

An Examination of The Lord—The Names of God
“LORD” Vs. “Lord”—Genesis 2:1-25

This is the next name of God revealed to us. It is given to us in the compound form “LORD God” or “Jehovah-Elohim”. It is extremely significant that this name appears second in Scripture and the context of which God reveals it. It is not just the definition of the name that we learn, but the context of which God reveals it gives it great meaning and significance as well.

Always remember this principle: The names of God and usage are very significant. They are not pulled out of a hat and inserted willy-nilly.

Not A Name Change

Jehovah-Elohim or Jehovah is not a name change. Rather it is another revelation of the Lord. **Malachi 3:6—“For I am the LORD, I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed”** **Hebrews 13:8—“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”** So we see that God does not change. His Names do not change. Rather, it is a further revelation of Himself that He has seen fit that we should know. God is ever who He is—He just makes it known to us, giving us a fuller revelation of Himself.

LORD vs. Lord —or— Jehovah vs. Adon(ai)

Before we go further, we want to make a distinguishment in our English, King James Bible. I know we have pointed this out before, but it bears repeating. In our KJV Bible, the translators/printers distinguished between these two Names by using different “case”. We need to know our Bibles. We need to know how they work. We need to know subjects and their locations. We need to know where books are at, what their main subjects are; perhaps even some chapters of the Bible it would be good to commit to memory what those chapters are about; we need to know timelines of when books of the Bible occur; the prophets of who they prophesied unto and when they were prophesying. All of these things are the duties of those who would be disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. **2Timothy 2:15—“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”** We need to have a working knowledge of our Bibles. What good is a sword if you do NOT know how to use it.

You will observe the distinguishment between Jehovah and Adonai very easily by turning to **Genesis 15:1,2—“After these things the word of the LORD [Jehovah] came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceedingly great reward. And Abram said, Lord [Adonai] GOD [Jehovah], what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is the Eliezer of Damascus?”** One will note that the Name “LORD” of **Genesis 15:1** is in all capital letters. This is how we know that the original Hebrew/Aramaic is “Jehovah”. When we find it as “Lord” in **Genesis 15:2** it is written with the first letter being capitalized and the rest in lower case. This is how we know that the Name is “Adonai” [meaning “Master”] and not Jehovah. Furthermore, you will note that the translators/printers have the Name “GOD” in all capital letters. This again teaches us that this is not “Elohim” but rather is “Jehovah”. So God appears to Abram as “Jehovah” (**Genesis 15:1**) and Abram calls Him “Adonai-Jehovah”.

We need to be aware of the usage of our English Bibles for our personal study or perhaps we might be discipling another and not disciple them correctly.

Let us return to our text and Name: **Genesis 2:1-25** and “Jehovah” or “LORD”.