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Week Two Assignment: Names of God

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1. Elohim

Elohim = "God" God -- Creator, Preserver, Keeper of His Covenant (plural) as in the Creator: In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1). Elohim is the Hebrew word for God or gods. El appears to mean "power" and "might". In the Bible Elohim has two distinct meanings. First it is a plural form (-im and -ot are the standard Hebrew plural endings) of the word "god" in the Hebrew and the Canaanite languages which is rendered "el" in the singular (when the word "el" is used for the One True God it is always capitalized = "El"). The most common use of Elohim is its second distinct meaning when it is used as a personal name for God or when referring to God as the true God among false gods.

2. ADONAI:

Lord - Our Sovereign God The word adon, in Hebrew, is translated "lord." God's name as Adonai is a form of the word "adon" with an "ai" ending. Biblical scholars and linguists, however, cannot agree as to the meaning of the "ai" suffix that has been added to the Hebrew word for "lord" (adon). Some scholars have suggested it indicates a plural of majesty. In most

English translations this word is rendered as "Lord" with the first letter capitalized and the other letters lower case. Those translations that have the word "Lord" in all capital letters, "LORD", are instead indicating God's covenant name YHWH (usually rendered "Yahweh"). The use of all capital letters denotes the difference between the use of Adonai and Yahweh.

3. Jehovah-Rohi –

Jehovah is Our Shepherd So the meaning is to feed, or to pasture. This word is first used when Joseph fed the flock with his brothers in Genesis 37:2 These are the generations of Jacob: Joseph, a son of seventeen years, came tending the flock with his brothers. Then we have Jacob arriving in Egypt in Gen 47:3-4 ..Joseph said “Your servants are shepherds, both we and also our father.....servants have no pasture for their flocks.” Joseph and the Great King David began as shepherds.

The second meaning of the Word ROHI indicates “the relationship between a prince (leader) and his people.

4. Jehovah-Shammah

Jehovah is there Found in Ezekiel 48:35 “And the name of the city from that day shall be JEHOVAH IS THERE. The presence of God in our lives is the most important thing. Without Him our lives are worthless and lonely. When the Ark was captured they named the child Ichabod (the Glory has departed). God wants to have fellowship with you now. He has promised

to never leave you nor forsake you. He is present and alive in you right now. Seek Him with all your heart.

5. Jehovah-Rapha

God the Healer this is one of God's most called upon names He will heal the bitter waters of this life Yahweh who heals": If you will give earnest heed to the voice of Yahweh your God and what He regards as right, if you pay attention to His commandments and keep all His laws, I shall never inflict on you any of the diseases that I inflicted on the Egyptians, for I am Yahweh your Healer [Yahweh rapha] (Exodus 15:26).

6. Jehovah-Tsidkenu

Jehovah-Tsidkenu is Jehovah is Righteous Yahweh Our Saving (Hebrews 1:8-9) Justice the Son He says, Your throne, O God, is forever and ever: Look, the days are coming, Yahweh declares, when I shall rise an upright Branch for David; He will reign as king and be wise, doing what is just and upright in the country. In his days Judah will triumph and Israel live in safety, and this is the name He will be called Yahweh-our-saving-justice [Yahweh-tsidkenu] (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

7. Jehovah-Jireh

JEHOVAH JIREH is the first of the compound Names of Jehovah to appear in the Old Testament. Here Jehovah meets Abraham's need for a burnt offering. "But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' And he said, 'Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.' Then Abraham

raised his eyes and looked, and behind him he saw a ram caught up in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place [Yahweh jireh] The LORD will provide”, Jehovah is the revealing One who reveals His Ways to you. He is the eternal ‘I am’ who is changeless. He is the Holy One of Israel who judges sin. However He is the Redeemer who is full of mercy.

8. Jehovah-Nissi

Jehovah Our Banner. God revealed himself as **Jehovah Nissi**. It happened at the time when Israel was wandering in the wilderness after miraculously crossing the Red Sea. Amalek was the enemy who came against Israel in Rephidim. In Exodus 17:8-16 Moses called on his young apprentice, Joshua, to lead the Israelites into battle while he stationed himself on top of a hill to pray. He had with him his brother Aaron and his assistant, Hur. As Moses lifted his hands and prayed, the Israelites prevailed in the battle but when he let his hands down, Amalek prevailed. So Aaron and Hur set Moses on a rock and held his hands up for him until the battle was totally won. Because of who God is we are brought together under Him and He brings victory.

9. Jehovah-Shalom

Jehovah-Shalom - Jehovah is our Peace. This was the name that Gideon (see The Judges) gave to the altar that he built at the place where an angel of The Lord appeared to him during the time that the Israelites were being punitively invaded by the Midianites. The peace that The Lord

thereafter re-provided to the Israelites was provided, by the Lord, to restore the peace that God had taken away from the Israelites because they had forsaken Him. Peace is something that The Lord provides as a blessing to those who please Him, or takes away as a rebuke for those who do evil in His sight.

10. El-Elyon

El is another name that is translated as “God” and can be used in conjunction with other words to designate various aspects of God’s character. Elyon literally means “Most High” and is used both adjectivally and substantively throughout the Old Testament. It expresses the extreme sovereignty and majesty of God and His highest preeminence. When the two words are combined...El Elyon ...it can be translated as “the most exalted God.”(Psa 57:2)