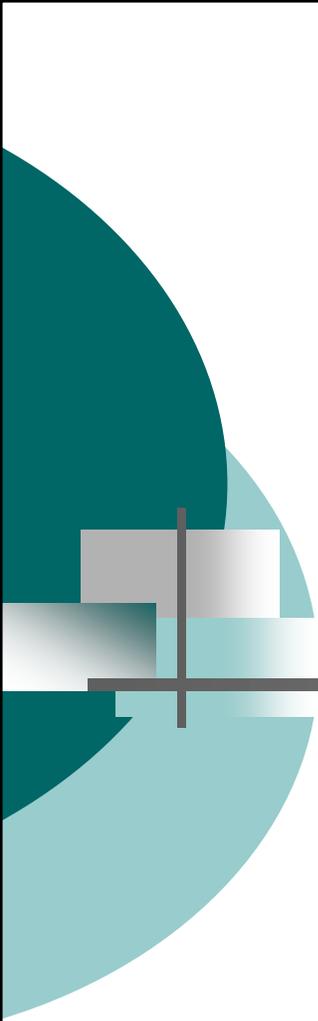


God's Revelation of Himself in NAMES

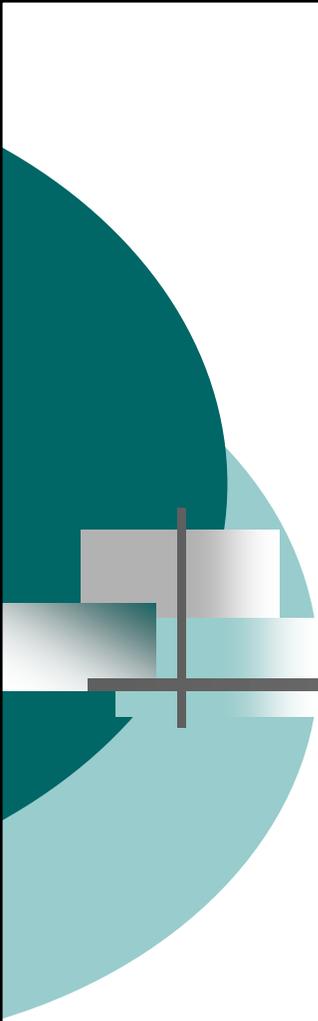
Fundamentals and God's First Revealed Name



Fundamental Observations Concerning God's Name

God's Name...

- Speaks of who God is, all that He is, including all His names.
- Declares His majesty and glory – Psa. 8:1
- Is to be hallowed – Matt. 6:9
- Can be taken in vain – Gen. 3:1; Mt. 7:21-23
- Is to be feared – Psa. 86:11; Deut. 28:58-59; Psa. 29:2
- Must be known and respected as His “branding” of Himself to mankind.

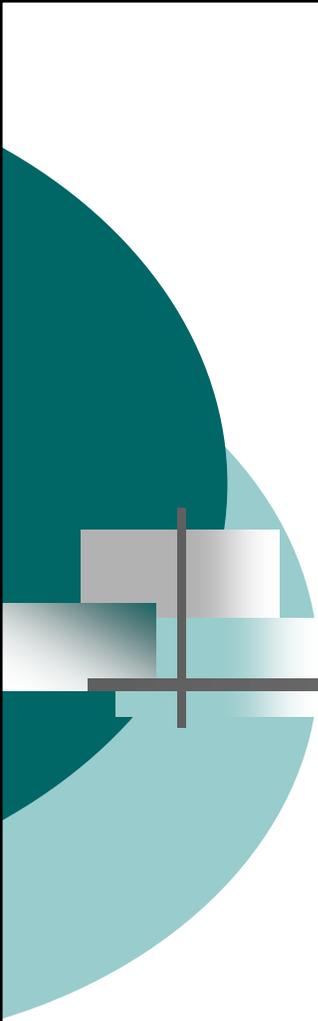


Elohim

God's First Revealed Name

Elohim – The Strong Creator God

- Revealed in the first verse of the Bible in the creation account – Gen. 1:1
- Revealed Himself as the **Powerful Creator**
- Plural form of “el,” god, and used in O.T. 2500 times
 - Its plurality does not suggest belief in many gods, for God is one – Deut. 6:4
 - Emphasizes the great, multifaceted power of the one true God (royal “we”) – Deut. 10:17; Gen. 1:26; Mt. 28:19



Elohim – The Powerful Creator

What does this reveal to us about God?

God Intends to Impress Us of His Great Power

- *Elohim* is the name to which the power of the creation was ascribed and emphasized – Gen. 1:1–2:3; Heb. 11:3
- As the Powerful Creator, God has infinite resources to accomplish His purposes – Gen. 18:14
- We should trust God, *Elohim*, the Powerful Creator...
 - When we feel weak and inadequate to meet life's challenges – Isa. 40:28-29
 - When fear fills our heart – Isa. 41:10
- Too often we get hung up trying to figure out the answer to our problems, rather than looking to God in faith to fix them!

God, *Elohim*, the Creator

God is Distinct from His Creation

- *Elohim* the Creator is separate in nature from the finite, corrupting nature of creation – Psa. 102:25-27
 - No matter what changes come to our life, God remains the same.
 - You can lean on God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow to bring stability to your life – Heb. 13:8
- Unlike the material creation that is limited to time and space, *Elohim* is *everywhere always!*
 - God exists outside our material world.
 - Amazing fact: The Creator entered time, space, and matter by sending His Son to save us from sin and death – Heb. 2:14-18

God, *Elohim*, the Creator