

Names of God – Elohim

Intro: It is the first word translated God in the Scriptures. Elohim is at first the God of Creation. He is also presented very early as Elohim who makes covenants with those whom He has created. Let us observe the meaning we can find in both concepts.

1. Background

- A. Remember, all the names of God found in the Bible.
- B. Elohim used 2,570 times in KJV.
- C. Elohim, by definition, is described as someone under obligation of an oath. Elohim makes promises and keeps them.
- D. By definition, God (Elohim) is a reliable covenant maker as well as the creator of the universe as we know it.

2. Elohim – The Covenant Maker

- A. With Noah as found in Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17
- B. With Abraham – Genesis 17
- C. He remembers what he has created. Consider Rachel, Jacob and Israel.
- D. David exhorts his readers to remember that God remembers us.
Psm 111:5; 42:5, 11

3. Elohim – The Creator

- A. It is the first thing he wants us to know about him.
- B. His being creator is constantly brought to our minds throughout the Bible- See Isaiah as an example.
- C. See how belief in God as creator was presented as a source of peace and insight for Job during his personal life tragedy and turmoil.

Conclusion: Elohim is presented as the God of great power. By his spoken word, he is able to create the world and those that dwell on it. By his power, he is able to make promises that cannot be broken. Through these two ideas, we begin to know a God of great might who desires to connect with loyalty to his creation.