

Psalm 75

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When naming my children, I was more concerned about *who* they would be named after rather than *what* their name meant. If I had considered the meaning, my daughter would not have been “dweller on the plain” and heaven help me, my son “strong lord.”

In Bible times, individuals were given name based on the meaning and their name spoke of their character. Abram was later named Abraham which means “father of many.” Esau means “red” because of his red hair. Jacob was born holding on to Esau’s heel and his name means “holder of the heel.”

For fun, who were you named after and what does your name mean?

The Name

...for Your Name is near... Psalm 75:1b

Oh the wonder and renown of His Name! And greater still His renown is near! Ha Shem` (Shame) is the reputation, fame, and glory of God, the expression of the essential nature of the name bearer. The one true God expresses His nature through many names. Time constraints limit our name study but what fun it would be to study them all. Let’s study as many as we can.

LORD, Jehovah (yah-weh)

Yah-weh is used more than 6500 times in **the** Bible, more than any other name of God. This name of God expresses His omnipotence as absolute ruler. Jewish tradition tells this name of God was too holy to say aloud. Can you imagine? Yah-weh is first mentioned in Genesis 2:4, “*This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,*” represented with small upper case letters.

Read Exodus 3:13-15.

To whom does God first introduce himself to as LORD? _____
Why do you think it was important for this person to know God has absolute rule?

Lord, Master, Adonai (Ad-o-noy`)

A parallel to Yah-weh is Adonai. It too, is Lord but spelled with only one capital letter. Lord occurs 434 times in the Bible, 200 times in the book of Isaiah. Lord is first mentioned in Genesis 15:2, “*And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?*”

Read Psalm 130

Who is the psalmist pleading with in 1a? _____

Who is the psalmist pleading with in 1b? _____

In your prayer time call out to Yahweh as your omnipotent God and Adonai as your loving Master.

The Lord My Banner, The Lord My Miracle -Jehovah Nissi (yeh-ho-vaw nis-see)

Picture it. After been enslaved for over 400, the Israelites are finally free. Moses led them to freedom through the Red Sea; with his staff brought water from a rock, only to have the new found freedom threatened by the Amalekites. He gives the command to Joshua to gather a few men to fight. Moses knew they needed a miracle.

Read Exodus 17:8-10

What did Moses do while his men fought?

After the victory, what did Moses call the altar he built?

Have you ever needed miracle or received a miracle? Raise the Banner!

El Roi

One of my favorite stories in the Bible introduces us to my favorite name of God. After becoming pregnant with Abram's baby Hagar is mistreated by Sarai. The distress caused Hagar to leave.

In the desert, an angel of the Lord speaks prophecy over her life and the life of her unborn child. Hagar was overcome at God's attention to her needs. She gave God a name that is not repeated anywhere in the Bible.

Read Genesis 16:13.

What does El Roi mean?

What does having El Roi in your life mean to you?

How wonderful to have One God with many names! He has a name for all our needs. In your personal study, do a Google search for the names of God to see all His names. Take your prayer life to a new level by praying for your needs according to His names.