

Names of God part

Name: El-Shaddai

Passage: Genesis 17:1-5; Genesis 28:3

The patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, etc..) did not know God by the name Jehovah because it was considered to sacred a name to even say or write. They were very familiar with the name El-Shaddai. El-Shaddai is “God (Elohim in singular) Almighty” or the “all sufficient mighty One”. This was the name that God revealed Himself as to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (Genesis 28:3; 35:11; 48:3-4)

Because El-Shaddai is the “All Mighty One”, He is the one who over rules the laws of nature and does miraculous things. This name of God is used 250 times in the Bible (KJV)¹ Just the name “Shaddai” is translated 48 times in the Bible (KJV)² as “Almighty” and 24 times as the word “Breast”³. From the uses of this name in the Bible, we see that El-Shaddai is the strength giver and satisfier of His people⁴. Nothing is impossible with El-Shaddai even if it violates the laws of nature and reason!

There are many times in the Bible when El-Shaddai worked in miraculous ways. Just one of those times is when He gave Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age. From man’s point of view Abraham and Sarah should have never been able to have a child; however, from El-Shaddai’s point of view it was just a way to show that He could do the impossible! Always remember, El-Shaddai desires to make us fruitful in our Christian life. (John 15:16)

El-Shaddai, we understand how powerful and might you are. Nothing is impossible for you. As humans, we have many limitations; but with you evens the laws of nature and reason do not limit You! Help us to never run ahead of you but rather to always what on you. El-Shaddai, we beg you through your power to make us fruitful in our Christian lives; for without you, we can never produce the fruit that we need to produce!

¹ Ibid, p. 3.

² Strong’s

³ ibid

⁴ names of God.