

Names of God part 15

Name: Jehovah-Sabaoth (Jeh-ho-vaw' sab-ah-owth')

Passage: Psalm 89:1-8

God never revealed Himself to man as Jehovah-Sabaoth until the Israelites had entered the promise land. Then he revealed Himself by this name 235 times in the Old Testament and 2 times in the New Testament. Sabaoth (hosts) has a military meaning. It refers to an organized group of people going to battle. As Israel entered the promised land, they found that Jehovah-Sabaoth was the one who organized them for battle and went before them to fight and win many of there battles for them. (Joshua 5:13-15) He still does the same thing for us today. He is still the commander of the armies of heaven. (Daniel 4:35) We are commanded by God to always have on the armour of God and be ready to battle our adversary. (Ephesians 6:10-20; I Peter 5:8)

Also, Jehovah-Sabaoth speaks of God's leadership over all creations. He is in charge of all the hosts of heaven simply because He created them. (Genesis 2:1; Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 45:11-12) God controls all the hosts of the universe both animate and inanimate! (Psalm 84:11-12) There is nothing that Jehovah-Sabaoth is not the head of or has complete power over! (Psalm 89:6-8; Colossians 1:16-17) Because He have the control and power over everything, He will humble all who are proud and try to take his place or power over anything. (Isaiah 2:10-12)

Lastly, Jehovah-Sabaoth tells us of God's willingness to assist believers. Believers should find a great refuge in Jehovah-Sabaoth. (Psalm 46:7-11) As we find refuge in Him from the storms of life, we will find that he hears us and is at the ready to help us. (James 5:4; Romans 9:29 [only two time this name is mentioned in the New Testament.]) Jehovah-Sabaoth desires us to praise Him and will help us praise His name! (Psalm 103:21; 148:2)