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# *God's Names & Titles Mean Something*

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Lesson 7 - God's Names & Titles Mean Something

by — Mark D. Vogt

Everybody has a name. A name identifies a particular person as who they are. Not so much now, but in Biblical days of old many times a name described a particular characteristic or identifiable attribute of the individual.

For example, even in our day, a woman who is married may be called "honey," a term of endearment from her husband. If she has children, she may have the title or name of "mom." She may also go by her given first or last name, or a nickname depending on what her relationship is to those around her.

Therefore, it should come as no surprise that God would have a descriptive name as He manifests Himself to mankind. Yet, for the God of the universe, Who is so infinitely multifaceted, only one name or title would not do to describe Him.

God provided different names for Himself to mankind (especially to Israel) so as to indicate Who He was and what He could and would do. In this manner God was allowing humanity to get to know Him and not just to know about Him.

There are so many names and titles of the Almighty that these lessons could never cover them all. The foundational ones will be covered, and these will enable the reader to fix in their mind certain characteristics and attributes of God that will leave no doubt as



to the scope and magnitude of His being, God's overwhelming love, absolute power, and His passionate all-encompassing interest in *the work of His hands*.

E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913), in his work *The Divine Names and Titles*, has identified at least twelve names and seven titles of God.

A few following lessons will delve into some of these names and titles which have a great deal to express regarding the complexity of our Father.

Keep in mind that humanity, from the disruption and restoration of the Earth (see Genesis chapter 2-3) until very recently, had little or no mass communication technology. In the case of Israel, the priests had the copy of the law and prophetic Scriptures, but the average Israelite did not have ready access to this. Therefore, God expressed Himself to His people by the use of meaningful names and titles that they could remember, which would reinforce in the minds of the Israelites the things that God wanted them to meditate on.

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This free electronic publication is dedicated to:

- the absolute sovereignty and deity of God (Romans 11:36);
- the proclamation of the riches of God's abundant, exceeding grace (Romans 5:20; 11:6; Ephesians 1:7);
- the affirmation that God will save all through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (I Timothy 2:3, 4; 4:10; Titus 2:11);
- the universality of death and resurrection (I Corinthians 15:21);
- the unique gospel of Paul – which he calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13-28; Acts 20:24);
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- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding and fear (Mark 7:7, 13);
- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
  - total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);

- union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seated position among the celestials (Romans 6; Ephesians 2:6);
- adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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*We are always open for discussion, but never for disputation. – André Sneidar*

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# God's Name of El

## Bible Student's Courses

### Course 1: GOD / Unit 1 - An Introduction / Lesson 8 - God's Name of El

by — Mark D. Vogt

*I am the One, El ... (Genesis 31:13, CV).*

In studying the names and titles of God one must first realize that the English title for Him is "God." Most translations will simply use the rendering "God" when referring to the deity, and some also try to differentiate the various titles and names for God by utilizing upper and lower case letters ("God") and even lower case capital letters to distinguish God in His various capacities ("God") as He deals with humanity. This can be difficult to deal with when all that the reader of God's Word would want to know is in what capacity is God interacting with humanity in the context of that portion of Scripture that is being read.

This being the case, one of the first titles of God that we should consider is His name *El*. In this title He is depicted as *the Almighty One*, creating by His unlimited power (omnipotent), the One Who upholds all that He has created.

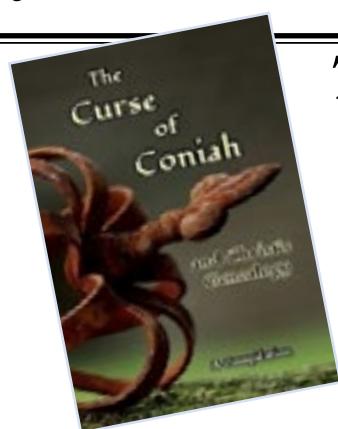
*El* speaks in this instance of the Deity that performs and brings to completion that which He desires. In other words, He is the Subjector Who subjects everything to the conditions He wants for His purposes and desires. In this sense the title of "*The Almighty*" fits perfectly. For example, Psalms 104:21 records the young lions roaring for their prey and as it were seeking *El* to meet their need (YLT).

Back in Genesis 14:18 (CV) He is *El-Supreme* ("the most high God," KJV). In Genesis 16:13 He is *El-of-Seeing* concerning Hagar (CV). In the very next chapter, Genesis 17:1, we see God as *El-Who-Suffices* in providing Abram (later to be Abraham) that which will enable a 99-year-old man to father a child that would be the genesis of a chosen people when all things would seem to contradict the thought of him being capable of doing such a thing.

In Genesis 21:33 the Deity is described as the *Eonian-El*. Most English translations translate this as the "Everlasting God." God is certainly everlasting or eternal, but that is not the idea in this passage of Scripture. God doesn't work in eternity in the Scriptures. He works in the "eons" or "ages" throughout the Scriptures so as to convey that *El* has a definite purpose and a way of accomplishing the result that He desires.

In Psalm 57:2 He is *El-Who-Performs-All-Things*. In other words, He begins a work and will bring it to completion. He will perform all that He needs to do.

In his work *The Divine Names and Titles* E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913) provides a plethora of references  
(see *EL*, page 8159)



76 pages

## *The Curse of Coniah and Christ's Genealogy (A Compilation)*

The virgin birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, was an absolute necessity, judging from the genealogies. At first glance the opposite seems to be the logical deduction. Why should His descent be traced back to David and Abraham unless He was their natural Heir? Why go back to Adam unless He had a perfect pedigree? Authors include: John Cale, Joseph Hartill, A.E. Knob and Fred Meldau.

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# God's Title Is Elohim

## Bible Student's Courses

### Course 1: GOD / Unit 1 - An Introduction / Lesson 9 - God's Title Is Elohim

by — Mark D. Vogt

*In a beginning Elohim created the Heavens and the Earth (Genesis 1:1, CV).*

**G**od's title of *Elohim* is introduced to us in Genesis 1:1 and is obviously the first mention of God's title or name. *Elohim* occurs in the Hebrew Scripture about 2,700 hundred times according to E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913), and it is the plural of the title *El* that was covered in lesson 8.

In the first nine verses of Genesis, we find *Elohim* mentioned around nine times. As Genesis is the first book of Scripture, and is the book of beginnings, we would expect that the name for God as the Creator would be prominently mentioned, and it is. That is exactly what *Elohim* means: Creator (*i.e.*, Originator). He is the Source and the Means whereby things come into being that were not there before. He is the only Source and Creator.

Some scholars believe that *Elohim* means a plurality of beings (*i.e.*, the "Trinity"). This may seem justified since, when the title *Elohim* is used, we often see plural pronouns like "we," "us" or "our," as in Genesis 1:26 where we read,

*And God [Elohim] said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ..." (KJV).*

However, the very next verse (:27), without missing a beat, says that *Elohim* created humanity in "His" (singular) image (CV).

*Elohim*, rather than a plurality of beings, is the plural expression meaning of *great magnitude, or great majesty*, when referring to God and His incomprehensible attributes or abilities. In other words, a singular expression denoting the English translation from *Elohim* to God would not be capable of fully conveying the magnitude and majesty of the Creator. The idea of *Elohim* meaning the plurality of persons is re-

jected, since there is only one God and He is singular and not a composite of three persons.

In the Old Testament Scriptures God in Genesis 1 is presented as the Creator, while in Genesis 2 and 3 God is presented with two titles together which is *Jehovah Elohim* (*cf.* 2:4; 3:1). *Jehovah* is the title given to God as the God of revelation. It is here that one finds *Jehovah*, as in "thus saith Jehovah," not "thus saith Elohim" (E.W. Bullinger, *The Divine Names and Titles*). **BSN**

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**Minor:** Creator; Majesty; Originator

# God Is Theos

## Bible Student’s Courses

### Course 1: GOD / Unit 1 - An Introduction / Lesson 10 - God Is Theos

by — Mark D. Vogt

**T**he aim here is not to set forth a comprehensive study on this subject, for that would be impossible given the scope of these lessons.

The goal is to give the student an inkling of the vast array of the various names and titles of God which He used to express Himself to His nation Israel mainly in the Old Testament, but to Israel and the Gentiles in the New Testament.

These names and titles of God convey various aspects of His interaction with humanity. The name *Elohim* (Creator), *El* (Subjector), and others mentioned in the previous lessons, paint a specific ability of God to meet the needs of His nation Israel and the Gentiles.

Another one of these titles is *Theos* (Greek) which is

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found in the New Testament. *Theos* is the Supreme Deity, and more specifically the *Placer*.

God is *Creator*, *Subjector*, and now the *Placer*. God creates everything, places everything and everyone exactly where He wants them, and subjects them to the conditions that He chooses. God does this with everything. There is not one thing, whether it be the smallest thing, such as an electron spinning around the core of an atom to the largest creature known to man, the whale, not to mention all the mountains, oceans and such, and lest we forget, all humans, that He has not placed precisely where it is. All are placed in the order that God desires because He is the *Placer*. He subjects all, and places all, after He created all.

Acts 2:36 says that God placed Jesus at Calvary and then subjected Him to crucifixion. After Christ’s cru-

## *The God of All Comfort*

by — Hannah Whitall Smith (1832–1911)

Hannah Whitall Smith was the author of the famed *A Christian’s Secret of a Happy Life*, first published in 1875. She was an influential author of “higher life” and “holiness” movements. Her books have been published by dozens of publishers over the years.

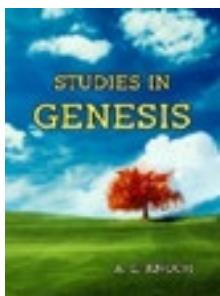
Remarkably, Smith would eventually come to see and embrace the salvation of all, with which came remarkable clarity in her ensuing works, *The God of All Comfort* being the most noteworthy.

This work offers many beautiful insights concerning God. This carefully edited and abridged edition should bring joy and encouragement to the hearts of many. See [order form](#) under “Other Authors.”

“Hannah Whitall Smith “got it.” I appreciate her insight and words.” – **PA**

“The precious comfort that Hannah Whitall Smith shared in her writing builds up faith and confidence in our Father’s love for us in a very tender way.” – **IN**

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668 pages

## ***Studies in Genesis***

by — A.E. Knoch  
(1874-1965)

A dispensational consideration of the first book of the Hebrew Scriptures.

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cifixion, resurrection and ascension God placed Him in a highly exalted position far above all Heavens. It is all God's work.

Imagine the world that did not have God's loving hand directing it. Although it looks like it has run amok, God is in complete control and knows what He is doing at all times. It's just that we can't see the end result, but God can. Isaiah 46:10 is very clear on this. God can declare "*the end from the beginning*" because, all that God desires He will do, since he planned it all (in His *Logos*) "and none can stay His hand" (Daniel 4:35).

Does anyone ever consider the fact that God has placed each and every human in the exact place they were supposed to be? Everybody was born where they were supposed to be born, placed in the family they were supposed to be placed in, born when they were supposed to be born, born in the country, state, city, and/or town they were supposed to be born in. They were born exactly in history when they were supposed to be born.

Actually, there is nothing that was left to chance concerning any human being's existence or experience.

God takes this type of meticulous care and precision in everything He does. Nothing is left to chance by God, nothing. He even places those who are not even going to hear the gospel, or if they hear it, places them in a position where they are in unbelief. Romans 11:32 says that God locks up all together in stubbornness. In other words, God makes sure we are unpersuadable. He does this so He can have mercy on all mankind.

Nothing is left to chance, and nothing is outside of the control of God. Not many things, or most things, but *all* things are under His control at all times. Praise and thank God for this reality. **ESN**

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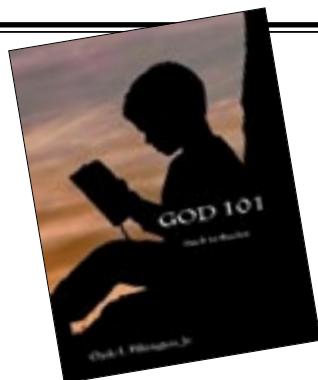
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**Minor:** Placer; Sovereignty



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## ***God 101: Back to Basics***

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Sadly, there are some who would teach of a god who somehow does not know all things, is not all powerful, is not sovereign, and is always changing his mind. This may be a god of religion, but it is not the God of Scripture. This work goes back to the basics, back to a scriptural foundation of the True and Living God.

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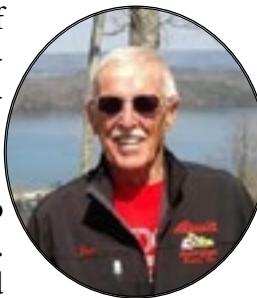
## OBITUARY.

# James "Jim" Leland Best

(1947-2023)

Our friend and brother Jim Best of Snover, MI has died. God intersected our lives a decade ago. He traveled to Windber a few times to see us.

Jim was a kind and tenderhearted soul who loved God and His glorious plan to save all. He enjoyed discussing the Scriptures and was a gracious supporter of our work.



His local obituary started by saying, "A bright light in Snover has gone out."

Rest well, dear brother. We will see you in the morning. The "BEST" is yet to come!

**TOPICS:**

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*El (continued from page 8155)*

demonstrating the all-encompassing meaning of God as *El*. He has listed 249 occurrences of this title *El*.

Exodus 15:2 is a great example of *El-Who-Suffices*, for this verse takes place right after Moses led Israel through the Red Sea and Israel looks back on the shore and witnesses the dead Egyptians, those same Egyptians who, only shortly before, would have slaughtered the Israelites had they caught up to them. Nehemiah 1:5 declares that *El-is-Awe-Inspiring*, He Who is keeping covenant with His people.

All of these verses and examples of the all-inclusive meaning of *El* are designed to enable the student of the Scriptures to gain a fuller and greater appreciation

of Who our God is. This certainly should dispel any notion that our God is some kind of fumbling deity who has allowed his creation to get away from him and is playing "catch up." No! God is the *Almighty God (El)* who is able to do what He says He will do and there is no turning on His part. He works throughout the ages or eons to bring about His plan, and His title of *El* demonstrates to us the omnipotence of our God Who is unlimited in power and in the ability to do what He says He will do and do it well.

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Polygamy and Monogamy  
Compared***  
by — James Campbell  
(originally published in 1869)  
142 pages

A reprint of the Christian Philanthropist James Campbell's classic work originally published in 1869 in Boston, Massachusetts.

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**NAMES (continued from front page)**

Today, although we have the written Word in our hands, because of the translation of the Scriptures into the English language the distinctions of God's names and titles have been obscured to the average reader who cannot investigate these distinctions if they are unaware of them.

Just a synopsis of God's names and titles will give the student a much clearer understanding and appreciation of our Father and His intense passion for His desire to reveal Himself to us and to demonstrate His multi-faceted personality so that we might KNOW our heavenly Father, not just know things *about* Him.

Even though many of these names and titles were specifically given to the nation of Israel, a study of them would be most beneficial. After all, II Timothy 3:16-17 says,

*All Scripture is inspired by God, and is beneficial for teaching, for exposure, for correction, for discipline in righteousness, that the man of God may be equipped, fitted out for every good act (CV).*

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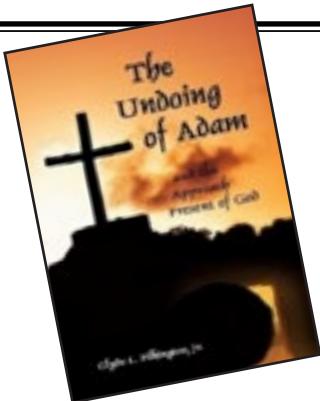


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by — Sir Robert Anderson  
(1841-1918)

188 pages (*See order form under “Anderson.”*)

This rare title has such chapters as: “What Grace Teaches,” “On Being Pilgrims,” and “The Intermediate State,” among others.



**The Undoing of Adam and the Approach Present of God**

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Christ is greater than Adam, undoing what Adam did. In fact, Christ's work at Calvary is greater than Adam's fall. All of God's creation will be gloriously saved by the successful work of “*the Savior of the world*” (John 4:42). Salvation is not dependent on us at all; it is all about Christ and His work alone. Paul taught that the exact same “*all*” who are condemned in Adam are the exact same “*all*” who are justified in Christ (Romans 5:18), and that the exact same “*all*” who die in Adam are the exact same “*all*” who are “*made alive*” in Christ (I Corinthians 15:22). Christianity has an Adam who is greater than Christ; however, it is Christ Who is greater than Adam.

**A note concerning the cover:** We wanted a cover that would immediately convey the theme of the book's content, choosing to go with a traditional “cross” scene to express the work of Christ at Calvary. Yet Christ did not die on a “cross” but was nailed to a simple “stake.” An explanation is provided in the appendix.

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