

WHO IS JEHOVAH ELOHIM?

The original manuscripts that compose the Bible (please read article GE-2, “God’s Divine Blueprint”) did not just contain the words of God. They were the words of God. Most of the original documents that constitute the Old Testament were written in the Hebrew language. The documents that compose the New Testament were written in the Greek language. These were the inspired words of God.

Without getting too technical, please allow me to share that the Hebrew name אֱלֹהִים is pronounced *yeh-ho-vaw* in the English language and means “The Self-Existent One” or “The Eternal One”. Most of the time we pronounce the name with a “J” rather than with a “Y” so that it will flow easier on our English tongue. Many times the translators simply translated the name as “The Lord” in our English translations.

Often the name “Jehovah” was used in the Hebrew Old Testament books in combination with the Hebrew name that is pronounced “*el - o - heem*” in English. In most cases, the translators simply translated the name as “God” in the English translations. The Hebrew name “*el - o - heem*”, however, should be translated “The Three Mighty Ones”. This combination of “Jehovah Elohim” is best translated into English, “The Self-Existent, Eternal Three Mighty Ones”. This combination is found many times throughout our copies of the Old Testament and was usually translated “Lord God” although the use of the names “Lord God” does not give the best understanding of the passage. We would get a much better understanding of the passage if the combination of names would have been translated more accurately as “The Self-Existent, Eternal Three Mighty Ones”.

In our next article, “Who Created the Heavens and The Earth?”, we will give an example of how using this more accurate translation enlightens us to the fact that the triune Godhead, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, existed from the beginning and created all things that exist today. You have been reading article GE- 48. Free reprints of past articles are available – 318-346-2970.