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## Journey To Know God By Name - Session 1 Take Home Notes

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

### El Shaddai - All sufficient one, Lord God Almighty

El (Hebrew: אֱלֹהִים - 'êl) means God, strength, power.

Shaddai (Hebrew: שַׁדַּי - šaḏay) possibly from word “shad” meaning “breasts”. Denotes the nurturing aspect of God’s character. Could be from the word “sadu” meaning mountain. Translated by KJV as “almighty”.

El Shaddai used 7 times in Old Testament. KJV translates it as “God Almighty” (El Shaddai)

Shaddai used 48 times in the Bible. KJV translates it as “Almighty”.

Pictograph - What the Bible was translated from. (Remember Hebrew is read right-to-left instead of left-to-right).

El - אֱלֹהִים

Aleph - Strength, (ox head) used often as the beginning and with God.

אֱלֹהִים  
Aleph

Lamed - Staff, leader, prod, push toward

אֱלֹהִים  
Lamed

So, if we look at the ancient text that Moses would have used, we can see he portrayed God as the beginning strength to lead humanity. The one who prodded humanity.

Now let’s add “Shaddai” (saday) - from the root “shad” meaning “breasts”(masculine Hebrew noun) or “šadû” meaning mountains.

Shaddai -

שַׁדַּיִלֹהִים

There is controversy over this term “saday”, but if you break the Hebrew down and look at the three letters in the word:

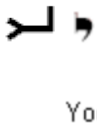
Shin - eat or consume



Dalet - the door or pathway



Yod - arm and hand, work



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God's arm provides the doorway for all sustaining in our lives. He is our Shaddai.

This is what Moses likely wrote for **EI Shaddai** (Almighty God or God Almighty):



This, what looks like gibberish to me, is such a powerful picture of who God is. He is the beginning leader "EI" and he is the arm and hand providing the door to all we need "Shaddai".

We say "Almighty God" or "God Almighty"; Moses said, "Oh, but can you see what that means!" **He is the all powerful God who gives life, nurtures life, and sustains life.**

**Scriptures revealing God as EI Shaddai.**

1. **Genesis 17:1, 6** And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the **Almighty God (EI Shaddai)**;..... And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

2. **Genesis 28:3** And **God Almighty (El Shaddai)** bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;
3. **Genesis 35:11** And God said unto him, I am **God Almighty (El Shaddai)**: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;
4. **Genesis 48:3** And Jacob said unto Joseph, **God Almighty (El Shaddai)** appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.
5. **Genesis 49:25** Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the **Almighty (Shaddai)**, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:
6. **Ruth 1:20-21** And she said unto them, 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?

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# El Elyon - The Most High God

עֲלִיּוֹן 'elyôn

Now we have already looked at El, let's focus on Elyon. It is used 28 times in the Bible, and is found 19 times in Psalms.

The Hebrew aleph-bet uses these letters to spell Elyon: Ayin, Lamed, Yod, Vav, Nun

Ayin - eye, or experience



We know the Lamed is the staff, prod, or leader.

We know the Yod is arm, hand, work

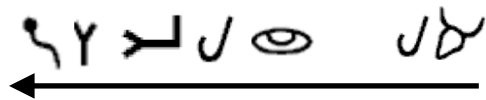
Vav - nail, peg



Nun - seed, fish, life



Putting all of that together, **El Elyon** becomes



Where we say “Most High God” Moses shows us that for Melchizedek, he was “The strong leader who helped his people see how to follow his leading so they would have stability and life.”

## Scriptures revealing God as El Elyon.

1. **Genesis 14:19-20:** And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God (El Elyon), possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the **most high**

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**God (El Elyon)**, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

2. **Genesis 14:22-23:** And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the **most high God (El Elyon)**, the possessor of heaven and earth, That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:
3. **Psalm 57:2:** I will cry unto **God most high (El Elyon)**; unto God that performeth all things for me.
4. **Daniel 5:18-19:** O thou king, the **most high God (El Elyon) gave** Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

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## Adonai - Lord, Master

Adonai ( אֲדֹנָי' ădônây) is used over 400 times in the old testament. What is so special about this name? Let's have a look.

אֲדֹנָי - formed from Aleph, Dalet, Nun, Yod. We have already looked at all these letters. But for a refresher.

Aleph - ox, strength, leader

Dalet - door, pathway

Nun - seed, life

Yod - arm and hand

**Adonai** - The Lord who leads me in strength through the doorway or pathway of life by his strong arm.



### Scriptures revealing God as Adonai.

1. **Genesis 15: 1-2:** After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, **Lord GOD (Adonai)**, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?
2. **Exodus 4:10-12** And Moses said unto the **LORD (Adonai)**, O my Lord, 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. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.
3. **Judges 6:22:** And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the **LORD (Adonai)**, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.
4. **Isaiah 6:1-3:** In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the **Lord (Adonai)** sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

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# Yahweh - Lord Jehovah

YHWH - (יהוה, yhwh) Jewish scribes will not even add the vowels sounds. They will not utter this name. This has not been spoken by Jewish people since the times of Exodus. It is considered disrespectful to say it aloud. It has been so many years, the Jewish people are not even sure of the correct pronunciation at this time. Strongs records 6667 times this form of God's name is used in the Bible.

There are 3 letters used in this name that are written.

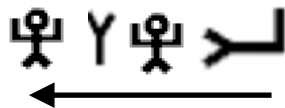
Yod - We have already seen as the arm and hand.

Hei - Lo! Behold!



Vav - We have already seen as the nail.

Pictorially, **Yahweh** might look something like this if you found an early tablet or stone:



And we might could look at this in these terms: God is our strong arm and hand, pay attention and see, he is the nail that secures our world, behold this!

## Scriptures revealing God as Yahweh.

1. **Genesis 2:7** - And the **LORD (Yahweh)** God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (There are over 150 verses in Genesis alone using Yahweh as God's name.)
2. **Exodus 3:4** - And when the **LORD (Yahweh)** saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. (There are over 340 verses in Exodus using Yahweh as God's name.)
3. **Leviticus 3:6-7** - And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering unto the **LORD (Yahweh)** be of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the **LORD (Yahweh)**. (There are over 275 times Yahweh is used in Leviticus.)
4. **Numbers 2:1-2** - And the **LORD (Yahweh)** spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the

ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch. (There are over 350 times Yahweh is used in Numbers)

5. **Deuteronomy 1:10-11** - The **LORD (Yahweh)** your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. (The **LORD (Yahweh)** God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!) (There are at least 440 times Yahweh is used in Deuteronomy. )

Those are just in the first 5 books of the Bible. The rest can be found in all but 3 Books of the Old Testament. (Not found in Esther, Ecclesiastes, or Song of Solomon).

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**Genesis (Creation Story) as found on Clay Tablets**



# Jehovah Nissi - The Lord, My Banner & Miracle

Jehovah - Same as Yahweh - the Lord  
Nissi - my banner, my miracle

(יהוה נסי) yhwh nisy

We have already studied Yahweh (Jehovah), so we will look at Nissi.

Nissi - made up of the Hebrew letters, Nun - Samekh - Yod; It means

We have already studied Nun - (seed or fish)



Nun

Samekh is a new one - Hand on staff or support



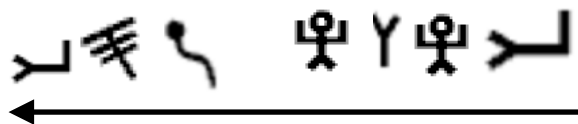
Samekh

We have already studied the Yod - arm and hand



Yod

Moses may have written Jehovah Nissi something like this:



Jehovah Nissi is only found in one place in the Bible.

1. **Exodus 17:14-16** - And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it **Jehovahnissi**: For

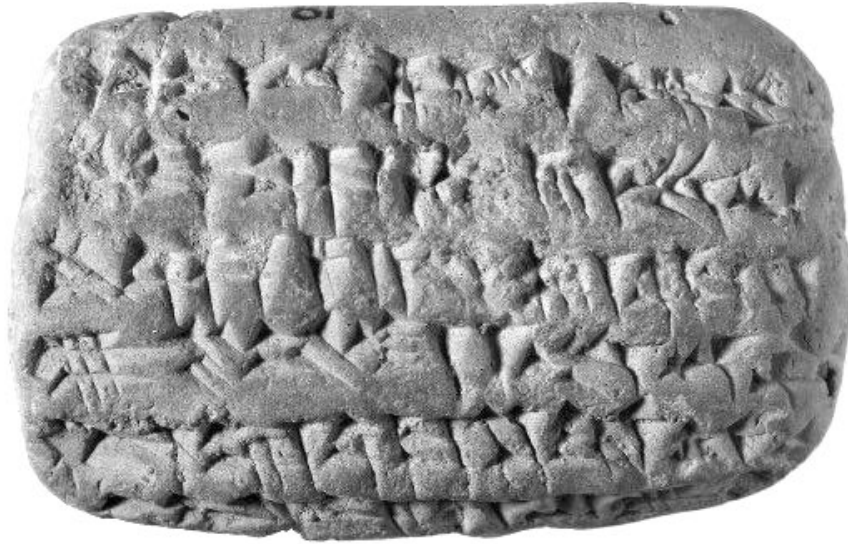
he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

The Lord literally used his hand to wipe out Amalek for Joshua. He gives life; he takes life. The world exists by his hand; his strong arm wipes out his enemies.

Verses (The Lord is our Banner!)

1. Psalm 60:4 - Thou hast given a **banner** to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.
2. Solomon's Song 2:4 - He brought me to the banqueting house, and his **banner** over me was love.

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**More examples of the earliest writings of men.**

