

WHO IS GOD AND WHERE IS GOD?

Who is God?

First mention of God in the Bible is in Genesis 1:1 “in the beginning God”

The name Elohim is used meaning: “Strong One, Mighty Leader, and Supreme Deity”.

Form of the word is in plural indicating plentitude of Power and Majesty and allowing for the New Testament revelation of the Tri-unity of the Godhead.

Names of God:

Elohim,	“Strong One”	Genesis 1:1
El Elyon,	“Most High,”	Genesis 14:22
El Olam,	“Everlasting God,”	Genesis 21:23
El Shaddai,	“Almighty God,”	Genesis 17:1
Adonai	“Lord (Master),”	Joshua 5:14

YHWH (Yahweh) “I am the One who is, the Active Self-existent One, Israel's Redeemer. Yahweh occurs 6,823 times in Old Testament and is especially associated with God’s holiness, His hatred of sin and His gracious provision of redemption.

Yahweh Jireh,	“The Lord Provides,”	Genesis 22:4
Yahweh Nissi,	“The Lord is my Banner,”	Exodus 17:1
Yahweh Shalom,	“The Lord is Peace,”	Judges 6:24
Yahweh Sabaoth,	“The Lord of Hosts,”	1 Samuel 1:3
Yahweh Maccaddeshcem,	“The Lord your Sanctifier,”	Exodus 31:13
Yahweh Raah,	“The Lord is my Shepherd,”	Psalms 23:1
Yahweh Tsidkenu,	“The Lord our Righteousness,”	Jeremiah 23:6
Yahweh Shammah,	“The Lord is there,”	Ezekiel 48:3
Yahweh Elohim,	“The Lord God of Israel,”	Judges 5:3, Isaiah 17:6

Theos,	“God”	Matthew 1:23
Kurios	“Lord”	Matthew 5:33
Despotes	“Master”	Acts 4:24
Pater	“Father”	John 4:24; 15:16

Where is God?

1. God is in Heaven above and on the earth below.

Joshua 2:11 “.....for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the

earth below.”

Acts 7:49 ”Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be?”

2. God is in the heaven and in the highest heaven.

I Kings 8:27 “But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!”

3. God is where you sit and where you stand, where you go and where you sleep, God is all around you.

Psalm 139:2-5, “You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.”

4. God is with you early in the morning and with you in all your troubles.

Psalm 139:9-10 “If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”

5. God in with you day and night.

Psalm 139:11 “If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light becomes night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you”

6. God was there when you were conceived in the secret place.

Psalm 139:15a “My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.”

7. God was with you in your mother’s womb.

Psalm 139:13 “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.”

8. God is near when you pray to Him.

Psalm 145:18 “The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on Him in truth.”

9. God is with all who love Him.

Psalm 145:20 “The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.”

10. God is with you when you are oppressed and hungry.

Psalm 146:7 “He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.”

11. God is with you in a strange country.

Psalm 146:9a “The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow,”

12. God is with those who are humble and repent from sin.

Isaiah 57:15 “For this is what the high and lofty One says He who lives forever, whose Name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

13. God is everywhere at the same time.

Jeremiah 23:23-24 "Am I only a God nearby, "declares the LORD, "and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 32:18-19 “O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds.

Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve.”

14. God is in charge of the universe now and in the future, and has given His Son Jesus Christ total and absolute power over everything – FOR THE CHURCH, which is His Body.

Ephesians 1:18-23 “I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything FOR THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY, the

fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.”