righteous" in Hebrew. When you put the two words Jehovah Tsidkenu it translates as "The Lord Who is our Righteousness." Jehovah Tsidkenu also means "to become" or specifically "to become known". This denotes a God who reveals Himself increasingly.
7. Jehovah-Jireh -The Lord will provide
"The Existing One" or "Lord." The meaning of Jehovah is derived from the Hebrew word Havah meaning "to be" or "exist." Jehovah Jireh is a symbolic name given to Mount Moriah by Abraham to memorialize the intercession of God in the sacrifice of Isaac by providing a substitute for the imminent sacrifice of his son. Jehovah Jireh also means "to become" or "to become known." Jehovah Jireh in the Septuagint is kurios eiden which means the Lord has seen.
8. Jehovah-Nissi -The Lord of banner
"The Existing One" or "Lord." The meaning of Jehovah is derived from the Hebrew word Havah meaning "to be" or "exist." The word Nes means Nissi derived, mean "banner" in Hebrew. Moses, recognizing that the Lord was Israel's banner under which they defeated the Amalekites, built and altered a name which was called Jehovah Nissi. Nes is sometimes translated as a pole with an insignia attached. In battle opposing nations would fly their own flag on a pole at each of their respective front lines. This is what God is to us: a banner of encouragement to give us hope and a focal point.
9. Jehovah-Shalom -The Lord of Peace
"The Existing One" or "Lord." The meaning of Jehovah is derived from the Hebrew word Havah meaning "to be" or "exist." The meaning of Jehovah is derived from the Hebrew word Havah meaning "to be" or "to exist." The meaning of Shalom means "to complete" or "sound." Shalom is translated as "peace" or

“absence from strife.” Jehovah Shalom is the name of altar built by Gideon in Ophrah.

10. El-Elyon -The Highest God

El Elyon can be translated as “the most exalted God.” Elyon means “Most High” and is used both adjectivally and substantively throughout the Old Testament. El is another word that translated as God. It expresses the extreme sovereignty and majesty of God and His highest preeminence. In the Old Testament El Elyon occurs in the bible 28 times. Which it occurs 19 times in the book of Psalms. The word El Elyon is first used in the book of Genesis 14:18.