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Learning About Some

Bible Names

Some of the Names of Jesus Christ













Deuteronomy 32:11

Job 19:25

Jeremiah 23:5

Zechariah 13:1

Malachi 3:3

Matthew 11:19













John 6:35

John 8:12

John 11:25 John 15:1

Revelation 1:11

Revelation 22:16

Adam 1 Corinthians 15:45. Advocate 1 John 2:1. Almighty Revelation 1:8. Amen Revelation 3:14. Apostle of our Profession Hebrews 3:1. Arm of the Lord Isaiah 51:9. Author and Finisher of our Faith Hebrews 12:2. Author of Eternal Salvation Hebrews 5:9. Beginning of the Creation of God Revelation 3:14. Beloved Son Matthew 12:18. Blessed and only Potentate 1 Timothy 6:15. Captain of Salvation Hebrews 2:10. Chief Shepherd 1 Peter 5:4. Christ of God Luke 9:20. Consolation of Israel Luke 2:25. Corner-stone Psalm 118:22. Counsellor Isaiah 9:6. Creator John 1:3. Dayspring Luke 1:78. Deliverer Romans 11:26. Desire of all Nations Haggai 2:7. Door John 10:7. Elect of God Isaiah 42:1. Everlasting Father Isaiah 9:6. Faithful Witness Revelation 1:5. First and Last Revelation 1:17. First Begotten Revelation 1:5. Forerunner Hebrews 6:20. Glory of the Lord Isaiah 40:5. God John 20:28. God Blessed Romans 9:5. Good Shepherd John 10:11. Governor Matthew 2:6. Great High Priest Hebrews 4:14. Head of the Church Ephesians 1:22. Heir of all Things Hebrews 1:2. Holy Child Acts 4:27. Holy One Acts 3:14. Holy One of God Mark 1:24. Holy One of Israel Isaiah 41:14. Horn of Salvation Luke 1:69. I Am John 8:58. Image of God 2 Corinthians 4:4. Immanuel Isaiah 7:14. Jehovah Isaiah 26:4. Jesus Matthew 1:21. Jesus of Nazareth Matthew 21:11. Judge of Israel Micah 5:1. Just One Acts 7:52. King Zechariah 9:9. King of Kings 1 Timothy 6:15. King of Saints. Revelation 15:3. King of the Ages 1 Timothy 1:17. King of the Jews Matthew 2:2. Lawgiver Isaiah 33:22. Lamb Revelation 13:8. Lamb of God John 1:29. Leader Isaiah 55:4. Life John 14:6. Lion of the Tribe of Judah Revelation 5:5. Lord God Almighty Revelation 15:3. Lord of All Acts 10:36. Lord of Glory 1 Corinthians 2:8. Lord of Lords 1 Timothy 6:15. Lord our Righteousness Jeremiah 23:6. Man of Sorrows Isaiah 53:3. Mediator 1 Timothy 2:5. Messenger of the Covenant Malachi 3:1. Messiah John 1:41. Mighty God Isaiah 9:6. Mighty One Isaiah 60:16. Nazarene Matthew 2:23. Only Begotten Son John 1:18. Our Passover 1 Corinthians 5:7. Prince of Kings Revelation 1:5. Prince of Life Acts 3:15. Prince of Peace Isaiah 9:6. Prophet Luke 24:19. Rock 1 Corinthians 10:4. Root of David Revelation 22:16. Rose of Sharon Song of Song of Solomon 2:1. Saviour Luke 2:11. Seed of Woman Genesis 3:15. Shepherd and Bishop of Souls 1 Peter 2:25. Shiloh Genesis 49:10. Son of David Matthew 1:1. Son of God Matthew 2:15. Son of Man Matthew 8:20. Son of Righteousness Malachi 4:2. Son of the Blessed Mark 14:61. Son of the Highest Luke 1:32. True Light John 1:9. Truth John 1:14. Witness Isaiah 55:4. Word John 1:1. Word of God Revelation 19:13. Word of Life 1 John 1:1. The above summary is taken from the Thompson Chain Reference Bible. (There are similar lists of names for God the Father and the Holy Spirit.)

'A Good Name'

'Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man.' Proverbs 3:3-4, NIV

'A good name is better than precious perfume.' Ecclesiastes 7:1, Amp.

'A good name [earned by honourable behaviour, godly wisdom, moral courage, and personal integrity] is more desirable than great riches.' Proverbs 22:1, Amp.

Jesus (Saviour) Christ (Messiah)

The personal name of our Lord is *Jesus*, which signifies *Saviour*. The meaning of *Jesus* in Hebrew – *Yehoshua*, is '*Yahweh* is salvation.' The importance of the name *Jesus* is carefully emphasised by repetitions in the New Testament record. Firstly, He was so called by Gabriel to Mary: 'Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.' Luke 1:31, NKJV. Secondly, He was so named by the angel to Joseph in his supernatural dream respecting Mary and the Child: 'She will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.' Matthew 1:21, NKJV. Thirdly, He was so called on the day of His birth: 'She gave birth to a son. Joseph called Him Jesus.' Matthew 1:25, CEB. Fourthly, He was so called when His name was officially bestowed at circumcision: 'His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb'. Luke 2:21, NKJV.

Jesus' official title was *Christ* which means 'the anointed', the Hebrew word for this in English is *Messiah*. Andrew said to his brother Peter: '"We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).' John 1:41, NKJV. The Messiah talked to a Samaritan woman at a well, later the local inhabitants said to her: 'Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.' John 4:42, NKJV

Some Bible Names Are Based on the Natural World



Deborah Bee Judges 4:4



Tamar Date Palm Genesis 38:6



Zipporah Small Bird Exodus 2:21



Barak Lightning Judges 4:6



Jael Goat Judges 4:17



Laish Lion 1 Samuel 25:44



Susanna Lily Luke 8:3

Some of the Names of Christians

Believers 1 Timothy 4:12. Beloved brethren 1 Corinthians 15:58. Beloved of God Romans 1:7. Blessed of the Father Matthew 25:34. Blessed of the Lord Genesis 24:31. Brethren Matthew 23:8. Brethren of Christ Luke 8:21. Called of Jesus Christ Romans 1:6. Children of Abraham Galatians 3:7. Children of God John 11:52. Children of Jacob Psalm 105:6. Children of light Luke 16:8. Children of promise Romans 9:8. Children of the bride-chamber Matthew 9:15. Children of the day 1 Thessalonians 5:5. Children of the Father Matthew 5:45. Children of the freewoman Galatians 4:31. Children of the Highest Luke 6:35. Children of the kingdom Matthew 13:38. Children of the Living God Romans 9:26. Children of the Lord Deuteronomy 14:1. Children of the resurrection Luke 20:36. Children of Zion Psalm 149:2. Chosen generation 1 Peter 2:9. Chosen ones 1 Chronicles 16:13. Chosen vessels Acts 9:15. Christians Acts 11:26. Dear children Ephesians 5:1. Disciples of Christ John 8:31. Elect of God Colossians 3:12. Epistles of Christ 2 Corinthians 3:3. Excellent ones Psalm 16:3. Faithful brethren in Christ Colossians 1:2. Faithful of the land Psalm 101:6. Fellow-citizens with the saints Ephesians 2:19. Fellow-heirs Ephesians 3:6. Fellow-servants Revelation 6:11. Friends of Christ John 15:15. Friends of God James 2:23. Heirs of God Romans 8:17. Heirs of promise Galatians 3:29. Heirs of salvation Hebrews 1:14. Heirs of the grace of life 1 Peter 3:7. Heirs of the kingdom James 2:5. Holy brethren 1 Thessalonians 5:27. Holy nation 1 Peter 2:9. Holy people Isaiah 62:12. Holy priesthood 1 Peter 2:5. Joint-heirs with Christ Romans 8:17. Kingdom of priests Exodus 19:6. Kings and priests to God Revelation 1:6. Lambs John 21:15. Lights of the world Matthew 5:14. Little children 1 John 2:1. Lively stones 1 Peter 2:5. Members of Christ 1 Corinthians 6:15. Men of God 1 Timothy 6:11. Obedient children 1 Peter 1:14. Peculiar people 1 Peter 2:9. Peculiar treasure Psalm 135:4. People near to God Psalm 148:14. People of God 1 Peter 2:10. People saved by the Lord Deuteronomy 33:29. Pillars in the temple of God Revelation 3:12. Ransomed of the Lord Isaiah 35:10. Redeemed of the Lord Isaiah 51:11. Royal priesthood 1 Peter 2:9. Saints Ephesians 1:1 Salt of the earth Matthew 5:13. Servants of Christ 1 Corinthians 7:22. Servants of righteousness Romans 6:18. Sheep of Christ John 21:16. Sojourners with God Psalm 39:12. Sons of God John 1:12. The Faithful Psalm 12:1. The Godly 2 Peter 2:9. The Just Habakkuk 2:4. The Lord's freemen 1 Corinthians 7:22. Trees of righteousness Isaiah 61:3. Vessels of mercy Romans 9:23. Vessels to honour 2 Timothy 2:21. Witnesses for God Isaiah 44:8. The above summary is taken from Torrey's Topical Textbook.



'She will bring forth a Son, and you shall call **His name JESUS**, for He will save His people from their sins.' Matthew 1.21 'Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.' Matthew 18:5 'Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.' Matthew 18:20 'For My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.' Matthew 19:29 'Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations.' Luke 24:47 'He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in **His name**.' John 1:12 'Many believed in **His name** when they saw the signs which He did.' John 2:23 'If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.' John 14:14 'Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.' John 20:31 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.' Acts 2:38 'For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.' Acts 4:12 'Rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.' Acts 5:41 'All the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.' Acts 10:43 'Why are you waiting? Arise and be baptised, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' Acts 22:16 'Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.' Romans 10:13 'You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.' 1 Corinthians 6:11 'At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth.' Philippians 2:10 'Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.' Colossians 3:17 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.' 2 Timothy 2:19 'Have kept My word, and have not denied My name.' Revelation 3:8. (All NKJV in this above section.)

Some Miscellaneous Information About Bible Names

There are about 1,400 names representing some 2,400 individuals in the OT. Hebrew children received only one name at birth without a family name or middle name. If a distinction were necessary, the individual could be identified easily by adding the name of his father and any other ancestor's name in ascending order as these occasions required.

Mahershalalhashbaz, in Isaiah 8:1, is the longest name in the Bible. It roughly means 'quickly to the plunder' and anticipates the impending plunder of Samaria by the King of Assyria (who also had a long name: Tiglath-pileser the third).

It is reckoned that more than half the people of the civilized world have names originating from the Bible's vast collection.

The Hebrew title for *Exodus* is: 'These Are The Names'. The book is thus called because it begins with the names of those who came into the promised land whence they were redeemed and delivered from their oppression in Egypt.

Abraham's grandson Jacob had 12 sons. They were named: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher. Jacob also had one daughter named Dinah.

It has often been said that no divine name is found in Esther, yet *Ahasuerus* is named 29 times! But, in this book *Jehovah* is hidden in acrostic letters four times and *I* am that *I* am is hidden in acrostic letters once! Companion Bible, appendix 60

Many names are formed from the divine names *El* and *Yahweh* such as *Elijah* (God is Lord). There are over 150 Biblical names bearing a form of *Yahweh* such as *Jonathan* (The Lord has given) and *Joanna* (The Lord has been gracious). There are also over 130 names containing a form of *El* such as *Elisha* (God's salvation) and *Eleazar* (God's help).

In Hebrew *ab* means *father* and is consequently used in over 30 Biblical names such as *Absalom* (father of peace) and *Abigail* (father's joy). Another example is *Abram* which means 'exalted father' and *Abraham* which means 'father of a multitude'. In Hebrew *ah* means *brother* and is consequently used in over 20 Biblical names such as *Ahimelech* (brother of the king) and *Ahinadab* (brother who is willing). In Hebrew *ben* is *son* and *bath* is *daughter*, so we have such names as *Benjamin* (son of the right hand) and *Bathsheba* (seventh daughter).

'His Name Is John'

John means 'Gracious Gift of God'

'Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. When her neighbours and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John". But they said to her, "There is no one

among your relatives who is called by this name".

So they made signs to his father – what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John". So they all marvelled. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.' Luke 1:57-64, NKJV

Names of the Twelve Apostles

'The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.' Matthew 10:24, ESV



'Change Your Name or Change Your Conduct'

Alexander the Great, one of the greatest military generals in history, conquered much of the known world of his time with his vast army. One night during a campaign, he couldn't sleep and left his tent to walk around the camp grounds. As he was walking, he came across a soldier asleep on guard duty. The penalty in some cases for this was death. The soldier abruptly woke up as Alexander approached him. Recognising who was standing in front of him, the young man feared for his life. 'Do you know what the penalty is for falling asleep on guard duty?' Alexander the Great asked the soldier. 'Yes Sir', the soldier responded in a quivering voice. Soldier, what's your name? demanded Alexander the Great. 'Alexander Sir'. Alexander the Great paused, then repeated the question, but more loudly: 'What's your name?' The soldier again said: 'My name is Alexander, Sir'. Alexander the Great then looked



Alexander the Great statue in Thessaloniki, Greece

the young soldier straight in the eye. 'Soldier', he said with intensity, 'either change your name or change your conduct'.

Lesson: We who carry the name of Christ and call ourselves Christian must live up to the name.

A Very Brief Summary of Some of the NAMES OF GOD

ELOHIM

Its first occurrence in Genesis 1:1 connects *Elohim* with *creation*, and gives it its essential meaning as *The Creator*. It indicates His relation to mankind as His *creatures*. *Elohim* occurs 2,700 times. *Elohim* is usually translated into *God* in many versions of the Bible.

JEHOVAH

While *Elohim* is God as the *Creator* of all things, *Jehovah* is the same God in *covenant relation* to those whom He has created. Both *Elohim* and *Jehovah* occur in the same verse: 2 Chronicles 18:31. *Jehovah* means *The Eternal*, *The Immutable One* and *He Who Was, and Is, and Is To Come*. He is especially, therefore, the God of Israel, and the God of those who are redeemed, and are thus now 'in Christ'. *Jehovah* is usually translated into *Lord* in many versions of the Bible. The name *Jehovah* is combined with ten other words, which form what are known as 'the *Jehovah* Titles'. They are as follows:

JEHOVAH-JIREH = The Lord will see, or provide. Genesis 22:14

JEHOVAH-ROPHEKA = The Lord that heals. Exodus 15:26

JEHOVAH-NISSI = The Lord my banner. Exodus 17:15

JEHOVAH-MeKADDISHKEM = The Lord that does sanctify you. Exodus 31:13

JEHOVAH-SHALOM = The Lord [send] peace. Judges 6:24

JEHOVAH-ZeBA'OTH = The Lord of hosts. 1 Samuel 1:3

JEHOVAH-ZIDKENU = The Lord our righteousness. Jeremiah 23:6

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH = The Lord is there. Ezekiel 48:35

JEHOVAH-'ELYON = The Lord most high. Psalms 7:17

JEHOVAH-RO'I = The Lord my Shepherd. Psalms 23:1

JAH

Jah is Jehovah in a special sense and relation. Jehovah as having become our Salvation (first occurrence Exodus 15:2), Jah connects with redemption. It occurs 49 times.

EL

El is essentially The Almighty. El is Elohim in all His strength and power. El is God the Omnipotent. El is the God Who knows all (first occurrence Genesis 14:18-22) and sees all (Genesis 16:13) and that performs all things for His people (Psalm 57:2). It is sometimes transliterated in proper names such as Immanu-el, Beth-el, etc.

ELOAH

Eloah is *Elohim* who wills and orders all, and who is to be the one object of the worship of His people. The first occurrence in the Bible associates this name with worship (Deuteronomy 32:15, 17). Hence it is the title used whenever the contrast is with false gods or idols. *Eloah* is essentially 'the living God' in contrast to inanimate idols.

ELYON

Elyon first occurs in Genesis 14:18 with El, and is rendered 'God Most High'. It is El and Elohim, not as the powerful Creator, but as 'the possessor of heaven and earth'. Hence the name is associated with Christ as the Son of 'the Highest' (Luke 1:35). The title occurs 36 times.

SHADDAI

Shaddai is in every instance translated 'Almighty'. It is God (*El*), not as the source of strength, but of *grace*; not as Creator, but as the *Giver*. Shaddai is the 'All-bountiful'. Its first occurrence is in _{Genesis 17:1}, and is used to show Abraham that He who called him out to walk before Him could supply all his needs. It is always used in connection with *El*.

ADON, ADONAI and ADONIM

These three words all denote headship in various aspects.

Adon is the Lord as Overlord or Ruler.

Adonai is the Lord as Blesser.

Adonim is Lord as Owner.

'Rejoice Because Your Names Are Written in Heaven' Luke 10:20, NKJV

'My fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.' Philippians 4:3, NKJV

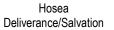
'He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life.' Rev. 3:5, NKJV

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Names of the Twelve Minor Prophets

Possible meanings are below each name. Various sources can give alternative meanings.







Joel The Lord is God



Amos Burden bearer



Obadiah Servant of the Lord



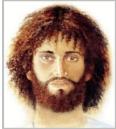
Jonah Dove



Micah
Who is like the Lord



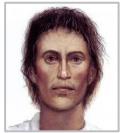
Nahum The Lord's compassion



Habakkuk To embrace



Zephaniah The Lord is my secret



Haggai The Lord has girded



Zechariah The Lord remembered



Malachi My messenger

יהוה

This Hebrew word, יהוה, is one of the names of the God of Israel. The four Hebrew letters (read from right to left) are yodh, he, waw and he. These four letters in English are: YHWH. In Hebrew they make up the base of the verb 'to be' from which God designated His own name as: 'I AM WHO I AM' in Exodus 3:14. It is from these four letters that one name of God is derived and has been rendered as Yahweh and Jehovah. The true pronunciation of this name has been lost through lack of use because the Jews would not pronounce it out of their awe and respect for God.

Parts taken from Wikipedia and CARM Theological Dictionary

If you want to impress your friends, this word is called 'Tetragrammaton'. (In Greek it means 'consisting of four letters'.)

Blessed Be His Glorious Name Forever!

'His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed. Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious name forever!' Psalm 72:17-19, NKJV

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See if you can memorize these words: 'All nations shall call Him blessed. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious name forever!'

Word Search

DEBORAH	PHILIP
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BARAK THOMAS LAISH MATTHEW

PETER JAMES

ANDREW THADDAEUS

JAMES SIMON JOHN JUDAS HOSEA NAHUM

JOEL HABAKKUK AMOS ZEPHANIAH

OBADIAH HAGGAI

JONAH ZECHARIAH

MICAH MALACHI

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CEV: Contemporary English Version. Amp.: Amplified Bible. ESV: English Standard Version. NIV: New International Version. NKJV: New King James Version.

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