

Biblical Theme 2017-18 Names of God

What's in a name? In Biblical times, a person's name reflected an aspect of his or her character. God revealed himself to his people using 85 different names for himself. Understanding these names of God will help us to identify God's character and his relationship with us and all creation.

This year's theme was selected for the following purposes:

- To guide you and your family to a better understanding of the character of this God you serve. As you begin to know him more fully, that you might "trust in the name of the LORD and rely on (your) God." (Isaiah 50:10)
- That in times of trouble that "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe." Prov. 18:10)
- That you might have confidence as you call on the name of the Lord, the "I AM".
- To connect Old Testament proclamations of God's character with New Testament manifestations of that character in Jesus. Jesus *is* truly God.

How to Use This Study

Devotional Reading: Throughout each month, read all the passages given as scripture references. The Old Testament passages can be read by substituting the Hebrew name of God identified that month like this: September: "Elohim" - Substitute Elohim where the text says God."

"The LORD (Jehovah) is our God (Elohim), the LORD (Jehovah) is one." (Deut 6:4)

"The LORD is our Elohim (all-powerful, creator Gods), is one."

The New Testament is written in Greek, not Hebrew, so the scripture references can't be translated the same way. These passages are included to demonstrate proclamations of Jesus' divine nature as he claims these same attributes of his character.

As you read these verses, I suggest reading the verses that surround it to gain context and deeper understanding of why God used a particular name in that context.

Memorization: Each month there are memory verses included. All students will be working on these verses this year. We encourage you to memorize them as a family. Each teacher will direct activities and pacing of the memorization of these verses. Students will be memorizing most verses from the ESV translation, which is a word for word translation of scripture. You may want to have this version in your home.

Other Supplemental Resource:

Devotional Bible Study Book: [Lord, I want to Know You](#) by Kay Arthur

Month	Hebrew Name	Meaning/Significance	Scripture Reference	Memorization
September	“Elohim” El= singular God Elohim=plural for El	-All powerful, ONE creator -The strong, mighty, creator God *This name is most often used when referencing God in relationship to his creation.	OT: Gen 1:1-3, 26 (US-plurality, yet unity. See Deut. 6:4) Exodus 15:2 (El) Deut 6:4,10:17, Psalm 68 NT: John 1: 1-5 Mark 13:19	OT: Gen 1:1-3 NT: John 1:1-5
October	YHWH Jah/Yah (Jehovah) *Note: Translated LORD in English Bibles	I AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-existent one • Never changes • Promises never fail • faithful 	OT: Exodus 3:14 Exodus 6:2-4 Malachi 3:6 Psalm 102 (Jah): Exodus 15:2, Psalm 46:1, 68:4 Isaiah 26:4	OT: Exodus 3:13-15 (*14 key verse) Exodus 15:1-3
November	Adonai (plural) Adon (singular)	The Lord, My great Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master • Majestic • Total authority 	OT: Psalm 8, Isaiah 40:3-5 Ezekial 16:8 Habakkuk 3:19	OT: Isaiah 40:1-5 *3-5 key verses NT: Hebrews 1:1-4 (3 rd -7 th only)
December	Immanuel	God with us “I AM”	OT: Isaiah 7:14, 8:8-10, 9:6 NT: Matthew 1:23 Hebrews 1:3	OT: Isaiah 7:14 NT: Matthew 1:22-23 Christmas Passage: (Luke 2:1-20)

January	El Olam	The eternal God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everlasting • Beginning and the End • Same yesterday, today, and forever 	OT: Gen 21:33 Psalm 90:1-2 Isaiah 40:28 NT: Romans 1:20	OT: Isaiah 40:28-31 *28 key verse NT: Rev 22:12-13
February	El Roi	The God who sees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omnipresent • God <i>knows</i> us and our circumstances 	OT: Genesis 16:11-14 Psalm 139:7-12 NT: Matthew 22:18, 26:21,34 Luke 5:21-24 John 1:45-51	OT: Psalm 139:7-12
March	Jehovah Jireh (YHWH Jireh)	The Lord will provide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He sees our need before we ask. • He will provide for our physical and spiritual needs. • He has already provided for our salvation through his son. 	OT: Gen 22:13-14 Psalm 23 NT: Matthew 6:8 Mark 10:45 Romans 8:2 John 6:35 Look for words “The Lord provided...” in Genesis 22:1-9 and the book of Jonah. Other reading: Matthew 6: 25-33	OT: Psalm 23
April	Jehovah Rohi (YHWH Roi)	The Lord the Shepherd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protects • Directs • Cares for • Leads 	OT: Psalm 23:1-3 Isaiah 53:6 NT: John 10:14-18 Heb 13:20 Rev 7:17	OT: Isaiah 53:5-6 NT: Rev 7:16-17
May	Jehovah Rapha (YHWH Rapha)	The Lord who Heals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides the final cure for all physical and spiritual illness/death 	OT: Exodus 15: 25-27 Psalm 103:3, 147:3 NT: Luke 5:31-32 I Peter 2:24	OT: Psalm 103:1-4 NT: I Peter 2:24-25 (Recite Isaiah 53:5-6 with this verse)