

NAMES OF GOD - IV

"El Elyon"

I. GOD APPEARED DIFFERENTLY TO DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS

- A. Established new religions.
- B. Moses, at this stage, I am Yahweh--I used to be El Shaddai.
 - 1. *"And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord (Jahweh): And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of El Shaddai (God Almighty), but by my name JEHOVAH (Yahweh) was I not known to them. (Ex. 6:2-3)*
 - 2. *"Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am Yahweh, 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..." (Ex. 6:6).*
 - 3. God spoke to the fathers as YHWH but the promised. deliverance and fuller significance or meaning of His name were unknown to them (Ex. 6:2-8).
- C. Unique Characteristics of Yahweh.
 - 1. Distinctively the God of Israel.
 - 2. God as lawgiver, rules maker, disciplinarian.
 - 3. God as judgment.
 - 4. God of battle and victory.
 - 5. God of refuge.
 - 6. Redemptive God who delivered Israelites out of hand of enemy.
 - 7. Masculine nature of God.
- D. Concept of Most High God.
 - 1. El Elyon.
 - 2. Describe God by adding, not taking away.
 - 3. Work up, magnify; always go up.

II. DAVID KNEW DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF GODHEAD.

- A. Give thanks unto Yahweh, sing praises to El Elyon.
 - 1. Ps. 7:17 - *"I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high."*
 - 2. Ps. 92:1 - *"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:"*
- B. Ps. 50:14 - *"Offer to Elohim thanksgiving; pay vows to El Elyon"*
 - 1. Paying vows in realm of physical, temporal, earthly objects.
 - 2. Give something of physical objects.

III. EL ELYON THE GOD OVER ALL THE EARTH.

- A. Ps. 47:2 - *"For Jehweh El Elyon is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth."*

- B. Ps. 83:18 - *"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Yahweh, art El Elyon over all the earth."*
- C. Dan. 4:17 - *"This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that El Elyon ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."*
- D. El Elyon ruleth in kingdom of men.
 - 1. Dan. 4:34 - *"And at the end of the day I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed El Elyon, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation."*

IV. 1 A. D. NEW RELIGION.

- A. Jesus son of El Elyon.
- B. New law.
- C. New temple - Acts 7:48 - *"El Elyon dwelleth not in temples made with hands."*

V. MESSAGE OF EL ELYON ONE OF LIFE - KNOWLEDGE OF EL ELYON LEADS TO LIFE.

- A. Heb. 7:1 - Melchisedec.
"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of El Elyon..."
"Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually." (v. 3).
- A. Message of church for 2000 years, get ready to die; message now is get ready to live.

VI. NEXT MOVE OF GOD WILL MARK THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD OVER KINGDOMS OF THIS EARTH.

- A. Dan. 7:18 - *"Saints of El Elyon shall take kingdom..."*
- B. Dan. 7:22 - *"...judgment given to saints of El Elyon..."*
- C. Dan. 7:27 - *"And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of El Elyon, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."*

SUMMARY OF ASPECTS OF EL ELYON.

- Possessor of heaven and earth (interested in physical, earthly, temporal things).
- God of mercy.
- God of life.
- God of peace.
- God of good. (Lam.3:38) - *"Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?"*