

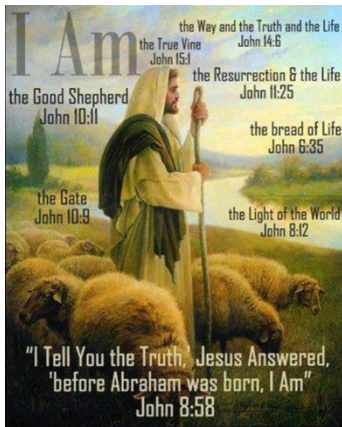
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The Five Things God Revealed About Himself to Abraham



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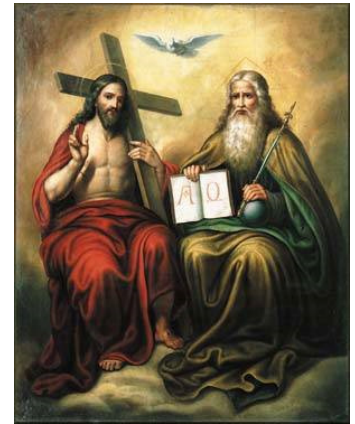
Second, He revealed Himself to Abraham as **Jehovah, Yahweh**. Although He didn't explain the meaning of this name to Abraham, he chose to wait until the time of Moses to reveal this name. However, Abraham obeyed God anyway as we see in **Gen 12:4-9**. "So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. (5) Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan. (6) Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land. (7) The Lord appeared to Abram and said to him: 'To your descendants I will give this land.' So he (Abraham) built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. (8) Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. (9) Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev."



In **Exo 3:14** God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM". This is the meaning of **Jehovah Yahweh**. Now Jehovah, YHWH in the Hebrew, is the personal name of each member of the trinity. The trinity is God in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Elohim is a plural name used for all three members. It refers to two or three members of the Trinity when it is used. Jehovah is a singular name and refers to a specific member of the Trinity. When the word YHWH occurred in the Old Testament, the Jews substituted the noun ADONAI because they considered YHWH such a sacred name that they wouldn't even pronounce it.

All three persons are called YHWH: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each one is separate and distinct as a person. Therefore, YHWH is used for each one. Since all the members of the Trinity are co-

equal and co-eternal, all members are called by the name YHWH.



The Father is called YHWH or Jehovah in **Isa 64:8**. "But now, O Lord (YHWH Hebrew), you are our Father, we are the clay, and you our potter; and all of us are the work of your hand."

The Son (Jesus) is called Jehovah in **Isa 45:21**. "Declare and set forth (your case); indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, (YHWH- Hebrew) the Lord? And there is no other God besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none except Me."

We know that this refers to Jesus Christ because **Acts 4:12** says, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven (Jesus Christ) that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

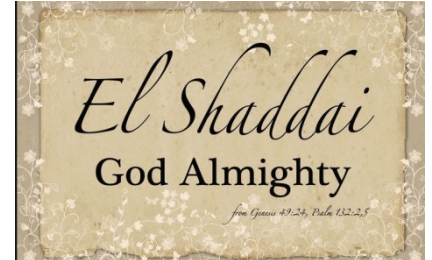
Titus 2:13 says, "Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus..."

The Holy Spirit is called YHWH in **Isa 11:2**. "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him...the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD."

Third, He reveals Himself to Abraham as **El Elyon, God Most High**, possessor of heaven and earth in **Gen 14:17, 19, and 22**. "Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). (18) And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, (19) and He blessed Abram saying, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; (22) Abram said to the king of Sodom, 'I have sworn to the Lord God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth..."

Fourth, God reveals Himself to Abraham as **LORD, Adonai, Jehovah** in Gen 15:1-5. "After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, 'Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; your reward shall be very great.' (2) Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' (3) And Abram said, 'Behold you have given me no child and a member of my household will be my heir.' (4) And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: 'this man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.' (5) And He brought Abram outside and said, 'Look toward heaven and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then He said to him, 'So shall your children be.'" This was Jesus Himself appearing to Abraham to give him the good news that he would have children or offspring as the stars in the heavens.

Fifth, God reveals Himself to Abraham as **El Shaddai, the Almighty God** in Gen 17:1. "Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. (2) I will establish my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly.'" We have the word for almighty God, which is actually two words, el shaddai. Unfortunately very few individual teachers seem to have the nerve to translate this literally as it is and therefore, we lose something because we have a tremendous explanation in this particular wording.



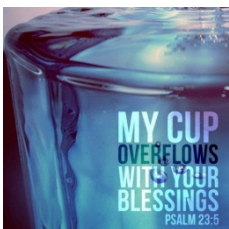
Let's take a look first of all at the Hebrew word "el." "El" is used for God and His power. That part is all right. So almighty or omnipotence is a good translation, omnipotent God takes care of the Hebrew word "el."

But the Hebrew word Shaddai is something else. Shaddai is a plural word from shad and shad in the singular form refers to a woman's breast. This is exactly what it means. Therefore, if we are going to translate it correctly we have to say something like this; "I even I am omnipotent God of many breasts." Now, with a translation like this, "many breasts," it demands some kind of an explanation. So first of all, the shad or the "many breasts" analogy is used for our daily grace provision, which supplies our basic needs and more.

Shad is used because it is the woman's breast that feeds and nourishes the helpless baby. There is nothing more helpless than a baby. Even a puppy is not as helpless as a baby. The human baby starts out as the most helpless of creatures. The human baby cannot look for food. And the concept is that God helps the helpless. The point is that when we have problems and complications such as Abram had, we must come to the place of a baby, and be totally dependent upon the grace provision of God. Grace is for the helpless. Grace helps the helpless. The justice of God helps the helpless but human helplessness does not exist as long as you're trying to do things on your own and solve your own problems with human solutions from the world system which by the way Satan heads up.

Each one of us must come to a place of helplessness, and once we do, then the solving of the problem begins. So when it says in Gen 17:1, "Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said; 'I am omnipotent God of many breasts' or we can say, 'I am the powerful-breasted God.'" Either way you want to use it, just so you understand that this is an analogy relating to God's grace provision.

Now, we really can understand more of this subject when we compare scripture with scripture. For example, in Gen 49:25, breasts are used for fruitfulness and that the children given by God's grace will be fed, well cared for, and will grow to maturity as they should. "From the God of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb."



In Isa 66:11, breasts refer to the abundant blessings of God. "Oh, be joyful with Jerusalem and rejoice for her, all you who love her; be exceedingly glad with her, all you who mourn over her, (11) That you may nurse and be satisfied with her comforting breasts, that you may suck and be delighted with her bountiful bosom."

So this gives us some idea as to what the Lord is saying to Abraham in Gen 17:1 when He talks about the God of many breasts. God does not have breasts. This is called anthropomorphism. Anthropomorphism assigns to God human forms of the body which

God doesn't really have but is used to explain God's policy, in terms of human frame of reference. The Bible uses these anthropomorphisms to clearly make its point about the provision of God's grace to us. El Shaddai is an anthropomorphic title about fruitfulness and productivity as we saw in [Gen 49:25](#). In fact, look at [Gen 35:11](#) where this same phrase is used. "God also said to him, 'I am (El Shaddai...omnipotent God of many breasts). Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come forth from you.'" Notice again El Shaddai is about fruitfulness and productivity. And so the name El shaddai, the God of many breasts, clearly shows that the righteous and loving God Jehovah cares for us as a mother cares for a newborn child and will provide for us in our helplessness.

The phrase, El Shaddai, therefore, is used to connote blessing and prosperity. Everything we could possibly need, exactly when we need it, God **IS!** And therefore, the name El shaddai is indicative of a God who is powerful enough to do just that. Only an all-powerful God can bless all mankind with all manner of blessings.

To end this lesson we must learn that there are times when we will be discouraged because life is not turning out the way we want it. And we can easily become bitter, and produce in ourselves an unbelieving heart. Questioning God; questioning His promises; denying that He is taking care of us is all a product of not believing His Word which reveals His love and provision for us.



When we are hit with a problem... a family member gets sick, we are made fun of, Mom and Dad are talking about getting divorced, you get blamed for something you did not do...all these possibilities in life can cause us to blame God. You could think that He is not going to come through for you in His promises. Then you may start to deny or question His grace. You may start to worry and soon you are in a state of not believing the promises of God. DON'T fall into that trap. You must not accuse God of not following through on His promises if something like that does happen.

Remember, God's timing for solutions is not our timing. We want it NOW but God knows best and may make us wait for a while so that the solutions will be timed perfectly...the right solution at the right time.

You can rest assured that He is doing His job...PERFECTLY! BELIEVE IT.

Close in prayer.

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