

Why Study the Names of God?

1. We come to understand Him more as we learn his names or titles.
2. We come to understand our relationship with Him clearer.
3. We come to understand He is the source for the solution to our problems.
4. We can help others in crisis by sharing what we know about the LORD.

The Primary Names of God:

<i>Hebrew</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>First Mention</i>	<i>Root</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
1. Elohim	God	Genesis 1:1	alah- to swear or bind with an oath.	Strong Creator Ruler, Magistrate

In the general sense the name does not imply a list of attributes. It is a common name for god. The scriptures name who the supreme God is and explains what He is like.

Without the guidance of the scripture, we will make a God in our own image.

Psalm 50 El, Elohim, The LORD. _____

Palm 55:6-9 _____

So even if people say they believe in God, it doesn't necessarily mean they believe in the God of the Bible.

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2. Jehovah	LORD	Genesis 2:4	hayah- to become, to continue to Reveal oneself.	Self-Existent One who reveals Himself.

This name as stated means "the Self-existent One". In Exodus 3:14 the root appears twice. It is the most common name for God in the Bible and appears over 6800 times in the OT. Naming himself as "I AM" carries the meaning that he has always existed. This is important in our understanding of the identity of Jesus. John 8:54-59

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3. Adonai	Lord	Genesis 15:2	adon- Master	The Master of a slave.

This name shows headship. A person who believes in God, the God of the Bible, they become a slave in service to the Lord.

Within this relationship the Lord expects obedience, and the Servant can and should trust that the Lord will take care of their needs. This transfers to the New Testament as well. Jesus made it known that He was and is Master and Lord. (John 13:13) In this case the word for Lord is a Greek word, *Kurios* (owner) that holds the same meaning. (Master in this verse is from Greek, *Didaskalos* meaning teacher.