

Names of God part 14

Name: El-Elyon (ale el-yone')

Passage: Daniel 4:17-34; Genesis 14:18-20

Now, God uses the name El-Elyon to reveal to us His power and majesty. El-Elyon means the most high, supreme, elevated, or lofty One. This name appears in the Bible in all three languages that the Bible was written in. It appears in Aramaic in the book of Daniel (in chapters 3-5 10 times), in Hebrew (53 times), and in Greek (4 times in Mark 5:7; Luke 8:28; Acts 16:17; and Hebrews 7:1). All together, it appears 67 times in 3 Bible languages. This is a very important name that God did not want us to miss!

El-Elyon speaks of God's majesty and exalted position. He is higher than the highest! (Luke 1:32,35) El-Elyon is the supreme ruler of all the kingdoms of men and His rule is absolute. (Daniel 4:34; Psalms 83:18) Because El-Elyon is omnipotent, no one can ever overthrow Him and His authority is immutable. (Psalm 18:13-14) You can also find this name as Jehovah (LORD)-Elyon, a compound name of Jehovah, in Psalms 7:17; 47:2; 97:9.

Because of His exalted position, El-Elyon will be worshipped forever! Many people have tried to take worship away from El-Elyon and have failed. When Nebuchadnezzar refused to recognize El-Elyon as the Most High, Nebuchadnezzar was made to graze grass like a common animal! (Daniel 4:25-37) Satan and the angels that followed him in rebelling against El-Elyon were humbled and cast out of heaven forever by El-Elyon. (Isaiah 14:12-15) El-Elyon will share His position and worship with no one! Anyone who tries to rebel against El-Elyon can rest assured that they will be humbled! (Psalm 107:10-13)

We are to magnify and worship El-Elyon because He is the Most High God. God wants everyone to know that He is the Most High God and worship Him as such. (Psalm 83:18) The Psalmist and Mary worship El-Elyon as the most High God! (Psalm 18:9-13 and Luke 1:32-35; 46-49) We should do the same!

El-Elyon, we magnify your name. You are truly an awesome God who deserves our worship and adoration! We recognize you as the Omnipotent God who rules over all mankind. Give us the grace to allow You to rule and reign over every area of our lives.