

002, In the beginning God
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The Bible is about God

Theological survey of the Book of Genesis – What Genesis tells us about God?

1. The names of God revealed in Genesis

- i. **Elohim** – The word in Genesis 1:1 that is translated God. Implies vast power and unlimited might. The plural form is used to refer to the one God. Let Us make man in Our image. God is clearly a plurality within a unity. The God who is filled with power and might.
- ii. **Jehovah or Yahweh** – We have translated this name Jehovah through the ages. Word means He is, and comes from the verb to be. A name that only belongs to God, He is eternally self-existent, always is. Under the name Jehovah, He is designated as Creator. Also possessor of the universe. Declared to be the one who sees. A number of other references. Under the name Jehovah, He is identified as the One Who is. The name God uses when He is speaking of His redemptive work. God's personal name—Jehovah. No other God's are named Jehovah. Whenever God makes covenants with people, He always uses the name Jehovah. God's eternal self-sufficiency and self-existence.
- iii. **Adonai** – Master, Lord, or Owner. Abraham used this terminology because he saw God as his master and lord. The one who is master of all.
- iv. **El Elyon** – The Most High God. Melchizedek. The exalted God who is to be worshiped.
- v. **El Shaddai** – The all powerful God. A declaration of God's ability to overpower nature and make Abraham a father. A father of many nations will I make thee. Able to overcome any circumstances to achieve His will.

- vi. ***El Olam*** – The everlasting God. Will never leave or forsake His people
 - vii. ***Jehovah-jireh*** – The Lord will provide. The one who will meet the needs of His people.
2. The Attributes of God revealed in Genesis
- i. ***The omnipresence of God*** – Having the ability to be at all places at the same time
 - ii. ***The omnipotence of God*** – Having unlimited power
 - iii. ***The omniscience of God*** – Having infinite knowledge
 - iv. ***The self-existence of God*** – Needing nothing outside of Himself
 - v. ***The holiness of God*** – Pure, undefiled, separate from sinners
 - vi. ***The righteousness of God*** – All God's actions are moral, He always does right.
 - vii. ***The grace of God*** – God provides unmerited salvation to people who do not deserve it in the face of their hatred towards God.

Biblical theology doesn't start with man, it starts with God. We must start all of our investigation and understanding with the God of the Bible, and from that perspective interpret everything else we see in life. We need to start with God. We need to start our thoughts, days, lives, marriages, with God... everything