

NAMES of GOD

from THE OLD TESTAMENT

Name of God	Meaning	Application	Bible Reference	Comments
Adonai	The Lord My Great Lord	God is the Master and majestic Lord. God is our total authority.	Psalms 8; Isaiah 40:3-5 Ezekiel 16:8; Habakkuk 3:19	Pronounced: ah-doe-NI Adonai (plural) is derived from the singular Adon (Lord). This term was pronounced in substitution of YHWH (considered too sacred to be uttered).
Elohim	The All-Powerful One Creator	God is the all-powerful creator of the universe. God knows all, creates all, and is everywhere at all times. The plural of "El".	Genesis 1:1-3; Deuteronomy 10:17 Psalm 68 (Mark 13:19)	Pronounced: el-o-HEEM Plural form of El. This name is usually associated with God in relation to His creation. Some people use the plural word "Elohim" as proof for the Trinity. (Genesis 1:26) Elohim is also used to refer to false gods and even human judges. (Psalm 82:6, 7; John 10:34)
El Roi	The God Who Sees Me	There are no circumstances in our lives that escape His fatherly awareness and care. God knows us and our troubles.	Genesis 16:11-14; Psalm 139:7-12	Pronounced: el ROY Hagar called the Lord by this name beside a fountain of water in the wilderness. God knows all of our thoughts and feelings. Jesus knew the thoughts of those around him, demonstrating that he is El Roi. (Matthew 22:18; 26:21, 34; Luke 5:21-24)
El Shaddai	The All Sufficient One, The God of the Mountains, God Almighty	God is the all-sufficient source of all of our blessings. God is all-powerful. Our problems are not too big for God to handle.	Genesis 17:1-3; 48:3; 49:25 Genesis 35:11; Psalm 90:2	Pronounced: el-shaw-DIE Some scholars suggest that Shaddai refers to God's power evident in His judgment. Others suggest that El Shaddai means "God of the Mountains." God refers to himself as "El Shaddai" when he confirms his covenant with Abraham.
Immanuel	God With Us "I AM"	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. We need to obey Him.	Isaiah 7:14; 8:8-10 (Matthew 1:23)	Pronounced: ih-MAN-u-el This name indicates that Jesus is more than man. He is also God. Isaiah said that the child born to the virgin would be called "Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6) He is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature. (Hebrews 1:3)
Jehovah (YHWH, see comments)	"I AM," The One Who Is The Self-Existent One	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. We need to obey Him.	Exodus 3:14; Exodus 6:2-4 Exodus 34:5-7; Psalm 102	Pronounced: juh-HO-vah A 16th century German translator wrote the name YHVH (YHWH) using the vowels of Adonai, because the ancient Jewish texts from which he was translating had the vowels of Adonai under the consonants of YHVH. By doing this, he incorrectly came up with the name YaHoVaH.
Jehovah-Rapha	The Lord Who Heals	God has provided the final cure for spiritual, physical, and emotional sickness in Jesus Christ. God can heal us.	Exodus 15:25-27; Psalm 103:3; Psalm 147:3 (1 Peter 2:24)	Pronounced: juh-HO-vah RAH-fah Also known as YHWH-Rapha. Jesus demonstrated that He was Jehovah-Rapha in his healing of the sick, blind, lame, and casting out demons. Jesus also heals His people from sin and unrighteousness. (Luke 5:31, 32)
Jehovah-Rohi	The Lord is My Shepherd	The Lord protects, provides, directs, leads, and cares for His people. God tenderly takes care of us as a strong and patient shepherd.	Psalm 23:1-3; Isaiah 53:6 (Jn. 10:14-18; Heb. 13:20; Rev. 7:17)	Pronounced: juh-HO-vah RO-hee Also known as YHWH-Ra'ah (RAH-ah). Jesus is the good shepherd who lay down His life for all people.
Jehovah-Tsidkenu	The Lord Our Righteousness	Jesus is the King who would come from David's line, and is the one who imparts His righteousness to us.	Jer. 23:5, 6; 33:16; Ezekiel 36:26, 27 (2 Corinthians 5:21)	Pronounced: juh-HO-vah tsid-KAY-noo Also known as YHWH-Tsidkenu. All people sin and fall short of God's glory, but God freely makes us righteous through faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:22, 23) God promised to send a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right. The people will live in safety. (Jeremiah 23:5, 6)
YHWH	"I AM," The One Who Is The Self-Existent One	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful.	Exodus 3:14; Malachi 3:6	Pronounced: YAH-way God's personal name given to Moses. Also called the tetragrammaton ("four letters"). Occurs about 6,800 times. Translated "LORD" in English versions of the Bible, because it became common practice for Jews to say "Lord" (Adonai) instead of saying the name YHWH.

NAMES OF JESUS

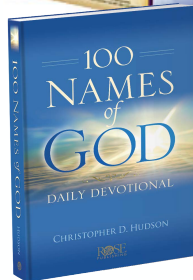
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EMMANUEL / IMMANUEL	Isa. 7:14–8:8; Matt. 1:23	Only Begotten God (John 1:18)	Jesus is God with us.	Jesus was born on earth as a real human being. He entered space and time to become one of us so we might be with God forever.
KING OF KINGS	Rev. 17:14	King, King of Israel, King of the Jews, Lord of Lords, Master, Prince, Ruler, Sovereign (Matt. 21:5; John 1:49; Matt. 2:2; Rev. 19:16; Luke 8:24; Dan. 9:25; 1 Tim. 6:15)	Jesus is king over all.	Christ is the king over all kings and rulers. As subjects in His kingdom, we owe Him our complete allegiance.
LORD OF LORDS	Rev. 19:16; 1 Tim. 6:15	Lord (Phil. 2:11) See <i>King of Kings</i> .	Jesus is Lord.	Jesus is Lord over all! He has this title by right as the Son of God and Creator of the Cosmos. It is also a title He has earned by His humble work of becoming human in order to redeem us through His death.
MESSIAH	Dan. 9:25; John 1:41; 4:25	Christ, Anointed One (Matt 1:16; Ps. 2:1,2)	Jesus is Messiah.	<i>Messiah</i> is the Hebrew word, translated into Greek, as <i>Christ</i> . Both words mean “Anointed One” (one especially appointed by God for His plan and purpose).
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR	Isa. 9:6	Advocate, Comforter, Consolation of Israel, Intercessor, Mediator, Paraclete (1 John 2:1; John 14:16; Luke 2:25; Job 9:33; 1 Tim. 2:5) See <i>Judge</i> .	Jesus is our defense attorney.	Christ is our Wonderful Counselor before God. He comforts, consoles and counsels us as our Mediator and Intercessor. As our Advocate before God, He defends us like a lawyer before the bar of God’s justice, offering Himself as a payment for our crimes.
ALMIGHTY	Rev. 1:8	Mighty God, Mighty in Battle, Potentate, Power of God (Isa. 9:6; Ps. 24:8; 1 Tim. 6:15; 1 Cor. 1:24)	Jesus is all-powerful.	Christ is the All-Powerful Lord. Nothing is beyond His reach or impossible for Him.
EVERLASTING FATHER	Isa. 9:6; 1 John 1:1-3	Head of the Creation of God (Rev. 3:14)	Jesus is forever.	Christ had no beginning and has no end. He is the source of time, space and all creation.
PRINCE OF PEACE	Isa. 9:6	Peace (Eph. 2:14) King of Salem (Heb. 7:1, 2)	Jesus is our peace.	Christ is our peace. He has ended the conflict between God and man by His death on the cross. He has also given us internal peace by the love that is planted in our hearts by His Spirit.
REDEEMER	Job 19:25	Kinsman, Ransom, Redemption, Guarantee (Ruth 2:14; Matt. 20:28; 1 Tim. 2:6; 1 Cor. 1:30; Heb. 7:22)	Jesus is our redemption.	Christ’s death is the payment that redeems us from the debt we owe to God’s law, ransoming our lives and guaranteeing us a place in His family.
SON OF GOD	Luke 1:35; Heb. 4:14	Only Begotten, Son of the Most High, Heir (John 1:14, 18; Luke 1:32; Heb. 1:2) See <i>God</i> .	Jesus is the Son of God by nature.	Christ is the only “natural” Son of God, which means He partakes in the Divine nature fully. We become God’s children by adoption and inherit all creation in, and with, Christ.

NAMES *of* THE HOLY SPIRIT

Name	References	Meaning	Application	Comments
BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY	Job 33:4	The Holy Spirit is the life-giving breath of God.	The Holy Spirit is the source of life from God. He is the one, through Christ, who connects us to God.	The words in both Hebrew and Greek for “wind,” “breath,” and “spirit” all have similar origins. The idea of flowing life-giving air (see <i>Spirit of Life</i>) is what is meant.
COUNSELOR, COMFORTER	John 14:16, 26; 15:26; Romans 8:26	The Holy Spirit comforts, counsels and gives strength.	The Holy Spirit is our strength and comfort. We are to turn to him when we are in trouble and when we are weak, being assured that he intercedes with and for us.	<i>Paraclete</i> is the Greek word behind this name. It refers to an advocate, someone called alongside to strengthen and fight on behalf of another (see <i>Spirit of Counsel</i>).
SPIRIT OF COUNSEL	Isaiah 11:2	The Holy Spirit counsels and teaches us as we grow in Christ.	We need to make use of God’s guidance by letting the Holy Spirit lead us and teach us.	Jesus is called the Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6). Just as the Holy Spirit led Jesus to the wilderness (Luke 4:1), he leads us to truth as our Counselor (John 14:26).
ETERNAL SPIRIT	Hebrews 9:14	The Holy Spirit is eternal God.	The Spirit is no mere created force. He is the timeless Creator who loves us eternally.	The Holy Spirit is co-eternal with God the Father and God the Son.
FREE SPIRIT	Psalms 51:12	The Holy Spirit is God’s generous and willing spirit.	God gives us his willing Spirit to change our hard hearts and give us freedom.	Without God’s Spirit who makes us willing to receive him, we would never be free from the prison of sin.
GOD	Acts 5:3–4	The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity. He is God.	The Holy Spirit is not a thing, a force, nor mere power. He is personal, and we are to worship and obey him as God.	We are to understand that God is one in his essence, but three in Person.
GOOD SPIRIT	Nehemiah 9:20; Psalm 143:10	God’s Good Spirit will teach and lead us in all that is good.	The Holy Spirit is God’s good gift to us for help in the present.	We are not alone in the world. Christ’s very own Spirit is with us to work all things for our good.
HOLY SPIRIT	Psalms 51:11; Luke 11:13; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30	God is Spirit and that Spirit is holy. He is the Spirit of holiness.	The same Holy Spirit given to us for life is given to make us holy as well.	The term <i>Holy Ghost</i> is sometimes used in place of <i>Holy Spirit</i> . <i>Ghost</i> today has a negative idea attached to it. The use of the qualifier “holy” is to distinguish God’s Spirit from evil spirits.
LORD	2 Corinthians 3:16–17	Like Jesus and the Father, the Holy Spirit is also addressed and worshiped as Lord.	The Holy Spirit is God present with us. He is our Lord.	The lordship of the Spirit means we are to obey him and not grieve him.
POWER OF THE HIGHEST	Luke 1:35	The Spirit is God’s power, the greatest power there is.	God’s power, the Holy Spirit can accomplish things through us that we cannot do ourselves.	The same Greek word for <i>power</i> is the word from which we derive <i>dynamite</i> .



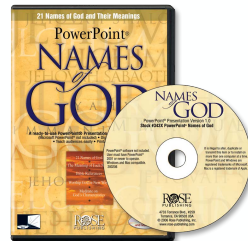
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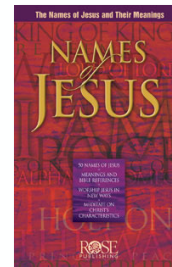
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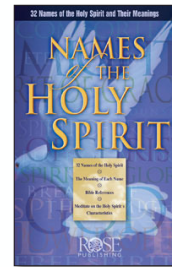


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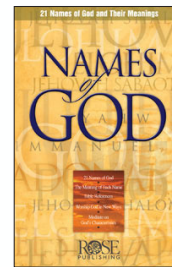


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