

JesusOnline Equip

Ministry Resources Hub

E1

A free resource from JesusOnline Ministries.

Read or share online: app.jesonline.com/post/32292-el

JesusOnline Equip · Ministry Resources Hub · equip.jesonline.com

Free media and discipleship resources for pastors, leaders, and growing disciples.

El

El is an ancient Semitic word for deity. In English, it will be translated as “god.” *El* is not a name. It refers to a divine being. So, YHWH (Yahweh/Jehovah) is the name of the Jewish *el* (deity) whom we call God in English.

Elohim is technically the plural form of *eloah*, another word for “god” or divine being. So, *elohim* can be translated as gods as in Exodus 20:3. In the Old Testament, *El*, *Eloah*, and *Elohim* are all used to refer to YHWH. But the most common term is *Elohim*.

ELOHIM —God, the Great Creator and Powerful Authority.

In the beginning God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)
For the LORD your God [Elohim] is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God. (Deuteronomy 10:17)

EL ELYON —The Most High God.

The oracle of the one who hears the words of God, and who knows the knowledge of the Most High [El Elyon], who sees a vision from the Almighty. (Numbers 24:16)

EL OLAM —The Everlasting God.

Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beer Sheba. There he worshiped the LORD, the eternal God [El Olam]. (Genesis 21:33)

EL ROI —The God who sees.

So Hagar named the LORD who spoke to her, “You are the God who sees me [El Roi],” for she said, “Here I have seen one who sees me!” (Genesis 16:13)

EL SHADDAI —God Almighty.

When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am the Sovereign God [El Shaddai]. Walk before me and be blameless. Then I will confirm my covenant between me and you, and I will give you a multitude of descendants.” (Genesis 17:1-2)

For an extensive study on spiritual beings as well as the names of God in the Bible, watch a video series, “[Spiritual Being](#)” by [BibleProject.com](#).