

Carroll Norwood
Week 2A Assignment
BI 108 Old testament Literature

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 “Creator, Mighty and Strong” (Genesis 17:7; Jeremiah 31:33) – the plural form of *Eloah*, which accommodates the doctrine of the Trinity. From the Bible’s first sentence, the superlative nature of God’s power is evident as God (Elohim) speaks the world into existence (Genesis 1:1)ⁱ

In the lives of the believers today, we need Elohim. His roots are all powerful and exuberant in might. This is what the believers need in their lives and ministries today. When the Believers read in the Old Testament, they can comprehend that God demonstrates power and awesomeness, this is confirmed in Jeremiah 32:27 “I am.” Do we not know who and whom we are serving and in blood covenant?

2. Adonai - “Lord” (Genesis 15:2; Judges 6:15) – used in place of YHWH, which was thought by the Jews to be too sacred to be uttered by sinful men. In the Old Testament, YHWH is more often used in God’s dealings with His people, while *Adonai* is used more when He deals with the Gentiles.ⁱⁱ

In the lives of the Believers today, we have Him as Lord and Savior. In our lives today, He should not only be a savior of things, but Master, and Owner. only the thought comes to mind we should have Adonai as the only absolute Lordship in following Him as a disciple. We do not want to be as the demons with orthodox theology, meaning they do not submit to him as Lord and Master of their lives.

3. Jehovah-Rohi --(the Lord our Shepherd), (Psalm 23:1)-After David pondered his relationship as a shepherd to his sheep, he realized that was exactly the relationship God had with him, and so he declared, “Yahweh-Rohi is my Shepherd. I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1)ⁱⁱⁱ

In the lives of the Believers today, He brings completeness to life. When we allow Him to operate as shepherd in our lives, we experience the following: balance, completeness, God’s love, His care and a relationship between Him and all those that follows Him. Because we are the sheep of His pasture. He leads us beside green pastures and still waters. This is our joy, to have him as Jehova Rohi. He gets in every aspect of our lives, we are forever thankful.

4. Jehovah-Shammah -(The Lord is there), the name given to the city spoken of in the prophetic description of the Holy Land communicated to Ezekiel. Ezek. 48:35 (Bible Dictionary and Concordance, Holman)

In the lives of the Believers today, we should not be complacent. Remember, we have been grafted in the royal family. He has not forgotten about the Jews. Therefore, we should be grateful for every moment of experiencing Him and Jehovah Shammah. This name in our lives brings us today to a point of realizing the position the church is in during the church age. We are stirring the Jews to jealousy, with Him in our lives.

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5. Jehovah-Rapha-“The Lord Who Heals” (Exodus 15:26)-“I am Jehovah who heals you” both in body and soul. In body, by preserving from and curing diseases, and in soul, by pardoning iniquities.^{iv}

In the lives of the Believers today, we have him as our healer. He often makes bitter situations become sweet in our lives. We experience both Spiritual and natural healing from Jehovah-Rapha. The need for Spiritual is always greater, because our spirit man is healed then all other things that concerns us will heal too. Knowing this, we view Psalms 103:2-5 with a greater understanding. Knowing that the one who forgiveth all my iniquities, healeth all my disease....He lives on the inside of me.

6. Jehovah-Tsidkenu -(The Lord our Righteousness), is found in the marginal notes Jer. 23:6 and 33:16 (Bible Dictionary and Concordance ,Holman)

In the lives of the Believers today, nothing is greater than knowing He is our Righteousness. We fall short in our walk with Christ Jesus. He justifies us and declares us to be innocent. 1 Corinthians 1:30 brings us to know that wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption is who God is in our lives today.

7. Jehovah-Jireh -(The Lord will see, or provide), the name given by Abraham to the place where, when he was about to sacrifice Isaac, he was stopped by an angel of the Lord. Gen. 22:14(Bible Dictionary and Concordance, Holman)

In the lives of the Believers today, there is no one greater and who else but God that provides. He provides in so many realms of our lives today from the Spiritual to the natural. We look to Jehovah-Jireh to provide, yes when we sacrifice as Abraham did, he believed God to raise Isaac from the dead. In other words, when we sacrifice Isaac, God always has a ram in the bush. All we need to do today is demonstrate our faith and trust in Him.

8. Jehovah-Nissi -(The Lord my banner), the name which Moses gave to the altar which he built after the Israelites had defeated the Amalekites. Exod. 17:15(Bible Dictionary and Concordance, Holman)

In the lives of the Believers today, He is our banner. Meaning our battle stance against the enemy is posted. Just as Moses defeated the Amalekites, and posted the Lord is our banner. No matter what battle we engage with, we defeat the enemy. Although there may be some hard times, and unusual battles we encounter, He is our banner.

9. Jehovah-Shalom -(Jehovah is peace), the name which Gideon gave to the altar which he built when the Lord said to him, “Peace be unto the.” Judg. 6:24 (Bible Dictionary and Concordance, Holman)

In the lives of the Believers today, He is our peace. When our world appears to be falling apart, and life looks dark and chaotic. We look to Him to supply us with the peace that surpasses all understanding. Remember, He is the Prince of Peace. We should allow Him to operate in our lives during troublesome times. John 16:33 tells us to be a good cheer; I have overcome the world. Therefore, we can too.

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10. El-Elyon - "Most High" (Deuteronomy 26:19) – derived from the Hebrew root for “go up” or “ascend,” so the implication is of that which is the very highest. *El Elyon* denotes exaltation and speaks of absolute right to lordship.^v

In the lives of the Believers today, we esteem Him as the Most High God. He provides all our resources. We have Him in our lives as the order of Melchizedek Hebrews 5:1-10. If we are motherless or fatherless, He is there with us. Trust Him as El Elyon our High Priest. We receive all our blessing from the High Priest. We have Him as alpha and Omega, our beginning and end according to Revelation 22:13.

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