

**Securities, Assurances, & Exchanges:** “Lord, lead me as you promised me you would; otherwise my enemies will conquer me. Tell me clearly what to do, which way to turn. For they cannot speak one truthful word; their hearts are filled to the brim with wickedness. Their suggestions are full of the stench of sin and death. Their tongues are filled with flatteries to gain their wicked ends” ([Psalm 5:8-9, TLB](#)). “Help, O Lord, for the godly are fast disappearing! The faithful have vanished from the earth” ([Psalm 12:1, NLT](#)), but the “...Lord God of Heaven’s Armies... is... entirely faithful” ([Psalm 89:8, NLT](#)). “Great is His faithfulness. His loving-kindness begins afresh each day” ([Lamentations 3:23, TLB](#)). God’s loving kindness exists even amidst adversity and trials. One example follows. “...Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them 400 years...” ([Genesis 15:12-14, TLB](#)). When Israel’s servitude ended, “the Lord... [gave] the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested.... And it came to pass at the end of the 430 years, ...all the armies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt” ([Exodus 12:36 & 41, NKJV](#)). Fulfillment of this promise occurred because God kept “...the oath, which He had sworn unto [their] fathers...” ([Deuteronomy 7:8](#)), and “...redeemed from slavery [the oppressed] to be [His] own people...” ([1 Chronicles 17:21, NLT](#)).

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Thus, He says, “...Put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them” ([Numbers 6:27, NKJV](#)). Why? “...You do not belong to yourself but to God...” ([1 Corinthians 6:19-20, GNT](#)). “...My people... are called by my name...” ([2 Chronicles 7:14](#)). “The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; **the godly** run to Him and are safe” ([Proverbs 18:10, NLT](#)). “Lord, there is no one like you! For you are great and your name is full of power” ([Jeremiah 10:6, NLT](#)). “In times of trouble, ...may the name of the God of Jacob keep you safe from all harm. Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God” ([Psalm 20:1, 5, & 7, NLT](#)). “...I will protect those who trust in my name” ([Psalm 91:14, NLT](#)). “Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads” ([Revelation 14:1, NKJV](#)). “Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is excellent...” ([Psalm 148:13](#)). “The Lord commanded Moses to tell Aaron and his sons, ‘You must not bring disgrace on my holy name, so treat with respect the sacred offerings that the people of Israel dedicate to me....’” ([Leviticus 22:1-2, GNT](#)); but Eli’s sons disregarded that command ([1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22](#)). “Do not make a promise in my name if you do not intend to keep it; that brings disgrace on my name...” ([Leviticus 19:12, GNT](#)). “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will NOT hold him [or her] guiltless who takes His name in vain” ([Exodus 20:7, NKJV](#)). More importantly, “...the Lord will NOT abandon His people, because that would dishonor His great name.

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For it has pleased the Lord to make you His very own people” ([1 Samuel 12:22, NLT](#)). “So now confess your sin to the Lord... and do what He demands...” ([Ezra 10:11, NLT](#)). “...I will court her again and bring her into the wilderness, and I will speak to her tenderly there. There I will give back her vineyards to her and transform her Valley of Troubles into a Door of Hope. She will respond to me there, singing with joy as in days long ago in her youth after I had freed her from captivity in Egypt. In that coming day, ...she will call me ‘My Husband’ instead of ‘My Master.’ O Israel, I will cause you to forget your idols, and their names will NOT be spoken anymore. At that time I will make a treaty between you and the wild animals, birds and snakes, not to fear each other anymore; and I will destroy all weapons, and all wars will end. Then you will lie down in peace and safety, unafraid; and I will bind you to me forever with chains of righteousness and justice and love and mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness and love, and you will really know me then as you never have before ” ([Hosea 2:14-20, TLB](#)). “...The Lord will pity His people and jealously guard the honor of His land. The Lord will reply, ‘...I am sending you grain and new wine...’” ([Joel 2:18-19, NLT](#)). We need not be afraid for our safety except as we depart from the way of the Lord. “Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night...” ([Psalm 91:5, NLT](#)). “If you belong to the Lord, reverence Him, for everyone who does this has everything [s/he] needs” ([Psalm 34:9, TLB](#)). “...No good thing will He withhold from those who walk along His paths” ([Psalm 84:11, TLB](#)).

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## Significance of God's Name:

- a) El Shaddai ("God Almighty")
- b) El Gibbor ("God of Strength")
- c) Magen Avraham — "Shield of Abraham"
- d) YHWH Elohe Tzevaot ("...God of Hosts--armies")
- e) YHWH-Yireh (Yahweh-Yireh) — "The Lord will provide" (Gen 22:13, 14)
- f) YHWH-Rapha— "The Lord that healeth" (Exodus 15:26)
- g) YHWH-Niss"i (Yahweh-Nissi) — "The Lord our Banner" (Exo 17:8-15)
- h) YHWH-Shalom — "The Lord our Peace" (Judges 6:24)
- i) YHWH-Ra-ah — "The Lord my Shepherd" (Psalms 23:1)
- j) YHWH-Tsidkenu — "The Lord our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6)
- k) YHWH-Shammah — "The Lord is present" (Ezekiel 48:35)

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