

NAMES OF GOD SERIES EXPLANATION

1. ELOHIM: "THE CREATOR." (GENESIS 2:4).

God created everything we see. This world shows His hand and His mind. Artists create from existing items. They gather things together, and color them, mark them, with materials made from existing materials. They create something newly changed, but not new as God created. But when they create, they are involved in a small way with the work of God the Creator.

Genesis 2:4 (New International Version)

Adam and Eve

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

2. JEHOVA SHAMMAH: "THE LORD WHO IS THERE, WHO SEES." (EZEKIEL 10:18-19).

This is the God who sees us, notices us, even when we are cast out of the notice of others. When we are too insignificant and invisible for the world to notice or care about us, God sees, cares, and notices us. In fact, we are His favorite kind of person to use.

Ezekiel 10:18-19 (New International Version)

¹⁸ Then the glory of the LORD departed from over the threshold of the temple and stopped above the cherubim. ¹⁹ While I watched, the cherubim spread their wings and rose from the ground, and as they went, the wheels went with them. They stopped at the entrance to the east gate of the LORD's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.

3. JEHOVA JIREH: "THE LORD WILL PROVIDE." (GEN 22: 14).

Jireh means "to provide, or to foresee, as a prophet." God always provides and is adequate when the time comes—at the perfect moment. God provided the lamb used by Abraham when his obedience and willingness to sacrifice had been tested. God gives us what we need just at the right time. Our job is to obey Him and trust Him. It often looks like God is late or doesn't see, maybe doesn't care, as our time of crisis gets close. But He does care, and He will come through, and we will have grown through the testing.

Genesis 22:14 (New International Version)

¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

4. JEHOVA NISSI: "THE LORD IS MY BANNER." (EXODUS 17:15)

Sometimes God calls on us to confront enemies who try to thwart us as we seek to live as God called us to live. There is a time for turning the other cheek and there is a time to confront in love, and try and stop them. At these times, God is our banner who we look to and remember, when we see His banner waving, why we fight and for whom. A banner is held high so all soldiers can see it and follow their leader into battle. A banner gives direction as we follow, and serves as a visual reminder of who is leading us.

Exodus 17:15 (New International Version)

¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.

5. JEHOVA TSIDKENU: "THE LORD OF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." (JEREMIAH 23:1-6).

God cannot connect with imperfect, sinful people, but when He looks upon a Christian, He sees the righteousness of Christ. This allows the connection. The God of our righteousness is really Christ. Through this heavenly connection, we are able to live lives led by God that unfold in ways that are fruitful and healthy.

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (New International Version)

Jeremiah 23

The Righteous Branch

¹ "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in

number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will raise up to David ^[a] a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteousness.

6. JEHOVA SABAOTH: "THE LORD OF HOSTS." (PSALM 46:7)

God is the commander of angelic hosts and the armies of God. This is a reminder that there is another dimension of forces that battle and compete, above our awareness. And God controls all of this.

Psalm 46:7 (New International Version)

⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Selah

7. KANNA: "THE LORD IS A JEALOUS GOD." (EXODUS 20:5)

God wants to be first in our lives and won't share this position with any other person or thing. We are to choose whom we serve—God or mammon. We cannot serve both.

Exodus 20:5 (New International Version)

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me.

8. JEHOVA ROHI: "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD." (PSALM 23).

A shepherd takes care of his sheep. He grooms them, protects them from predators, gathers up, and leads them. Without the shepherd, they would not survive.

Psalm 23 (New International Version)

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A psalm of David.

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
- ³ he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death, ^[a]
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

9. EL ROI: "THE LORD WHO OPENS OUR EYES. (GENESIS 16:13)

God gives understanding. He opens our eyes. He does this because He is one who sees everything. And when He sees someone hurt, He takes care of them and makes provisions for them by opening the eyes of others who then see them for the first time.

Genesis 16:13 (New International Version)

¹³ She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen ^[a] the One who sees me."

10. EL ELYON: "THE LORD MOST HIGH." (DEUTERONOMY 26: 19)

God is higher than everything. He is king. He is general in charge. There is nothing He is not over in authority.

Deuteronomy 26:19 (New International Version)

¹⁹ He has declared that he will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations he has made and that you will be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised.

11. JEHOVA RAPHA: "THE LORD WHO HEALS." (JEREMIAH 30:15-17).

Rapha means "The Lord who heals." This life is hard and we are often wounded deeply. God sees into the hidden places that we might not see. He not only sees, but touches our wounds to heal them. As with a physical wound, in order to heal it takes a process of cleaning out, and exposing to the light in order for true healing to begin. This can seem like the problem is getting worse when it is actually improving.

Jeremiah 30:15-17 (New International Version)

¹⁵ Why do you cry out over your wound,
your pain that has no cure?
Because of your great guilt and many sins
I have done these things to you.

¹⁶ " 'But all who devour you will be devoured;
all your enemies will go into exile.
Those who plunder you will be plundered;
all who make spoil of you I will despoil.

¹⁷ But I will restore you to health
and heal your wounds,'
declares the LORD,

'because you are called an outcast,
Zion for whom no one cares.'

12. JEHOVA MEKODDISHKEM: "THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES." (LEVITICUS 20:7-8).

God has called us a part as His own people. He has made provision for a people to be sanctified and able to connect with Him through Christ's sacrifice and our identity in Christ. We are in this world but not of it because of God setting us a part. This can be difficult as our world view contrasts, yet God is always with us. We are never alone.

Leviticus 20:7-8 (New International Version)

7 " 'Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. 8
Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy. [a

13. JEHOVA SHALOM: "THE LORD OF PEACE." (JEREMIAH 29:11).

In the noisiness of everyday life, peace is valued. Peace is more than quiet. It is more than calm. It is a trust in the good outcome as we trust in God. It is a calmness of soul that is confident it is cared for. God gives the kind of peace the world can't give. It is "peace that passeth understanding."

Jeremiah 29:11 (New International Version)

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

14. EL-OLAM: "THE LORD EVERLASTING." (GENESIS 21:23)

This world system will one day pass away. But God will be here forever. He had no beginning and He has no end. Time is not the same for Him as it is for us. He sees the start, middle, and ending at the same time. When we give our lives to Him, we are investing in what has eternal value.

Genesis 21:23 (New International Version)

²³ Now swear to me here before God that you will not deal falsely with me or my children or my descendants. Show to me and the country where you are living as an alien the same kindness I have shown to you."