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On Wednesday nights our series is “*Searching the Scriptures*,” which is a study of the Old Testament, specifically looking for various testimonies and passages typifying the Lord Jesus Christ:

Jn. 5:39 “**Search the scriptures...they are they which testify of me.**”

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

As we consider “*Jesus – Name Above All Names,*” we are observing different name and titles that give us illumination about the Lord, His titles and symbolical revelations that assist us in learning more about Him. Tonight, we begin a new series of an important name of the Lord Jesus Christ – *Jehovah*. We must begin by considering the background regarding the name “*Jehovah.*”

## Background

❖ What is the origin of the name “*Jehovah?*” We begin with Moses’ encounter with the “burning bush.” As Moses approaches the burning bush, he is attracted to the phenomenon of it burning yet not consumed. As he approaches, God speaks to him:

Ex. 3:4 And when the LORD 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.

❖ While arguing with the Lord about going back to Egypt, Moses asked God for identification to relate to the Israelites:

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❖ The Hebrew word that is the English transliteration of “I AM THAT I AM” is commonly called the Tetragrammaton:

## Tetragrammaton

*noun*

the Hebrew word for God, consisting of the four letters *yod, he, vav, and he*, transliterated consonantly usually as *YHVH*, now pronounced as *Adonai* or *Elohim* in substitution for the original pronunciation forbidden since the 2nd or 3rd century b.c. <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/tetragrammaton>

This issue is compounded because of a Jewish taboo on speaking God's name. Instead, the name HaShem (literally, "the Name"), would be used, or names such as Adonai (Lord) or Elohim (supreme one). The origin of the taboo is uncertain, perhaps stemming from fear of taking His name in vain, but as a result, the pronunciation was lost, and neither Jewish nor Christian scholars are sure how it was pronounced, or even how many syllables it had.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Masoretes, who worked to reproduce the original Hebrew text of the Bible, inserted the vowels from Adonai or Elohim into YHWH to get YeHoWeh or YeHoWaH. However, "Y" doesn't exist in Latin, so Latin-speaking Christian scholars replaced the "Y" with "I" or "J" to get "JeHoWaH," which became "Jehovah" as it spread throughout medieval Europe.

Christian scholars continued to refer to the Tetragrammaton as Jehovah until 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century scholars returned to “Yahweh,” a form of which dated back to early Christian writers such as the 2<sup>nd</sup> century [Clement of Alexandria](#).

YHWH can be interpreted in multiple ways, from “[He who will be, is, and has been](#)” to “[He Who Is](#)” to “[He Brings into Existence Whatever Exists](#)” to simply “[I Am](#).”

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-is-the-tetragrammaton-meaning-and-usage.html>

Ex. 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.



**Original Word:** יהוה

**Part of Speech:** Proper Name **Transliteration:** Yhvh

**Definition:** the proper name of the God of Israel

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3068.htm>

❖ God appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as *El Shaddai*, but to Moses as *Jehovah*.

Deut. 34:5 So Moses the servant of **the LORD** died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of **the LORD**.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, **whom the LORD knew face to face**,

- ❖ The name “Jehovah” is the English transliteration that the Bishops Bible used and then the King James translators followed the Masoretic formula of translating “Jehovah” as *LORD* and “Adonai” as *Lord*.
- ❖ Basically, the name “*Jehovah*” means “the self-existent one.” The name itself is a revelation of God to mankind.

Psa. 83:18 **That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH,** art the most high over all the earth.

**Original Word:** עֶלְיוֹן **Transliteration:** elyown

**Definition:** high, upper (Most High)

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/5945.htm>

❖ Jesus IS Jehovah.

# God in the Old Testament

I AM ([Exodus 3:14–15](#); [Isaiah 48:12](#))

The Shepherd ([Psalm 23:1](#))

The Light ([Psalm 27:1](#))

The Rock ([Psalm 18:2](#))

Ruler of all ([Isaiah 9:6](#))

Judge of all nations ([Joel 3:12](#))

The Bridegroom ([Isaiah 62:5](#); [Hosea 2:16](#))

God's Word never passes away ([Isaiah 40:8](#))

The Sower ([Jeremiah 31:27](#))

First and the Last ([Isaiah 48:12](#))

# Jesus' Reference to Himself

I AM ([John 8:58](#))

The Shepherd ([John 10:11](#))

The Light ([John 8:12](#))

The Rock ([Matthew 7:24](#))

Ruler of all ([Matthew 28:18](#))

Judge of all ([John 5:22](#))

The Bridegroom ([Matthew 25:1](#))

Jesus' words never pass away ([Mark 13:31](#))

The Sower ([Matthew 13:3–9](#))

First and the Last ([Revelation 1:17–18](#))

<https://www.gotquestions.org/is-Jesus-Yahweh.html>

This evening we begin a new series that is looking at the various “*Jehovah Titles*” that indicate something unique about His godly portrayal to mankind. We will begin with **Jehovah-El Elyon**.



Jehovah-El Elyon = *The Lord Most High* – Gen. 14:22;  
Psa. 7:17, 83:18, 92:1; Mt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22

Gen. 14:22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto **the LORD, the most high God**, the possessor of heaven and earth,

Psa 7:17 I will praise **the LORD** according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of **the LORD most high**.

Psa 83:18 That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is **JEHOVAH**, art **the most high** over all the earth.

Psa 92:1 *It is a good thing* to give thanks unto **the LORD**, and to sing praises unto thy name, O **most High**:

Mt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

Eph. 1:19 And what *is* **the exceeding greatness of his power** to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

21 **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:**

22 And hath put **all things under his feet**, and gave him *to be* the **head over all things to the church**,



## Summary

❖ Knowing the Lord as the Most High God should move a person to have...

- Awesome Respect
- Appeasing Humility
- Acquiescing Submission
- Ardent Service

## Conclusion

Isa. 42:8 **I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name:** and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Psa. 145:1 I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness *is* unsearchable. ...

8 The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The LORD *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works. ...

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down. ...

17 The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.