

## Assignment 2A

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 –

‘Elohim is found almost three thousand times in the OT, and at least twenty-three hundred of those are about the God of Israel. It is the most frequently used name in the Old Testament. Translated as “God”, it refers to the “power” and “majesty” of God. It seems to be interchangeable with the LORD; however, Yahweh or Jehovah still symbolize God’s almighty powers. In Genesis and Exodus, Elohim is used as a personal name by Moses to represent his relationship to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I believe the meaning Elohim have on believers today is when we see extreme weather or affects in nature like the rainbow, we experience the all-mightiness of God; the keeper of His Covenant.

### 2. Adonai –

Adonai is “Master” or “my Lord” in Hebrew. It is generic and possessive and emphasizes God’s sovereignty. Adonai was a spoken word that was used in place of Yahweh or YHWH. I believe the meaning Adonai have on believers today is as a personal God. Adonai would be what people personally feel God to be. Adonai is Lord and is owner of all.

### 3. Jehovah-Rohi –

Jehovah Rohi is transliterated as “Jehovah is Our Shepherd”. It represents the intimate relationship God has with His people and is explained in Psalms 23:1. God is showing us that He is our feeder and leads us to pasture. Not only does he provide for us as a shepherd would do, He also seeks us out just like a shepherd would do to a sheep lost from the flock. I believe the meaning Jehovah Rohi have on believers today is as Jesus being the shepherd looking for His lost sheep. We are the sheep in need of food and direction because we have lost our way.

### 4. Jehovah-Shammah –

Jehovah Shammah is translated as “The Lord is there”. It is mentioned in Ezekiel 48:35 in Ezekiel’s dream of the New City. This was an indication that the Lord God was here with us and not distant or unknown. I believe the meaning Jehovah Shammah have on believers today is as God being with us, every step of the way. We can see this reflected amid tragedy and grief, that the Lord is here with us, but also here with us through the joy and happiness.

### 5. Jehovah-Rapha –

Jehovah Rapha is transliterated as “God Heals” or “God is healer” and is mentioned in Exodus 15:22-26. This is expressing how God will heal the bitter waters of this life. Rapha was

represented in two ways: Spiritual and physical healing. There was a thirst that the Israelites experienced that was more than physical so God was letting them know that I can heal that thirst. I believe the meaning Jehovah Rapha have on believers today is that God is still in the business of healing and performing miracles.

#### 6. Jehovah-Tsidkenu –

Jehovah Tsidkenu is transliterated as “God our righteousness” or “God is righteous” and is mentioned in Jeremiah 23:5-6. Tsedek is translated hundreds of times as right, righteousness, just, justify, and declare innocent. It symbolized the reign of God and the chosen kings He places in high places to execute judgement and justice on the earth. I believe the meaning Jehovah Tsidkenu have on believers today is that God is all about doing what is right because He is righteous and we should be too. It things like righteousness that makes us develop charities to help others, fight injustice in the world, and have justice served in our courts.

#### 7. Jehovah-Jireh –

Jehovah Jireh is transliterated as “God will see/will provide”. This is expressing how God will see our needs and meet them. It lets us know that God is omniscient and sees with foreknowledge. If He sees a need for He provides for. I believe the meaning Jehovah Jireh have on believers today is that God provides, no matter what situations we face. It gives hope to unhelpful circumstances and builds a stronger relationship with God and His people.

#### 8. Jehovah-Nissi –

Jehovah Nissi is transliterated as “The Lord is my Banner”, this is mentioned in Exodus 17:15 when Moses is given instructions from God to write it on the altar he built. Jehovah Nissi signified that despite what is happening to us or me, the Lord is my representative, He is my defense. I believe the meaning Jehovah Nissi have on believers today is that the Lord handles our enemies for us. He is our protector and takes care of our troubles.

#### 9. Jehovah-Shalom –

Jehovah Shalom is transliterated as “The Lord is my peace” or “Lord send peace”. This can be translated as peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, calm, and safety. I believe the meaning Jehovah Shalom have on believers today is that God is the peace we need in a chaotic world. This is so relevant to today’s times because society is so driven by greed and self-preservation that no matter how rich or poor a person gets they will always long for peace. God is saying let me be that peace you will need.

#### 10. El-Elyon –

El -Elyon is transliterated as “God Most High”. It is mentioned in Psalms 78:35 as God being a redeemer. This shows God as being omnipotent and capable of so much more. El-Elyon is able to create, destroy, redeem, and protect. I believe the meaning El-Elyon have on believers today is

that God is much more than we think He is. He can do so much, like create the heavens and the earth but yet be personal with His creations.