

## Names of God part 2

Name: Elohim

Passage: Genesis 1:1-4

When studying the Bible, there is a law of interpreting the Bible called the law of first mention. This law states that the first time a word is mentioned in the Bible sets a precedent for how it will be used throughout the rest of the Bible. God reveals Himself for the first time to us as Elohim. He uses this name often throughout the Bible. In Genesis chapter one, Elohim is used over thirty times alone. As you begin to look through the entire Old Testament, one will find the name Elohim two thousand five hundred and seventy times. If God uses this name so many times, then we should strive to understand what this name means.

As you are reading the Bible (King James Version), you will find that every time the word God appears it is referring to Elohim. In the Hebrew language, Elohim is a plural noun that refers to three or more. In this name of God, we see that He is a Trinity. "El" is the root of the word Elohim. El means the Mighty, Strength or Strong One. (Deuteronomy 10:17) It is this name of God that is the creative One who spoke everything into existence that we see.

Another meaning of El is the One that keeps covenants. (1 Kings 8:23) Because Elohim is the One who created everything and through His power sustains and keeps everything, then He can choose to enter a covenant with man and then keep that covenant continually!

If Elohim is the Creator of all, then we see that Jesus is Elohim because Colossians 1:16 declares that by Him was everything made! Because Elohim is the strong and powerful One, He is the one who created us. Through the blood of Christ, Elohim has now placed Himself into a covenant with man. (Hebrews 10:29)

Elohim we worship you for being the true and powerful God that you are. Without you creating us and sustaining us, we know that we would not exist! Thank you for choosing to enter into a blood covenant with us to give us a way to heaven! Please continue to create within us a heart that longs to know and worship you better!