

# Jehovah - The One and Only God

## **Jehovah - "the existing One"**

the proper unshared name of the one true God  
no one knows how it was originally pronounced

- "Jehovah" is related to "I AM"

*Isa 43:13 Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?*

*Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*

- The personal name of God, Jehovah, occurs in the Bible almost 7,000 times.
- The name Jehovah is more fully defined in the Scriptures as to its meaning than all other titles of Deity together.
- Confusion occurs regarding the name Jehovah from the fact that for many centuries- the very centuries in which a large part of the Old Testament was written- the Jewish people out of sheer reverence refused to even pronounce this name.
- Scribes washed their pen before writing the name, Lord. Scribes washed their pen and bathed before writing the name, Jehovah.
- In the Old Testament, Jehovah is often translated GOD or LORD in all caps to signify reverence and great respect.

**God - Elohim** – referring to God's mighty power

**Lord - Adonai** – referring to God's authority and ownership of me personally

**GOD – Jehovah** – referring to the God of Israel by His personal name

**LORD – Jehovah** - referring to the God of Israel by His personal name

**LORD God – Jehovah Elohim**

**Lord God – Adonai Elohim**

*Daniel 9:3-4 And I set my face unto the **Lord God**, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the **LORD my God**, and made my confession, and said, **O Lord**, the great and dreadful **God**, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;*

Daniel 9:3 is the only verse in the Bible with Adonai Elohim coupled together

*Genesis 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the **LORD God** made the earth and the heavens,*

Genesis 2:4 is the first time the name "GOD" (Jehovah) appears in the Bible. It is used in relation to man, signifying a personal God, whereas "God" (Elohim) is used in relation to creation. "LORD God" is used eleven times in chapter 2.

Notice: God with Satan Gen 3 – Elohim; God with Pharoah Gen 39, 40 – Elohim

- The designation “Jehovah” appears in the Sacred Text after the creation of man and is generally used where relationships between God and man are involved, and especially in man’s redemption. It is in respect to Israel’s redemption from Egypt that the true meaning of the term is elucidated.
- All divine attributes which share in redemption are betokened-holiness, justice, and love for the sinner. It is with their Redeemer that Israel has to do, and therefore His covenants with them are largely under the Jehovah name (cf. Exod 20:2; Jer 31:31–34).
- It was Jehovah Himself who imparted to Moses the meaning of this title: “*And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation*” (Exod 34:5–7); “*And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy*” (Exodus 33:19);
- Elohim represents God the powerful, the God who can – Psalm 78  
Yahweh represents God the personal, the God who acts for me
- **He was known as Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel**  
*Exodus 6:6 - Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: [The redemptive name – The Lord is my Savior] 7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. [The personal Name – The Lord is my Shepherd] 8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD. [The covenant name – The Lord is my guarantor]*
- The name “Jehovah” is not used in the New Testament. Jesus is the embodiment of Jehovah.