

## Appendix to HC Teaching – Names of God

### Non-exhaustive list of names of God in the Old Testament

**EI:** The oldest Semitic word meaning 'God'. Connotes strength and power. Literally 'The Strong One'. Also used as the word for other 'gods' so, when being used to describe the God of Israel, it is almost always distinguished by additional words (e.g. *EI Shaddai* – God *Almighty*).

**Elohim:** Also translated 'God'. Used over 2000 times in the Old Testament. Often denotes a plurality of majesty and honour, i.e. GOD in the fullest sense of the word. Gen 1:1. Also used to distinguish the God of Israel from other gods i.e. GOD of gods (literally ELOHIM of Elohim) (Deut 10:17).

**Ruach Elohim:** The Spirit of God. Gen 1:2. Ruach is spirit/breath.

**Yahweh:** Lord or LORD. Covenantal name of God. The name given to God as He has revealed Himself to Israel. The sacred name. The personal name of Adonai.

**Adonai:** Lord, Master. Adonai is spoken by Jewish people instead of 'Yahweh' as 'Yahweh' is considered too sacred to speak.

**Jehovah:** Essentially an Anglicised version of Yahweh, constructed when the consonants of Yahweh (YHVH) were mixed with the Hebrew vowel points of Adonai. Became the popular name for God in the King James Version. 'Lord' or 'LORD' is now written in most English translations today. Mostly used in conjunction with other terms (e.g. Jehovah *Raah* – The Lord my *Shepherd*).

**EI Shaddai:** God Almighty. Gen 17:1

**EI Elyon:** God Most High, the Most High God. Most exalted God. Psa 57:2.

**EI Olam:** The Everlasting God. The Eternal God. Gen 21:33

**EI Roi:** The God who Sees (me). Gen 6:13

**EI Hakkadosh:** Holy God. Is 5:16.

**Jehovah Raah:** The Lord my Shepherd. Psa 23:1

**Jehovah Shalom:** The Lord is Peace. Jdg 6:24

**Jehovah Jireh:** The Lord Will Provide. Gen 22:14.

**Jehovah Rapha:** The Lord who Heals. Exd 15:26.

**Jehovah Nissi:** The Lord my Banner. Exd 17:15.

**Jehovah Sabaoth:** The Lord of Hosts. 1 Sam 1:3

**Jehovah Mekoddishkem:** The Lord who Sanctifies you (The Lord who sets you apart). Exd 31:13

**Immanuel:** God is with us. Is 7:14. A name given to the Messiah.