
Journey To Know God By Name - Bible Study - Session 1

(El Shaddai, El Elyon, Adonai, Yahweh, Jehovah Nissi)

*El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyon na Adonai
Age to age You're still the same
By the power of Your name.
El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkamka na Adonai
We will praise and lift You high
El Shaddai.*

This song, written in 1982, was popular for many years. Written by Michael Card, made most popular by Amy Grant.

(Michael Card)

We will look at 3 of the names of God mentioned in this song tonight: **El Shaddai, El Elyon, and Adonai**. There are two others: **Yahweh & Jehovah Nissi**. You can study more about these two throughout the week.

(BTW - Erkamka na means "We will love You, Oh, Lord" according to Michael Card; It means "I love you, ADONAI" according to The Complete Jewish Bible.)

El Shaddai

El Shaddai (God Almighty or Almighty God) occurs 7 times in the Hebrew text of the Bible. Shaddai (Almighty) occurs 48 times. Let's look at who identified God as "El Shaddai".

1. God identifies himself to Abram as "El Shaddai". Genesis 17:1

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am the Almighty God**; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2. Isaac identifies God as "El Shaddai" as he sends Jacob back to Laban's house for a wife. Genesis 28:2

And **God Almighty** bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

3. God identifies himself to Jacob (Israel) as "El Shaddai". Genesis 35:11

And God said unto him, **I am God Almighty**: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

4. Jacob (Israel) identifies God as “El Shaddai” to his sons as he sends them back to Egypt with Benjamin. Genesis 43:14

And **God Almighty** give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

5. Jacob (Israel) identifies God as “El Shaddai” to Joseph as he gives Joseph and his children the blessing before he dies. Genesis 48:3

And Jacob said unto Joseph, **God Almighty** appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

6. Jacob (Israel) identifies God as “El Shaddai” to his sons with his last blessing for them all.

Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the **Almighty**, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

Notes:

1. Believe who God is telling you he is - El Shaddai!

God wanted Abraham to believe in God’s power as he told him to leave his homeland and go by faith to a new land (Canaan). God wants us to trust him - by faith - trust in his power, his strength, and his leadership.

Shaddai, either from “shad” (breasts) or “sad” (mountains), declare God’s nurturing and strengthening ability to take care of us.

2. Tell your children who El Shaddai is!

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all felt it vital to make sure their children knew who God was. He was **El Shaddai** to them all.

Do our children know who El Shaddai is and what he can do for them? Have we adequately portrayed God “BIG” enough in their hearts?

3. Remember the power, justice, and judgment of El Shaddai!

Both Naomi and Job felt this in their souls.

Job said, “For the arrows of the Almighty (Shaddai) are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.”

Naomi said, “Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty (Shaddai) hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty (Shaddai) hath afflicted me?”

References for “El Shaddai” or “Shaddai” can be found in the following books:

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Numbers
4. Ruth
5. Job
6. Psalms
7. Isaiah
8. Ezekiel
9. Joel

El Elyon

Used 28 times in the Bible, but 19 times in the Psalms. Let’s delve more into why the psalmist (and which psalmist) knew God as El Elyon.

El Elyon (the Most High God) shows us that in comparison with any other deity worshiped, God is the Most High God.

Psalms of David

1. Psalm 7:17 - I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the **LORD most high (El Elyon)**.
2. Psalm 9:2 - I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou **most High (El Elyon)**.
3. Psalm 18:13 - The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the **Highest (El Elyon)** gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.
4. Psalm 21:7 - For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the **most High (El Elyon)** he shall not be moved.
5. Psalm 57:2 - I will cry unto **God most high (El Elyon)**; unto God that performeth all things for me.
6. Psalm 97:9 - For thou, **LORD, art high (El Elyon)** above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.
7. Psalm 107:11 - Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the **most High (El Elyon)**:

Song for Sons of Korah (Descendants of Korah)

1. Psalm 46:4 - There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the **most High (El Elyon)**.
2. Psalm 47:2 - For the LORD **most high (El Elyon)** is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.
3. Psalm 87:5 - And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the **highest (El Elyon)** himself shall establish her.

Psalm of Asaph (Singer & Musician in the Court of David)

1. Psalm 50:14 - Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the **most High (El Elyon)**:
2. Psalm 73:11 - And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the **most High (El Elyon)**?
3. Psalm 77:10 - And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the **most High (El Elyon)**.
4. Psalm 78:17 - And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the **most High (El Elyon)** in the wilderness.
5. Psalm 78:35 - And they remembered that God was their rock, and the **high God (El Elyon)** their redeemer.
6. Psalm 78:56 - Yet they tempted and provoked the **most high God (El Elyon)**, and kept not his testimonies:
7. Psalm 82:6 - I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the **most High (El Elyon)**.
8. Psalm 83:18 - That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the **most high (El Elyon)** over all the earth.

Poem of Ethan (Singer and Musician in the Court of David)

1. Psalm 89:27 - Also I will make him my firstborn, **higher (Elyon)** than the kings of the earth.

Psalm of Moses (or David) (Jews attribute to Moses)

1. Psalm 91:1 - He that dwelleth in the secret place of the **most High (El Elyon)** shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2. Psalm 91:9 - Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the **most High (El Elyon)**, thy habitation;

Psalm of Adam, or David (Jews say Adam; others say David)

1. Psalm 92:1 - It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O **most High (El Elyon)**:

As we look at the many times El Elyon or Elyon is used in the Psalms, we should realize David and other musicians reminded the people of God that God was indeed their most High God (El Elyon).

If you were to write a psalm (song or poem) either “to God” or “about God”, how might you use the term El Elyon (or Most High God, or other derivatives) in your psalm (song or poem)?

My Quick Haiku (5-7-5)

Most High God

Oh Great Most High God.
You are maker of all things.
You are El Elyon.

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5	Oh Great Most High God. (oh great most high god)
7	You are maker of all things. (you are mak-er of all things)
5	You are El Elyon. (you are el elyon)

Total number of syllables = 17

Now it's your turn! Write your own song or poem or prayer to the Most High God (El Elyon) below:

Adonai

Adonai (Lord, Master) is used over 400 times in the Old Testament. Typically denoted in the KJV as LORD. It is translated “Lord, Master.” Jewish people used this name in the place of YHWH (Yahweh or Jehovah) as a sign of reverence. It was a most esteemed name for God.

Some scholars believe Job is the oldest book in the Bible. Others adhere to Genesis being the oldest. Both contain creation stories. And both use the term “Adonai” to refer to God. So, either way - Genesis or Job - God as defined by men as early as Abraham and Job as Adonai.

Job 28:28 - And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the **Lord (Adonai)**, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Genesis 15:2 - And Abram said, **Lord (Adonai)** GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

Perhaps Ezekiel uses the term more than all other Old Testament writers, over 200 times.

The Greek version of **Adonai (Kyrios)** is used in the New Testament about 100 times for God, the father; it is used at least 700 times in reference to Jesus in the New Testament.























Let’s look at a few people who called God “Adonai”:

1. **Genesis 15:3** - And said, My **Lord (Adonai)**, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: (Abraham)
2. **Exodus 4:10** - And Moses said unto the LORD, O my **Lord (Adonai)**, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. (Moses)
3. **Joshua 7:7** - And Joshua said, Alas, O **Lord (Adonai)** GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! (Joshua)
4. **2 Samuel 7:28** - And now, O **Lord (Adonai)** GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: (David)
5. **Nehemiah 1:11** - O **Lord (Adonai)**, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer. (Nehemiah)
6. **Habakkuk 3:19** - The **LORD (Adonai)** God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

I thought of this chorus as I studied over the name Adonai.

***He is Lord, He is Lord
He has risen from the dead and He is Lord
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord***

The earliest Hebrew Alphabet as found in many early clay tablets and other pottery of the time.

Name	Pictograph	Meaning	Name	Pictograph	Meaning
Aleph		Ox / strength / leader	Lamed		Staff / goad / control / "toward"
Bet		House / "In"	Mem		Water / chaos
Gimmel		Foot / camel / pride	Nun		Seed / fish / activity / life
Dalet		Tent door / pathway	Samekh		Hand on staff / support / prop
Hey		Lo! Behold! "The"	Ayin		Eye / to see / experience
Vav		Nail / peg / add / "And"	Pey		Mouth / word / speak
Zayin		Plow / weapon / cut off	Tsade		Man on side / desire / need
Chet		Tent wall / fence / separation	Qof		Sun on horizon / behind
Tet		Basket / snake / surround	Resh		Head / person / first
Yod		Arm and hand / work / deed	Shin		Eat / consume / destroy
Kaf		Palm of hand / to open	Tav		Mark / sign / covenant

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The Hebrew Alphabet

Learning the Hebrew Consonants



To begin studying Hebrew, you must begin with its character set or script. Click on a letter below to begin studying how to pronounce, read, and write the letter (start with Aleph and proceed **right-to-left** through the entire alphabet):

8		Chet	ח
7		Zayin	ז
6		Vav	ו
5		Hey	ה
4		Dalet	ד
3		Gimmel	ג
2		Bet	ב
1		Aleph	א
9		Tet	ט
10		Yod	י
20		Kaf	כ
30		Lamed	ל
40		Mem	מ
50		Nun	נ
60		Samekh	ס
70		Ayin	ע
80		Pey	פ
90		Tsade	צ
100		Qof	ק
200		Resh	ר
300		Shin	ש
400		Tav	ת



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