

# *The Names of God*

YHWH (Yahweh/Jehovah)

*“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created,  
in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ...”*  
*Genesis 2:4*

## Day 1

Pray before you begin your study this week.

There is much speculation about the name YHWH. We will stick to one main thought, that this is the term that we now know and use: Jehovah.

Jehovah is mentioned 7,888 times in 6,668 verses in the King James Version of the Bible. It is used in conjunction with Elohim (God) 3,790 times in 1,595 verses. The exact phrase *LORD God* is used 532 times.

Read Genesis 2-3. What in these chapters stands out to you about the LORD God?

Look up the meaning of this name in a Bible dictionary, Strong's Concordance, etc. Record your findings here.

## Days 2

Pray.

After Genesis 3, beginning in chapter 4, God is simply referred to as *LORD*. We don't see Him referred to as *LORD God* again until once in chapter 9, twice in chapter 15, and continuing intermittently in chapter 24 through the end of the Old Testament.

Looking at the meanings and the context of the names *LORD* and *God*, contrast last week's name, Elohim, with this week's name, Jehovah.

What do these two names reveal to you about God?

## Day 3

Pray.

One of the most well-known passages where God reveals His name (*sort of*) is Ex. 3:13-15. Read this passage and summarize the situation.

The root word for the name which God (*Elohim*) gives to Moses is the Hebrew word *hayah*, which means *to be* or *to exist*. Why do you think this is how God reveals Himself to Moses? Why do you think He didn't give him an actual name?

#### Day 4

Pray.

In Revelation 1:4, 8, John uses a phrase to describe God which is the Greek equivalent to Yahweh/Jehovah. Read these verses and then write out how John describes God (*as far as God existing*).

This name, more of a title really, is used several times in the book of the Psalms. Read each of the following verses and record your thoughts on the LORD being the existing One.

Ps. 2:11

Ps. 3:4

Ps. 4:5-6

Ps. 4:8

Ps. 8:1

Ps 9:1

*Continued on next page...*

Ps. 9:7

Ps. 10:16

Ps. 11:4

Ps. 14:2

Ps. 16:8

Ps. 18:46

Ps. 24:3

#### Day 5

Pray.

*Reflection:* Oftentimes, when I think of God as Jehovah, I become overwhelmed. How could someone exist without beginning or end? How could someone exist without being created? I believe and trust that He is who He says He is...HE IS GOD! Our brains do not have the capacity to comprehend this truth about Him. We must take it on faith that He was, and is, and is to come. Take some time today to dwell on God as the Existing One, the I AM WHO I AM. Yes, you may become overwhelmed and your head may spin from the sheer fact that you will never fully comprehend Him in this life. Thank Him for that! Who wants a God that can be fully, entirely understood, a God who can be put into a box? Not me!!!