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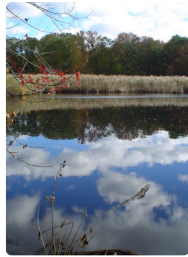
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As one of Staten Island's largest parks, Wolfe's Pond Park wears many different hats. To some, it is a beach. To others, it is a wildlife refuge. Chester Playground is located in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, and a neighborhood bounded to the north by Eastern Parkway to the east by Park Avenue to the south by Avenue C.

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(https://urbanareas.net/info/images2/christian/topics/christian_i_am_the_lord_your_god_462x378.jpg) The more God's people came to know him, the more names they gave him. Elohim, strong one or creator. Jehovah-raah, a caring shepherd. Jehovah-jireh, the Lord who provides.

In the Old Testament times, a name was not only identification, but an identity as well. Many times a special meaning was attached to the name. Throughout Scripture God reveals Himself to us through His names. When we study these names that He reveals to us in the Bible, we will better understand who God really is. The meanings behind God's names reveal the central personality and nature of the One who bears them.

These are just a few of the names of God which describe his character. Study them, for in a given day, you may need each one of them.

Below is a list of the Biblical names of God found in the Old and New Testament. The list also includes the names listed in the Hebrew scriptures (or Tanach) and the New Testament Greek scriptures.

- Advocate** – 1 John 2:1
- Almighty** – Revelation 1:8
- Alpha** – Revelation 1:8
- Amen** – Revelation 3:14
- Angel of the Lord** – Genesis 16:7
- Anointed One** – Psalm 2:2
- Apostle** – Hebrews 3:1
- Author and Perfecter of our Faith** – Hebrews 12:2
- Beginning** – Revelation 21:6
- Bishop of Souls** – 1 Peter 2:25
- Branch** – Zechariah 3:8
- Bread of Life** – John 6:35,48
- Bridegroom** – Matthew 9:15
- Carpenter** – Mark 6:3
- Chief Shepherd** – 1 Peter 5:4
- The Christ** – Matthew 1:16
- Comforter** – Jeremiah 8:18
- Consolation of Israel** – Luke 2:25
- Cornerstone** – Ephesians 2:20
- Dayspring** – Luke 1:78
- Day Star** – 2 Peter 1:19
- Deliverer** – Romans 11:26
- Desire of Nations** – Haggai 2:7
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Redeemer – Isaiah 41:14
Refiner – Malachi 3:2
Refuge – Isaiah 25:4



Resurrection – John 11:25
Righteousness – Jeremiah 23:6
Rock – Deuteronomy 32:4
Root of David – Revelation 22:16
Rose of Sharon – Song of Solomon 2:1
Ruler of God's Creation – Revelation 3:14
Sacrifice – Ephesians 5:2
Savior – 2 Samuel 22:47; Luke 1:47
Second Adam – 1 Corinthians 15:47
Seed of Abraham – Galatians 3:16
Seed of David – 2 Timothy 2:8
Seed of the Woman – Genesis 3:15
Servant – Isaiah 42:1
Shepherd – 1 Peter 2:25
Shiloh – Genesis 49:10
Son of David – Matthew 15:22
Son of God – Luke 1:35
Son of Man – Matthew 18:11
Son of Mary – Mark 6:3
Son of the Most High – Luke 1:32
Stone – Isaiah 28:16
Sun of Righteousness – Malachi 4:2
Teacher – Matthew 26:18
Truth – John 14:6
Way – John 14:6
Wonderful Counselor – Isaiah 9:6
Word – John 1:1
Vine – John 15:1

OLD TESTAMENT (THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES OR TANACH)

EL: אֱלֹהִים God ("mighty, strong, prominent") used 250 times in the OT See Gen. 7:1, 28:3, 35:11; Nu. 23:22; Josh. 3:10; 2 Sam. 22:31, 32; Neh. 1:5, 9:32; Isa. 9:6; Ezek. 10:5. El is linguistically equivalent to the Moslem "Allah," but the attributes of Allah in Islam are entirely different from those of the God of the Hebrews. ELAH is Aramaic, "god." Elah appears in the Hebrew Bible in Jer. 10:11 (which is in Aramaic, and is plural, "gods"). In Daniel (the Aramaic sections) Elah is used both of pagan gods, and of the true God, also plural. Elah is equivalent to the Hebrew Eloah which some think is dual; Elohim is three or more. The gods of the nations are called "elohim." The origin of Eloah is obscure. Elohim is the more common plural form of El. Eloah is used 41 times in Job between 3:4 and 40:2, but fewer than 15 times elsewhere in the OT.

ELOHIM: אֱלֹהִים God (a plural noun, more than two, used with singular verbs);



Elohim occurs 2,570 times in the OT, 32 times in Gen. 1. God as Creator, Preserver, Transcendent, Mighty and Strong. Eccl., Dan. Jonah use Elohim almost exclusively. See Gen. 17:7, 6:18, 9:15, 50:24; I Kings 8:23; Jer. 31:33; Isa. 40:1.

EL SHADDAI: אֱלֹהֵי שָׁדַי God Almighty or “God All Sufficient.” 48 times in the OT, 31 times in Job. First used in Gen. 17:1, 2. (Gen. 31:29, 49:24, 25; Prov. 3:27; Micah 2:1; Isa. 60:15, 16, 66:10-11) [color=#400080]Ruth 1:20, 21) In Rev. 16:7, “Lord God the Almighty.” The Septuagint uses Greek “ikanos” meaning “all-sufficient” or “self-sufficient.” The idols of the heathen are called “sheddim.”

ADONAI: אֲדֹנָי Lord in our English Bibles (Capital letter ‘L’, lower case, ‘ord’)

(Adonai is plural, the sing. is “adon”). “Master” or “Lord” 300 times in the OT always plural when referring to God, when sing. the reference is to a human lord. Used 215 times to refer to men. First use of Adonai, Gen. 15:2. (Ex. 4:10; Judges 6:15; 2 Sam. 7:18-20; Ps. 8, 114:7, 135:5, 141:8, 109:21-28). Heavy use in Isaiah (Adonai Jehovah). 200 times by Ezekiel. Ten times in Dan. 9.

Jehovah יְהוָה – LORD in our English Bibles (all capitals). Yahweh is the covenant name of God. Occurs 6823 times in the OT First use Gen. 2:4 (Jehovah Elohim). From the verb “to be”, havah, similar to chavah (to live), “The Self-Existent One,” “I AM WHO I AM” or “I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE” as revealed to Moses at the burning bush, Ex.3. The name of God, too sacred to be uttered, abbreviated (. . .) or written “YHWH” without vowel points. The tetragrammaton. Josh., Judges, Sam., and Kings use Jehovah almost exclusively. The love of God is conditioned upon His moral and spiritual attributes. (Dan. 9:14; Ps. 11:7; Lev. 19:2; Hab. 1:12). Note Deut. 6:4, 5 known to Jews as the Sh’ma uses both Jehovah and Elohim to indicate one God with a plurality of persons.

JEHOVAH-JIREH: יְהוָה יִרְאֶה “The Lord will Provide.” Gen. 22:14. From “jireh” (“to see” or “to provide,” or to “foresee” as a prophet.) God always provides, adequate when the times come.

JEHOVAH-ROPHE: יְהוָה רֹפֵא “The Lord Who Heals” Ex. 15:22-26. From “rophe” (“to heal”); implies spiritual, emotional as well as physical healing. (Jer. 30:17, 3:22; Isa. 61:1) God heals body, soul and spirit; all levels of man’s being.

JEHOVAH-NISSI: יְהוָה נֹסִי “The Lord Our Banner.” Ex. 17:15. God on the battlefield, from word which means “to glisten,” “to lift up,” See Psalm 4:6.

JEHOVAH-M’KADDESH: יְהוָה מְקַדְּשׁ “The Lord Who Sanctifies” “To make whole, set apart for holiness.” The Lord says: “Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the Lord, who makes you holy.” (Leviticus 20:7-8)

JEHOVAH-SHALOM: יְהוָה שָׁלוֹם “The Lord Our Peace” Judges 6:24. “Shalom” translated “peace” 170 times means “whole,” “finished,” “fulfilled,” “perfected.” Related to “well,” welfare.” Deut. 27:6; Dan. 5:26; I Kings 9:25 8:61; Gen. 15:16; Ex. 21:34, 22:5, 6; Lev. 7:11-21. Shalom means that kind of peace that results from being a whole person in right relationship to God and to one’s fellow man.



SHEPHERD: **רֹעֶה** Psa. 23, 79:13, 95:7, 80:1, 100:3; Gen. 49:24; Isa. 40:11.

JUDGE: **שֹׁפֵט** Psa. 7:8, 96:13.

JEHOVAH ELOHIM: **יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים** “LORD God” Gen. 2:4; Judges 5:3; Isa. 17:6; Zeph. 2:9; Psa. 59:5, etc.

JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU: **יְהוָה צְדִקְנוּ** “The Lord Our Righteousness” Jer. 23:5, 6, 33:16. From “tsidek” (straight, stiff, balanced – as on scales – full weight, justice, right, righteous, declared innocent.) God our Righteousness.

JEHOVAH-ROHI: **יְהוָה רֹעֶה** “The Lord Our Shepherd” Psa. 23, from “ro’eh” (to pasture).

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH: **יְהוָה שָׁמָּה** “The Lord is There” (Ezek. 48:35).

JEHOVAH-SABAOTH: **יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת** “The Lord of Hosts” The commander of the angelic host and the armies of God. Isa. 1:24; Psa. 46:7, 11; 2 Kings 3:9-12; Jer. 11:20 (NT: Rom. 9:29; James 5:4, Rev. 19: 11-16).

EL ELYON: **אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן** ‘Most High’ (from “to go up”) Deut. 26:19, 32:8; Psa. 18:13; Gen. 14:18; Nu. 24:16; Psa. 78:35, 7:17, 18:13, 97:9, 56:2, 78:56, 18:13; Dan. 7:25, 27; Isa. 14:14.

ABIR: **אֲבִיר** ‘Mighty One’, (“to be strong”) Gen. 49:24; Deut. 10:17; Psa. 132:2, 5; Isa. 1:24, 49:26, 60:1.

BRANCH: **צֶמַח** (tsemach), The Branch: Zech. 3:8, 6:12; Isa. 4:2; Jer. 23:5, 33:15.

KADOSH: **קָדוֹשׁ** “Holy One” Psa. 71:22; Isa. 40:25, 43:3, 48:17. Isaiah uses the expression “the Holy One of Israel” 29 times.

SHAPHAT: **שֹׁפֵט** “Judge” Gen. 18:25

EL ROI: **אֵל רֹאֵי** “God of Seeing” Hagar in Gen. 16:13. The God Who opens our eyes.

KANNA: **קָנָא** “Jealous” (zealous). Ex. 20:5, 34:14; Deut. 5:9; Isa. 9:7; Zech. 1:14, 8:2.

PALET: **פֹּלֵט** “Deliverer” Psa. 18:2.

YESHUA: **יֵשׁוּעַ** (Yeshua) “Savior” (“he will save”). Isa. 43:3. Jesus is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew “Joshua.” The latter is a contraction of Je-Hoshua. (“Christ”, the anointed one is equivalent to the Hebrew Maschiah, or Messiah).

GAOL: **גָּאֹל** “Redeemer” (to buy back by paying a price). Job 19:25; For example, the antitype corresponding to Boaz the Kinsman-Redeemer in the Book of Ruth.

MAGEN: **מִגְדָּל** “Shield” Psa. 3:3, 18:30.

STONE: (eben) **אֶבֶן** Gen. 49:24



EYALUTH: אֵילוּת "Strength" Psa. 22:19.

TSADDIQ: צַדִּיק "Righteous One" Psa. 7:9.

EL-OLAM: אֵל עוֹלָם "Everlasting God" (God of everlasting time) Gen. 21:33; Psa. 90:1-3, 93:2; Isa. 26:4.

EL-BERITH: אֵל בְּרִית "God of the Covenant" Used of Baal in Judges 9:46. Probably used originally to refer to the God of Israel.

EL-GIBHOR: אֵל גִּבּוֹר Mighty God (Isa. 9:6)

TSUR: צוּר "God our Rock" Deut. 32:18; Isa. 30:29. Malachi calls Messiah "The Sun of Righteousness" (Malachi 4:2). Isaiah calls Messiah "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God (El Gibhor), Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6). 'Attiq Yomin (Aramaic): "Ancient of Days," Dan. 7:9, 13, 22.

MELEKH: מֶלֶךְ "King" Psa. 5:2, 29:10, 44:4, 47:6-8, 48:2, 68:24, 74:12, 95:3, 97:1, 99:4, 146:10; Isa. 5:1, 5, 41:21, 43:15, 44:6; 52:7, 52:10.

FATHER: אָב 2 Sam. 7:14-15; Psa. 68:5; Isa. 63:16, 64:8; Mal. 1:6.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES (GREEK)

KURIOS: (kurios) "Lord" Found some 600 times in the NT.

DESPOTES: (despotes) "Lord" 5 times: Lu. 2:29; Acts 4:24; 2 Pet. 2:1; Jude 4; Rev. 6:10.

THEOS: (yeos) "God" (equivalent to the Hebrew Elohim), 1,000 times in the NT. In the NT all the persons of the trinity are called "God" at one time or another.

I AM: Jesus upset his generation especially when He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM," John 8:58. Note also his claim to be Jehovah in such phrases as "I AM the Light of the world," "the bread of life," living water," "the Resurrection and the Life," "the Way, Truth and the Life" in John's Gospel. From the Hebrew OT verb "to be" signifying a Living, Intelligent, Personal Being.

THEOTES: "Godhead" Col. 2:9; Rom. 1:20.

HUPSISTOS: "Highest" Mt. 21:9.

SOTER: (soter) "Savior" Luke 1:4 7.

WORD: (logos) John 1:1ff

ALMIGHTY: (pantokrator) 2 Cor. 6:18, Revelation, 9t, e.g. 19:6.

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