

DAVID EBAUGH BIBLE SCHOOL

102 Park Terrace
Harrisburg, PA 17111-1667

www.davidebaugh.info

August, September - 1989

Please be a sport! Don't throw this away! If you don't read it, please send it back. Thank you.

NAMES OF GOD

JESUS CHRIST said the NAME OF GOD is EL ELYON. But the Jews of His time said YAHWEH was the NAME OF GOD. The Bible records the conflict. This MONARCH attempts to study it. Whoever notices the difference between the "is" and the "was" has the answer to the conflict. The discoveries are liberating.

JUSTICE AND MERCY

JUSTICE comes from YAHWEH,
and
MERCY comes from EL ELYON.

YAHWEH, with the nature of

- 1) LAW,
- 2) JUDGMENT,
- 3) CONDEMNATION,
- 4) PUNISHMENT, and
- 5) DEATH,

brings JUSTICE to every situation.

EL ELYON, with the nature of

- 1) LOVE,
- 2) LIGHT,
- 3) FORGIVENESS,
- 4) MERCY and
- 5) LIFE,

brings MERCY to every situation.

JUSTICE and MERCY are in conflict. Our lives prove it. We seem to never know if we should "lower the boom" on someone (put them under the law and force JUSTICE on them) or if it would be better to just love them, forgive them, and grant them MERCY.

1) Law 2) Judgment 3) Condemnation 4) Punishment 5) Death or or or or or

It has been said that
JUSTICE and MERCY kissed
in JESUS CHRIST.

Love? Light? Forgiveness?

Mercy? Life?

THE GODHEAD

While I look at the GODHEAD
I stand in awe of every splendored portion.
Within the intense glory
Nothing can be distinguished.
Every section is equally brilliant.
Within the resplendent light
I am oblivious.

A burst of increasing scintillation
Projects light on light.
Somehow I notice and respond
To *the even* increasing illuminarion,
I am in love.

JESUS AND THE NAME

JESUS must have thought that the NAME OF GOD was very important. You probably remember what He said in these familiar passages:

Hallowed be Thy NAME, (Matthew 6:9)

I have manifested Thy NAME. (John 17:6)

I have declared unto them Thy NAME. (John 1-7.216)

I will declare Thy NAME. (John 17:26, Psalm 22:2)

OLD TESTAMENT NAMES OF GOD

Here are 5 different Hebrew (transliterated) words that appear in our Old Testament as one word or thought - "GOD."

EL ELYON YAHWEH ELOHIM ELOAH EL SHADDAI

1. EL ELYON, the NAME of the nature of GOD that is the MOST HIGH GOD, possessor of heaven and earth. Androgynous gender. The father of JESUS CHRIST, GOD of the nations.

2. YAHWEH, the NAME of the nature of GOD that gives law, leads to victory, judges, punishes, wounds, heals, delivers. Masculine gender. The God of Israel.

3. ELOHIM, the NAME of the nature of GOD that creates. Androgynous gender.

4. EL SHADDAI, the NAME of the nature of GOD that loves, nourishes, and provides. Feminine usage.

5. ELOAH, the NAME of the nature of GOD that is the MESSIAH, CHRIST, life giving creative force, anointing, Holy Ghost. Feminine Old Testament gender. Masculine New Testament usage.

ONE GOD

These are five primary NAMES of five natures of our ONE GOD. Deut. 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is ONE LORD."

These are not complete descriptions of our ONE GOD because it takes the whole Bible to try to describe GOD, and that has not been really sufficient either. But at least the primary NAMES do provide an orderly

start so that we can try to understand the Bible and understand our GOD. Many other NAMES of GOD (72) are mentioned in literature, but these are the main ones to study for the present.

TRANSLITERATED

We mentioned that the Hebrew words were transliterated. That means to represent or spell words, letters or characters of one language (Hebrew in this case) in the words, letters or characters of another language or alphabet (English in this case).

Language experts are never completely satisfied with any transliteration attempts. But, most agree that transliteration is better than nothing. Since the Hebrew language is all-Greek to me (that's a joke son) I praise our GOD for anything -that makes Bible study easier and/or more accurate. That includes transliteration.

MANY OTHER NAMES

We will now look at a few of the very many other Hebrew NAMES that the Old Testament uses for GOD.

EL

EL is used both in the singular and plural and used chiefly in poetry and prophetic discourse. The word EL does not follow a general pattern like the other words for God. The usage of EL seems to be generalized so that it can include any of the ideas from any of the other NAMES. Since EL at times seems to include the other NAMES, I have decided to not include EL in the list of primary NAME NATURES. We might properly think of the NAME NATURE of EL as any NAME and/or every NAME. Also, EL seems to be an abbreviation at times.

Here are SEVEN ways that the Bible uses EL# that should be mentioned here, in passing;

EL ELYON - MOST HIGH GOD
EL SHADDAI - GOD ALMIGHTY
E L OLA M - E VE RLASTI NG GOD
EL HAI - LIVING GOD
EL ROI - GOD OF SEEING
EL ELOHE ISRAEL - GOD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL
EL GIBBOR - HERD GOD

ADONAI

ADONAI is translated into the word LORD. ADONAI also appears as a name for God. But ADONAI was also used by the Masorite scribes as a substitute word for YAHWEH, for their own reasons. The Masorite scribes erroneously (but purposefully) corrupted the transmitted texts by changing YAHWEH into ADONAI as they hand copied the texts. And centuries later the English translators erroneously (but riot on purpose like the Masorites) translated ADONAI into LORD, rather than GOD.

The pattern of the use of ADONAI is not consistent throughout our English language Bible. Some scholars have spent the better part of their lives trying to find clues as to how to correct the purposeful Masorite corruption of sacred passages. It is probably one of the most confusing and most upsetting studies with which advanced Bible students have had to deal.

ADONAI also means lord, as in the case of a boss of a field, or a manor, or a work crew# and it is also translated that way. ADONAI also appears in its simple form, ADON, as a divine name.

BAA L

BAAL is apparently used as an equivalent for YAHWEH. It also appears as an element in a number of compound proper names, such as Jerubbaal, Ishbaal, etc. BAAL is also the name of a Canaanite Deity having nothing to do with our GOD. I have not listed BAAL with the primary five because BAAL is an equivalent NAME.

ZEBAOT

The NAMES YAHWEH and ELOHIM frequently occur with the word ZEBAOT. ZEBAOT means HOSTS. YAHWEH ZEBAOT means the God of the armies of Israel. ZEBAOT means armies or hosts of men. ZEBAOT does not appear at all in the Pentateuch, Joshua or Judges. YAHWEH ZEBAOT is associated with the Ark, the symbol of God's presence. The singular ZABA means heavenly host. Some authorities call ZEBAOT a NAME OF GOD, others disagree considering it a common name. I have elected to not include ZEBAOT in the list of primary NAMES OF GOD because whatever is said about YAHWEH or ELOHIM can be said to include the idea of HOSTS OF ISRAEL or HEAVENLY HOST, that is, ZEBAOT.

EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH

EHYEH is part of the word YAHWEH. EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH was translated "I am that I am" in the KJV. EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH means God's potency in the immediate future, according to some authors. Some say that it says, "I will be, because I will be." Others say that it means, "I am whatever I want to be." Whatever is said about YAHWEH is true about EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH. That is why I have decided to not list EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH with the primary NAMES OF GOD.

YAH

The name YAH is composed of the first letters of YAHWEH. It is part of the expression "Hallelujah." It is an abbreviation for YAHWEH. That is why YAH is not listed in the primary NAMES OF GOD.

NEW NAMES

Under the listing NAMES OF GOD# the JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA relates the following astonishing facts. "Like other Hebrew proper names, the name of GOD is more than a distinguishing title. It represents the Hebrew conception of the divine NATURE or character and of the relation of GOD to His people. It represents the Deity to His worshipers, and stands for all those attributes which He bears in relation to them, and which are revealed to them through His activity on their behalf.

A new manifestation of His interest or care may give rise to a **NEW NAME**. So, also, an old name may acquire new concept and significance through new and varied experience of these sacred relations."

Personally, I am thrilled to find that statement in Jewish literature. I wish that every Christian and Jew could read it -and understand it.

One obvious example of that quote from the JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA is in Exodus 6:2-3. "And ELOHIM (GOD) spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am YAHWEH (the LORD)! And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac and unto Jacob, by the NAME of EL SHADDAI (GOD ALMIGHTY), but by my NAME YAHWEH (JEHOVAH) was I not known to them."

In other words, GOD changed His NAME. He said, "I used to go by the NAME of EL SHADDAI but now Moses, to you, my new NAME will be YAHWEH."

In Exodus 6:2-3, we find THREE NAMES (natures) of GOD: 1. ELOHIM, 2. EL SHADDAI, 3. YAHWEH. Did you notice that THREE different Hebrew words were used for God? But they were translated into FOUR different English words, 1. God, 2. the LORD, 3. God Almighty and 4. Jehovah. They all mean the same thing - "GOD." YAHWEH was translated into the LORD and also into Jehovah in the same passage. No wonder that there is very little agreement among Christians or Jews as to what GOD

is like' In fact, there are as many different definitions of "GOD" as there are readers of this MONARCH. No one agrees completely.

GOD CHANGED HIS NAME

We also find that GOD did not appear with the same NAME (nature) to everyone. GOD appeared to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, by the NAME (nature) of EL SHADDAI - the provider God. (Ex. 6:2-3) But, about 500 years later, GOD changed His NAME (nature) to YAHWEH (the God of law) when He appeared to Moses. (Ex. 6:2-3) We follow the word "NAME" with the descriptive word "(nature)" to keep reminding the student that the two words are very close to meaning the same thing.

Now we can begin to see some reasons for the differences between Abraham, Moses, David and JESUS - when we see that they each- knew GOD by a different NAME (nature). They all loved God. But they did not act the same way because they served different NAMES (natures) of the same God.

In other words, when we want to know what GOD is like, we must also define the time period about which we are thinking. We must ask, "Who's doing the talking, and when" Perhaps it might be good to read Ex. 6:2-3 in context in order to gain more insight into the whole subject of the NAMES OF GOD.

READ THE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 6:1, "Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go and with a strong hand shall I drive them out of his land. And God (ELOHIM) spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD (YAHWEH): And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty (EL SHADDAI), but by my name JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) was I not known to them. And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD (YAHWEH), and I will bring you out from under the bur-dens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD (YAHWEH) your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."

Only a few months before God changed His *NAME* (Ex. 6:1-8), the people of Israel had never heard of using the name YAHWEH for God. They all knew God by the name of EL SHADDAI, the God of provision. In fact EL SHADDAI was the NAME (nature) of God that they used for the preceding 450 years, including the years that they were slaves in Egypt. When Israel came out of Egypt then God reintroduced Himself/Herself with a new name, YAHWEH. (Personal pronouns, when referring to our GOD probably should be androgynous, ie., Himself /Herself, especially in a story like this where YAHWEH and EL SHADDAI interact.)

When they left Egypt, Israel needed a masculine (NAME, nature) God of war, hosts# armies and victory. That's what YAHWEH is. They needed that more than they needed a feminine (NAME, nature) God of provision. That's what EL SHADDAI is. From the time of Abraham's wanderings in the desert, through the time of Israel's slavery in Egypt# Israel only knew God as EL SHADDAI. So God changed His/Her NAME, nature.

This ministry does not exist apart from the gifts and offerings of our students, friends, and readers.
Please pray for us.

This MONARCH was edited from the new book on the NAMES OF GOD that I have been working on. It is not ready for you to order yet, but I'll let you know when.

The teachings on the NAMES OF GOD are already changing many people, churches and denominations for the better, according to the letters we have received. In fact, when a Christian asks, "What's new?" the answer most given is, "The study on the NAMES OF GOD."

In addition to these MONARCHS# our Bible School also offers a very nice selection of cassette tapes on the whole subject of the NAMES OF GOD. You probably will also benefit greatly from listening to them.

The cassette_tapes are recordings of actual lessons, made on location at Washington, DC, Harrisburg, PA, Baltimore, MD and West Chester, PA. Some tapes. are made by combining the best parts of lesson is from two or three of those cities. We request a contribution of \$5.00 for single cassettes and \$10.00 for longer lessons requiring 2 cassettes.

Please circle the tapes and books that you want to order. If you want more than one of any item# please also write the quantity you want next to the item in this listing. We will send a NEW REPLACEMENT MONARCH to you with your order. Or, you may choose to write what you want on your own paper. You will probably receive the most benefit when you listen to the first numbers first and the higher numbers next. But, each lesson is self contained so you may choose tapes in the order of your own interest.

NAMES OF GOD (NG) GROUP

Prayer in the right name of GOD seems to work better. Why? You have several names that you go by. You act differently at times. So does GOD. When people use your name, you respond differently than when they say, "Hey you!" So does GOD. Jesus told us to call Him Daddy.

MELCHISEDEC (NG 1) Every word about him. \$10.00

NAMES OF GOD (NG 2) EL ELYON, YAHWEH, ELOHIM, EL SHADDAI, ELOAH. Very important lesson. \$10.00

EL ELYON (NG 3) Melchiselec and Jesus are priests of EL ELYON, not YAHWEH. We are too!

EL ELYON - THEN AND NOW (NG 4) Many times EL ELYON Lame to correct YAHWEY religions.

EL ELYON - ATTRIBUTES (NG 5) What to expect. \$5.00

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BOOKS

THE THIRD SALVATION \$3.00

2. FREE TO LIVE \$3.00

3. KEY TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION \$3.00

MORE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TAPES

1. SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY \$5.00

2. TWO GOSPELS \$5.00

3. KEY TO REVELATION \$5.00

Please circle the tapes and books that you want to order.