

# God

## The Glory of God - His Names - Elohim

### Introduction

Job, who was so severely afflicted by Satan, had four visiting associates who were far from comforting him in his distress. The argument of the first three comforters was, Job must have done something wrong in the sight of God, a matter Job strenuously denied. In counteracting their erroneous decisions on why he was so afflicted, Job asks them, when speaking about God who knows all things, he asks:

- a) "Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof. Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering. He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it. He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud. By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent." (Job 26:5-13).
- b) Then he states: "Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?" (Job 26:14)
- c) Earlier he had stated: "Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?" (Job 11:7); Again, speaking of God he asks: "Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number." (Job 9:10).
- d) Paul wrote: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33).

In contemplating God, the individual quickly understands it is impossible for puny man to sense the magnificence of any aspect or avenue of His Person, power, pre-eminence or position. When there is a heart enlightenment of God, the individual bows in worship and at times, is bowed in silent wonder. After the rapture when we are changed in Heaven, the twenty four elders will fall down in worship and cast their crowns signifying their unworthiness to wear a crown like Him. Then the untold billions of other saints and angelic hosts of every rank, seeing somewhat of His Person and excellencies, our worship will be heartfelt and true. We shall join in praising God and the Lamb by saying, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev. 5:13).

Taking the revealed manifestations of the Almighty they will be considered in at least three ways:

- a) That which the Name, Title conveys about God.
- b) The ways His name is used in the scriptures.
- c) Some of the activities He does which convey the greatness of His Name.

### The First Revelation:

#### 1) 'ēlôhîym; אֱלֹהִים God

- a) There are two words used of God being Strong's 410 and 430.
- b) Having "îm" at the end of the word indicates a plurality. Some say it is a plurality of persons, being Father, Son and Spirit, and others it is plurality of attributes. Personally, I understand it as both with each member of the Holy Trinity equal in every attribute but the Trinity could not be proven from this verse or verse 26. It is only from other scriptures the Trinity can be proven.
- c) God is manifested as distinct from creation, He is outside of creation. However, it bears the evidence of His workmanship (Gen. 1:1, 7 ); glory (Psa. 19:1); righteousness (Psa. 97:6); power, wisdom and discretion (Jer. 10:12).
- d) What was it like? Where was God and where did He dwell before Genesis 1:1? When we think about where God dwelt we are thinking on an earthly level and God is beyond earthly conceptions. It is sufficient to know God was, is and ever will be (Rev. 1:4). It was a triad of Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who dwelt in light unapproachable (1 Tim. 6:16), a sphere of glory (Jn. 17:5) and love (Jn. 17:24). It was a place of decision making (Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:20).

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- e) To create and make everything for the first time and make it all perfect necessitates fulness of wisdom and understanding, for all parts are interdependent.
  - f) The word comes from a root which is translated power (Gen. 31:29; Prov. 3:27). However, it leads to and has a number of avenues of truth.
- 2) It is used of God and is associated with His attributes:
- a) God, which hath made the sea and the dry land (Jon. 1:9).
  - b) The everlasting God (Gen. 21:33) indicating His eternity.
  - c) The pardoning God (Mic. 7:18) indicating His grace and mercy.
  - d) The gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil (Jon. 4:2). (That being spoken of is the withering of the gourd which had shaded Jonah)
  - e) The Living God (Hos. 1:10).
  - f) He is a Consuming Fire, indicating His holiness (Deut. 4:24).
  - g) The Almighty God (Ezek. 10:5) which stresses His power.
  - h) The Great, the Mighty God (Jer. 32:18).
  - i) The just God and a Saviour (Isa. 45:21) indicating His character.
  - j) The Mighty God (Isa. 9:6).
  - k) The God of truth (Psa. 32:5).
  - l) The Great, the Mighty and the terrible God (Neh. 9:32).
  - m) The Jealous God (Josh. 24:19) indicating His exclusiveness of rights.
- 3) It is associated with God and His superiority over all others:
- a) The God of gods (Dan. 11:36).
  - b) God, the God (a different Hebrew word) of the spirits (Num. 16:22).
  - c) The God of the whole earth (Isa. 54:5).
  - d) God alone of all the kingdoms of the earth (Isa. 37:16).
- 4) It is associated with God and His people:
- a) The Elohim of Jerusalem (2 Chron. 32:19). It is set distinct from the idols, the gods of the earth.
  - b) The Elohim of the armies of Israel (1 Sam. 17:45).
  - c) The Elohim of Israel (Ex. 5:1).

In closing, I think of the words of David, "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore." (Psa. 86:12)

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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