

Genesis 1:1-5 (NASB)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Genesis 2:1-3 (NASB)

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. **2** By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

OBSERVATIONS

Focus your thoughts on God's name used in these verses - *Elohim*: The Strong Creator God. Identify key words, verbs, and the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the passage.

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MY PRAYER of RESPONSE to GOD

Exodus 3:10-16 (NASB)

¹⁰ Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain."

¹³ Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations. ¹⁶ Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt."

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Focus your thoughts on God's name used in these verses - *Jehovah*: The Relational God. Identify key words, verbs, and the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the passage.

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Exodus 4:1-13 (NASB)

Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'" ² The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff." ³ Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. ⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp *it* by its tail"—so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— ⁵ "that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." ⁶ The LORD furthermore said to him, "Now put your hand into your bosom." So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. ⁷ Then He said, "Put your hand into your bosom again, and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was restored like *the rest of* his flesh." ⁸ "If they will not believe you or heed the witness of the first sign, they may believe the witness of the last sign." ⁹ But if they will not believe even these two signs or heed what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground." ¹⁰ Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹ The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?" ¹² Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say." ¹³ But he said, "Please, Lord, now send *the message* by whomever You will."

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Focus your thoughts on God's name used in these verses - *Adonai*: The God Who Rules. Identify key words, verbs, and the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the passage.

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Genesis 22:1-14 (NASB)

Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."² He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."³ So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.⁴ On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.⁵ Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.⁷ Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."¹² He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."¹³ Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.¹⁴ Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

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Focus your thoughts on God's name used in these verses - *Jehovah Jireh*: The Lord Our Provider. Identify key words, verbs, and the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the passage.

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1 Samuel 17 (NASB)

Read 17:1-3 – Description of the battle site

17:4 – Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

Read 17:5-10 – Description of the giant

17:11 – When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Read 17:12-25 – The young man, David

17:26 – Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?”

Read 17:27-36 – More details

17:37 – And David said, “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you.”

Read 17:38-39 – More details

17:40 – He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd’s bag which he had, even in *his* pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

Read 17:41-54 – David’s battle with the giant

NOTE 17:45-47 – Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD’S and He will give you into our hands.”

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Focus your thoughts on God’s name used in these verses - *Jehovah Tsaba*: The Lord Our Warrior. Identify key words, verbs, and the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the passage.

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Judges 6:1-24; 7:1-15 (NASB)

6 Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD gave them into the hands of Midian seven years.

Read 6:2-5 – The Devastation of the Midianites

6 So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.

Read 6:7-9 – The LORD Promises Delivery

10 and I said to you, "I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not obeyed Me." **11** Then the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save *it* from the Midianites. **12** The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior."

Read 6:13-21 – Gideon's Conversation

22 When Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD, he said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face." **23** The LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die." **24** Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it The LORD is Peace (Hebrew: *Yahweh-Shalom*). To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Read 7:1-7 – Gideon & 300 Men

8 So the 300 men took the people's provisions and their trumpets into their hands. And Gideon sent all the *other* men of Israel, each to his tent, but retained the 300 men; and the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

Read 7:9-14 – The LORD Reveals the Midianites' Fear

15 When Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship. He returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the camp of Midian into your hands."

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Focus your thoughts on God's name used in these verses - *Jehovah Shalom*: The Lord is Peace. Identify key words, verbs, and the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the passage.

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Psalm 23 (NASB)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters. ³ He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

John 10:11-15 (NASB)

¹¹ I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*. ¹³ *He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵ even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

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ELOHIM: *The Strong Creator God*

Scripture: Genesis 1-2

Story: Story of Creation

- Most frequently used name
- God is separate from His creation
- He is a personal God
- God said
- God saw
- God separated
- God called
- Then He rested
- He sanctified the seventh day

JEHOVAH: *The Relational God*

Scripture: Exodus 3:10-16

Story: God appears to Moses in a burning bush

- God is relational
- God reveals Himself to us
- God has a plan and purpose
- "Certainly, I will be with you!"
- God sees His children
- You have worth & value in God's eyes
- The more you know God, the more you should want to know about God

ADONAI: *The God Who Rules*

Scripture: Exodus 4:1-13

Story: Moses questions God's call

- He is the God of power and authority
- Identify the "What Ifs" in your life (doubt, fear)
- God is able to use the basic ability or tool in your hand
- God will teach us and give us the right words
- Even when you are in the desert, He sees you and has His hand on your life

Reflections & Review: Select 2 or 3 personal insights you would like to apply to each name of God.

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JEHOVAH JIREH: *The Lord Our Provider*

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14

Story: Abraham, sacrifice your son to Me

- Take your son – only son, son you love
- Offer him as a burnt offering
- Life is filled with trials – faith grows
- Obedience to the Lord when He calls
- God will ALWAYS provide
- Jesus is the Perfect Sacrifice

JEHOVAH TSABA: *The Lord Our Warrior*

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17

Story: The Battle with a Giant

- Goliath taunts the army of Israel
- Giants can cause us to tremble and fear
- We are called to stand for the Living God
- The LORD has delivered David before and He will deliver David again
- God uses your skills, talents, and abilities

JEHOVAH SHALOM: *The Lord is Peace*

Scripture: Judges 6:1-24; 7:1-15

Story: Gideon defeats the Midianites

- Examine the cycles or patterns in your life
- Follow my commandments
- The LORD knows and sees your potential
- The LORD has sent you, go in His strength
- Do you view yourself as “not enough?”
- God extends His peace to us even in the midst of the storm
- Jesus said, I have overcome the world

JEHOVAH ROHI: *The Lord My Shepherd*

Scripture: Psalm 23 & John 10:11-15

Story: The Good Shepherd cares for His sheep

- The Good Shepherd knows His sheep
- He makes us rest and He restores our souls
- For His name’s sake, He directs us in the paths of righteousness
- You are with us and we fear no evil
- You tend to our needs
- Goodness & lovingkindness are Your gifts

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