

STUDY NOTES FROM KAREN HOERDEL'S "HEBREW NAMES OF GOD" TEACHING SERIES

ELOHIM

**ELOHIM = power; dynamic power; creative power; governing power;
All power.**

A. Singular form (**EL**) used in the Bible 250 times.

EL = The Strong One = Strength, Mighty

Indicates the great power of God. Many individuals in the Bible have **EL** incorporated into their names: **Israel** (prince of God); **Daniel** (God is my judge); **Elijah** (The Lord is God); **Samuel** (heard of God).

Places: **Bethel** (house of God).

Isaiah 9:6 - the Mighty God (**EL**).

B. Plural form used in the Bible 2570 times.

ELOHIM may be used of the true and living God - capital "G", but it may be used of false gods: god, gods - small "g".

Daniel 11:36-37

The plural form **IM** suggests the **TRINITY**, a compound unity, "one" made up of more than one part, "**ECHAD**" (compared to "**YACHID**" a singular form of "one").

Genesis 1:26 - Let us

Deuteronomy 6:4 - the Sh'ma - Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD

Genesis 2:24 - one flesh

Numbers 13:23 - one cluster of grapes

1. CREATIVE POWER

Genesis 1-2:4 - Elohim alone is used and that 35 times

Genesis 1:1 (note verse 2 - spirit of Elohim)

Colossians 1:16-17 - Jesus as Creator

Proverbs 8:22-30

John 1:1-3,10

I Corinthians 8:6

Ephesians 3:9

Hebrews 1:2,10

2. GOVERNING POWER

Psalms 75:6-7

Hebrews 1:8

Revelation 19:15 - Jesus rules

3. ALL POWER - OMNIPOTENT

Genesis 24:3 - God of heaven and earth

Matthew 28:18 - all power is given to Jesus

4. SOVEREIGN POWER

Isaiah 44:6,8; Isaiah 45:5-7,18 - there is no other
Revelation 1:8,11 - Jesus is the Almighty

5. POWER TO MAKE AND KEEP A COVENANT

Whenever God made covenants, agreements, contracts, the name Elohim is used.
Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses - You!

Genesis 17:3-4 - Abraham

Genesis 28:13,15 - Jacob

Jeremiah 31:31-33

Matthew 26:28 - Jesus blood covenant

CONCLUSION:

Psalm 57:2 - Elohim performs all things for me.

II Peter 1:2-3 - Jesus has given us all power for life and godliness.

Elohim alone is the strong faithful God. What His mouth has spoken, His mighty arm of power will perform.

There is blessing and comfort in this great Name of God, signifying supreme power, sovereignty and glory, on one hand,

“for Thine is the kingdom and the power and glory”;

and on the other hand signifying a covenant relationship which **He is ever faithful to keep.**