

6. Jehovah-rohi (row'-eye)

Literally: The Lord your Shepherd

Context: Psalm 23:1; II Samuel 15:13-37

When Absalom rebelled against his father, David had to leave his home and city. David and his faithful followers fled over the Brook Kidron, up the Mount of Olives, into the plains of the wilderness of Judah, and finally over the Jordan River. It is believed that it was during this time of rejection, disgrace, public humiliation, lack of provisions, and an uncertain future that David wrote the 23rd Psalm. *'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall lack nothing'* (Psalm 23:1).

The calamity of his circumstances adds majesty and meaning to the picture of God as our shepherd (John 10:14-18).

7. Jehovah-shamma (sham'-ah)

Literally: The Lord who is There

Context: Ezekiel 48:35

During the time and ministry of Ezekiel, God revealed the future restoration of Israel. In one of his visions, Ezekiel saw the future city of Jehovah. In a coming day when God sets up His Kingdom and He Himself dwells in Jerusalem, the new "... name of the city from that day shall be, **The Lord is There**" [shamma] (Ezekiel 48:35).

Jesus promised *"I AM with you always, even till the end of the world"* (Matthew 28:20). He also said, *"I will never leave you nor forsake you"*.

That is why we can say with confidence, *"the Lord is my helper, so I will not be afraid"* (Hebrews 13:6-7).

What can we learn from the Names of God?

a) He is the God of Miracles. These situations in Old Testament times reveal the marvellous majesty and awesome power of our great God. His names are associated

with an important event in the lives of His people. Each time God performed a miracle or met a need, the response was to allocate a name to Him. Take a look at how God has helped you in your life and maybe make a record of it by a note in a personal journal.

b) He is the God of Everything. Each of the servants of God saw Him as the All Sufficient One. The Holy Spirit guided them to give Him names that teach us that God is more than able to supply what we need to help us face whatever circumstances life throws at us. We just need to ask Him to help. He's only a prayer away!

c) He is the God of Grace. There is grace [strength] in God and in His names. His power transforms us from sinners to saints (Colossians 1:13), and as we trust in Him His wonderful names give us confidence, and hope in our daily life.

So take time to learn these names and let them be an encouragement to your faith in the Lord.

"Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, have never abandoned anyone who searches for you" (Psalm 9:10).

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"O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of Your name fills the earth!" (Psalm 8:9)

Have you ever wondered how you could get to know God more intimately? God's awesome names open windows of insight into His divine character and unlock the door to intimate fellowship with Him. Each name reveals something about His personal character.

It is helpful to consider the names given to God in the Old Testament by those who loved Him and experienced His miraculous provision in various situations. Mostly, these blessings were national and physical, but we can find spiritual help and strength from what these believers went through and give praise to God in all things. The Apostle Paul said it so well, *"All that was written in the Old Testament was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have comfort and hope"* (Romans 15:4).

Here are a few names given to God in deep appreciation for His blessings.

1. Jehovah-jireh (ji-rah)

Literal: The God who Provides.

Context: Genesis 22:1-14

One day God decided to test the faith and obedience of Abraham. God commanded him to offer up his son, Isaac, as an offering. Abraham and Isaac travelled for three days to get to the place that God had selected. Abraham built an altar and placed his son on it. Abraham passed the test and as he lifted his knife to slay his son, God stopped him and instead provided a substitute—a ram caught in a bush.

"And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day—the God who provides" (Genesis 22:14).

God is also our spiritual provider (Philippians 4:19), who gives us all things richly to enjoy

(1Timothy 6:17).

2. Jehovah - nissi (nis-i)

Literal: The Lord Your Banner

Context: Exodus 17

The nation of Israel continued to murmur against the Lord in the wilderness. Then the nation of Amalek came out to fight against them. The Amalekites were immoral and evil people. They are representative of immorality. God declared perpetual war against them. While Israel fought against Amalek, Moses went up to a hill. Whenever he held up his hands, Israel prevailed. When he let his hands down, Amalek prevailed. Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands and Israel defeated the Amalekites. *"And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi" which means Banner or Flag of victory* (Exodus 17:15).

God gives victory to all those who call upon Him (1Corinthians 15:57).

3. Jehovah-M'Kaddesh (m'-kad'-desh)

Literal: The Lord Your Sanctifier

Context: Leviticus 20:7-8

God brought the nation of Israel to Mount Sinai. Moses went into the mountain and received the Ten Commandments from the hand of God. Then God instructed Moses to explain His laws and statutes to the entire nation of Israel. Within that instruction is the command, *"Sanctify [dedicate] yourselves, holy to me: for I am the Lord, your God. I am the Lord who Sanctifies you"* (Leviticus 20:7-8).

God still calls His people to be His very own **'holy ones'** (1Peter 2:9) through Jesus Christ (1Corinthians 1:2) and we are His forever.

4. Jehovah-shalom (shalom')

Literal: The Lord your Peace

Context: Judges 6:1-24

The nation of Israel did evil in the sight of the

Lord and He delivered them into the hand of the nation of Midian for seven years. During harvest time, the Midianites came against Israel to steal all their crops. An angel of God appeared to Gideon and called him to deliver Israel from the oppression of the Midianites. When Gideon realised that he had seen an angel of the Lord, he was fearful. *"The LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it Jehovah-shalom, The LORD is Peace"* (Judges 6:23-24).

God gives us His peace through Jesus our Lord (Romans 5:1, 2Thessalonians 3:16) and our prayers to Him (Philippians 4:6-7).

5. Jehovah-tsidkenu (sid-ken'-u)

Literal: The Lord your Righteousness

Context: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The nation of Israel continued to rebel against the Lord and seek after other gods. God raised up prophets to warn His people of impending judgment. Jeremiah predicted that because of their sin, God would scatter the nation of Israel into all the corners of the earth, and then God would raise up a king from the line of David.

In the last days He would gather the remnants of Israel and bring them back to their own land. God's king [Jesus Christ] would then execute judgment and justice in the earth. *"In His [Jesus] days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He will be called, - THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS"* (Jeremiah 23:6).

Jesus the Righteous one by His death on our behalf makes us right with God (1Peter 3:18). Soon He will return and bring righteousness to the world (Hebrews 1:8-9, Jeremiah 33:14-16).