

Bible Study: The Character & Names of God

XVII. Personal Names for God in the Old Testament

1. **'Ēlōhīm** – “All-mightiness” – *Strong #430*
 - * Gen. 1:1, Mal. 3:18 (last)
 - * Most frequently used word for God in the Old Testament
 - * Plural word (what does this signify?)
 - * Sometimes used for other “gods”
2. **'Ēlō^{ah}** – *Singular form of 'Ēlōhīm* – “To be strong” or “to terrify” – *Strong #433*
 - * Deut. 32:15 (first), Job 40:2, Hab. 3:3 (last)
 - * Used rarely in reference to deity, mostly in poetical books
3. **'Ēl** – “God” or “god” – *Strong #410*; “Strong, First” – *Thomas Newberry*
 - * Gen. 14:18 (first), Mal. 2:11 (last)
 - * Combined with other words to create a compound term for deity
4. **'Ādhōn (Adonay), 'Ādhōnāy** (plural form) – “Lord”, “my Lord” – *Strong #136*, Denotes dominion
 - * Gen. 15:2 (first), Judg. 6:15, Zech 9:14 (last)
 - * The name spoken instead of “Yahweh” which the Jews ceased to verbalize
5. **Cūr** – “Rock” thus “Refuge” – *Strong #6697*
 - * Deut. 32:4
 - * Presents the idea of God as steadfast; a safe retreat
6. **Kādhōsh** – “Holy; to be separate” thus “Holy One” – *Strong #6918*
 - * 2 Kings 19:22; Is. 40:25
 - * Characteristic of Isaiah (found 32 times)
7. **Shadday** – “to terrify” – *Strong #7706*; God almighty or all-sufficient (*Thomas Newberry*)
 - * Gen. 17:1
 - * God who is manifested by the awesomeness of His mighty acts
 - * Covenant name for God until Exodus 6:3
8. “**Jehovah**” and “**Jah**” will be covered in a separate outline.

II. New Testament Names for God:

1. **God** (theos) – “God”, “god”, also “judge” or “high authority” representing God (2316)
 - * Corresponds with O.T. El, Elohim, Eloah
2. **Lord**
 - kurios (2962) – “having power or authority” (Matt. 22:44)
 - * Corresponds with O.T. Jehovah, Adhonay
 - despotes (1203) – “master, lord, one who possesses supreme authority” (Acts 4:24)
 - * Corresponds with O.T. Adhon
3. “**Highest**” or “**Most High**”
 - * Corresponds with O.T. Elyon