

# ***JEHOVAH IS OUR GOD***

Abraham became the first member of what was to be the Jewish race and the nation of Israel. God would now begin to reveal Himself to the entire world through these His chosen people as He would meet their every need on their journey to possessing the Promised Land. Various Old Testament names were used to reveal the Lord as He met these needs. Holy men of God were inspired and instructed to record these names and events in order all mankind could know the True, Loving and Living God and to know He is able and willing to meet these same needs for all those who call upon His name. Those who call upon the Lord and receive His Holy Spirit will have the power to become children of God and inherit His Eternal Kingdom. Here are some of those names of God:

**1. JEHOVAH-JIREH:** Describes man's greatest need. Abraham called the place in which he took Isaac and sacrificed the ram (which the Lord provided in Genesis 22:14) THE LORD WILL PROVIDE.

**2. JEHOVAH-ROPHI:** The Israelites, after being delivered from Egyptian slavery, began to murmur against God when the first waters they found on their way to the Promised Land, were bitter to drink. When Moses cried out to the Lord, the Lord showed Moses a tree, which, when he cast it into the waters, made them sweet. The Lord then instructed Moses to instruct the Israelites if they were obedient to Him, He would not bring any of the diseases upon them He brought upon the Egyptians, for He was the LORD THAT HEALETH THEE. (Ex. 15:26).

**3. JEHOVAH-NISSI:** The Lord vowed He would have war with Amalek through all generations (Ex. 17:16). As in the case of Moses, when we hold upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we will have victory over Satan, for the LORD IS OUR BANNER.

**4. JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH:** A study of the Tabernacle will help in understanding the meaning. As one approaches the altar of sacrifice with faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, he is justified, or delivered from the penalty of death. The blood of Jesus redeems, but, as illustrated by the Tabernacle, this is just the beginning of one's journey to the Promised Land. Jehovah is the LORD WHO SANCTIFIES.

**5. JEHOVAH-SHALOM:** Peace is the absence of fear and conflict. Man's three basic fears are death, sickness and poverty. As we learn about God, we begin to understand God's Holy Spirit is freely available to bring peace, joy, strength, patience and self-control. We who have the Holy Spirit have power over sin because the LORD IS OUR PEACE (Judges 6:24).

**6. JEHOVAH-ROHI:** Before David became King, he was a musician and shepherd. He wrote songs to the Lord throughout all his life, and many are in the book of Psalms. One of the most beloved is Psalm 23 where David looks upon the Lord as Jehovah-Rohi, THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD.

**7. JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU:** Jeremiah prophesied that a future king would one day reign in Jerusalem and described him as Jehovah-Tsidkenu meaning THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jer. 23:5-6). God is holy and His Son Jesus Christ is soon to reign over all from Jerusalem.

**8. JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH:** Fourteen years after the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Lord's temple, which was originally built by Solomon, the prophet Ezekiel, who was still in exile in Babylon, was taken to Jerusalem by God in a vision. In this vision Ezekiel was given a tour of a rebuilt Jerusalem. As he was standing in front of this new temple, the voice of the Lord, from inside the temple, told him this would be the place of His throne forever. Unlike the previous names of God, this final name pictures God's everlasting throne, THE LORD IS PRESENT. (Ezekiel 48:35)