

## SIX BASIC HEBREW NAMES FOR GOD.

### A. **El**

1. Generic term for God
2. A god in the widest sense, whether true or false
3. "The strong one", "a mighty being"
4. Vagueness of "el" frustrating, since gave little or no indication of the god's character
5. Among Israelites, El often used of their God in describing Him and as an element in compound names

### B. **Elohim**

1. Depicts God in the role of Creator, Maker; and Preserver of man and the world
2. Plural for Eloah (42 times in Job)
3. Used for "gods"

### C. **El Shaddai**

1. Gen. 17:1 - "...*the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God (El Shaddai)*"
2. Ex. 6:3 - *I appeared unto Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty...*"
3. God of plenty; more than enough
4. God of blessing and multiplication
5. Nourisher - "many breasted one"

### D. **El Elyon**

1. Most high God; denotes there are other gods or natures.
2. God of heaven and earth.
3. God of all the earth (including the Gentiles).

### E. **Yahweh (Jehovah)**

1. Lord.
2. Found 6823 times in Old Testament
3. YHWH appears only in Bible
4. God chose it as His personal name by which he related specifically to His chosen or covenant people
5. Too sacred to pronounce - fear of blasphemy

### **Adonai (Lord)**

Signifies ownership or mastership, claims obedience of all  
Acknowledges God's complete possession and perfect right to all that he is  
Used over 300 times in the Old Testament  
Often a title of respect, a term of direct address usually assuming a specific master-servant relationship.