

Hello! This is Dorothy -

In order to make Himself known to man, God had to condescend to be on the very level of man to accommodate Himself to the limited and finite human consciousness and to speak to us in human language. The names of God are of divine origin and not of human invention. God, the incomprehensible One, is exalted above all that is temporal, but He shows His loving and condescending approach to us by His self revelation through His names. Oh, learn the names of God! He is speaking to us through these names; He is meeting us.

You know, in names like Elijah, Elohim, and Elisha begin with *El*, and we find *el* at the end of Israel. There are many, many names attached to *El*. **Elohim** is one of the three primary name of God. One of the compound names we are going to talk about is **El Shaddai**. You have probably heard a song of this many years ago. In **Genesis 17:1** —

. . . the Lord appeared to Abram and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; - *El Shaddai - Almighty God - All sufficient One*. Here *El* refers to the strong one or strength. That little part that says *shad* - *El Shaddai* - is speaking of a Hebrew work, which means breast. You have seen a little newborn cuddling up to its mother,

getting the comfort and the love and the support and the nourishment. That is the thought; speaking of God who nurtures and sustains us. He is all that we need! Please say that right now out loud: *He is all that I need!* You need no one else but Him; He will bring you through. Take that as your promise today. *Shaddai* is derived from the word *shaddad*, which means the little phrase, *be powerful*, and points to God as possessing all power: all power in heaven; all power on earth. Putting it together, **El Shaddai** means God nurtures and sustains us. He is all power in Heaven and on earth for all that we need.

Back in **Genesis 16:13**, there is another phrase beginning with *El*. There we read **El Roi**, *the strong One Who sees*. You might remember the story of the pregnant lady, Hagar, the bond slave who ran from the tent of Abram and Sarai. God spoke to her at the well and revealed His name as *El Roi*, *the strong One Who sees*. He sees you today right where you are.. He is meeting you where you are. You cannot run from Him; He is there.

The other name I want to speak about is **El Elyon**, *the strongest strong One*. Oh, these amazing names! Back in the **Book of Daniel, chapter 4 and verse 32**, we read . . . **until thou know that the most High- that is speaking of God - ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The**

most High God - *El Elyon, the strongest strong One*. You know, this is an amazing word not only for them, but for us today. We see things happen internationally and nationally and God is in total charge. He allows that different people have certain positions, but He gives it in His divine plan. He is dealing not only with nations but with the individuals, with the people of God in the nation at that time. We read that King Nebuchadnezzar (in the time of **Daniel chapter 4** in this very same passage) was the one who had caused this captivity of Judah. That is when the times of the Gentiles began. He was the one, who established the first of the four world monarchies that we read of in many passages of Scripture. But because of his pride and his arrogance, Nebuchadnezzar became insane. You see, he thought he was like God. “Nobody can touch me! I do not need God!” And he was reduced to being as an animal in the field. That condition is called lycanthropy. He boasted, “Is not this great Babylon that I have built?” Have you done that? “Look what I have done!” Have you said those words? This is what Nebuchadnezzar said as he ended up claiming —

30 . . . I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?

31 While the word was in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And they shall drive thee - they shall take you out - from

men and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field . . .

Why? Because . . . the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The other *El Elyon* is found in **Isaiah 14** when Satan wanted to make himself as God and we read -

12 . . . O Lucifer, son of the morning, how art thou cut down to the ground which - speaking of Satan - didst weaken the nations!

We are dealing today with *El Shaddai*, the Almighty God, the all sufficient One; *El Roi*, the strong One Who sees your life, and *El Elyon*, the strongest One, the Most High. This is Almighty God. Turn to Him.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.