



# Primary Names of God



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**El** [*ehl*] – Ruler, Supreme King

Examples of Use: Used to invoke God's sovereignty over creation and personal circumstances.

Verses for Contemplation: Genesis 14:19-20, 2 Samuel 22:32-51, Psalm 136:1-26, Malachi 2:10

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**Eloah** [*ehl-oh-AH*] – Singular extension of 'El' often used in relation to God's salvation to his people.

Verses for Contemplation: Deuteronomy 32:15-18, Job 39:1-30, Proverbs 30:4-6, Nehemiah 9:16-25, Habakkuk 3:1-16

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**Elohim** [*ehl-oh-KHEEM*] – Plural extension of 'El' used 2,000+ times in the OT

Verses for Contemplation: Genesis 1:1, 1:26-27, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Psalm 82:1-8, Isaiah 54:4-8, John 1:1

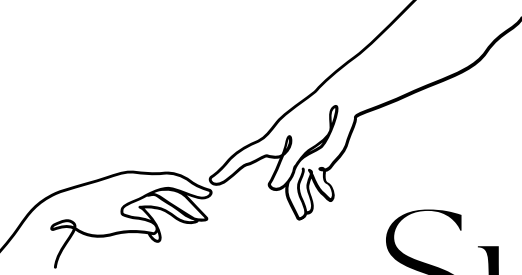
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**Yahweh** [*YAW-whay*] – He brings into existence; The God who is present

Examples of Use: The personal name God gives his people, often used in times where deliverance is needed, or exultation for deliverance is expressed (often shortened to 'Yah' in such usage).

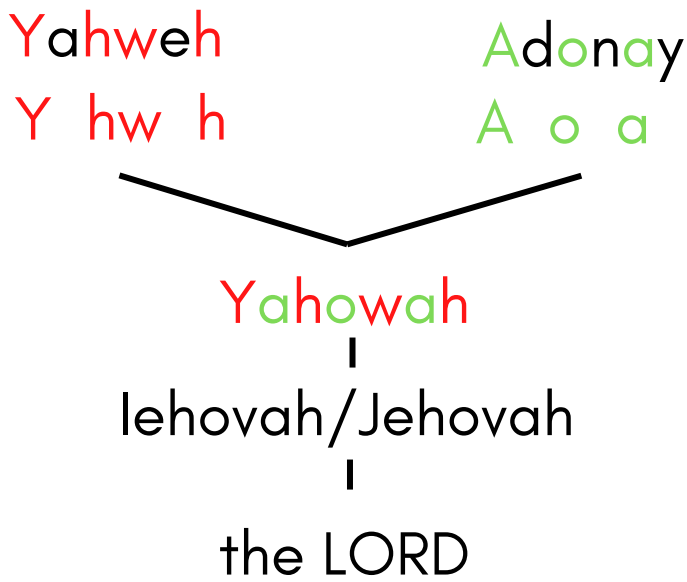
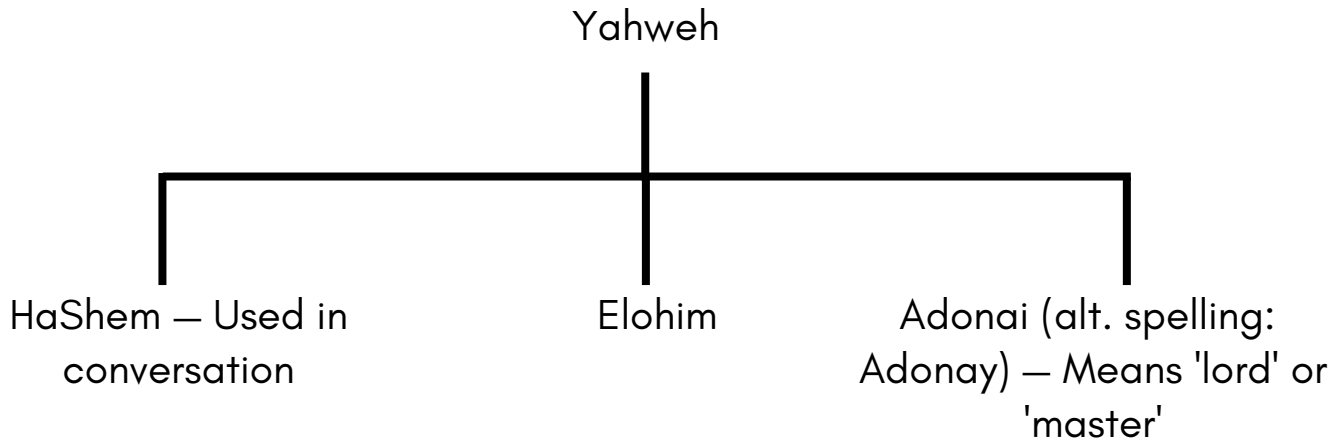
Verses for Contemplation: Exodus 3:1-15, 15:3, Psalm 19:1-14, 95:1-11, Amos 5:5-15, John 14:6

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# Substitutions

\*\* Because of fear for using God's name in vain, many other practices sprang up.



\*\* When Israelites were copying the scrolls of the Old Testament, they replaced the name of God 'Yahweh' with a mix of consonants and vowels from 'Yahweh' and 'Adonay'.

\*\* This was done as a visual reminder to the reader to say 'Adonay' even though 'Yahweh' is the original word.

\*\* When William Tyndale produced his translation of the Bible, not knowing this was an artificial word, he simply spelled out the name—Iehovah/Jehovah