

EL ELYWN (God Most High)

INTRODUCTION

This paper will look at the divine name 'EL ELYWN' (God Most High). We will extract the meaning of the name through the composition of the Hebrew letters. Each Hebrew letter has a meaning¹; for example: Aleph has the meaning 'Ox' or 'Sacrificial Ox'. Each Hebrew letter also stands for a number. For example: Aleph is 1. All numbers have spiritual meanings in the Bible². When we read a name of God in Scripture the letter pictures and numerical values provide layers of depth into its meaning. Through understanding we may worship his holy name in spirit and truth.

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To appreciate this name, we encourage the reader to review Genesis chapter 12 to 14, the account of Abram and Lot, the defeat of Kedorlaomer, and the celebration of bread and wine administered by Melchizedek.³ Melchizedek introduced this name to Scripture concerning the blessing of Abram:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor⁴ of Heaven and Earth; and blessed be God Most High who delivered your enemies into your hand." (Genesis 14:19-20)

The Hebrew letters of the name of God:



The spiritual numbers of each word in the name are instructive: **EL** 'Family' (31) [31 = 30 + 1] and **ELYWN** 'Detest Idol Worship' (166) [166 = 70 + 30 + 10 + 6 + 50]. It makes perfect sense for this name of God to appear in connection with Abram, since Abram detested idol worship. His father Terah was an infamous idol worshipper (Joshua 24:2) who lived beyond the River. Abram left the land of his father, which was Chaldea, because of God's call, and a desire to live in a land without idol worship.

¹ The meaning of Hebrew letters is presented in depth on Page 22.0 Hebrew on our website.

² The spiritual meaning of Bible numbers is explained in our Number Maps available on the home page of the website.

³ We also recommend reading our paper 'The covenant of Melchizedek' on Page 15 Covenants on our website

⁴ This word is often translated 'Creator' of Heaven and Earth, but that is incorrect: the word means to possess, to own.

The meaning of the Hebrew letters tells us **God Most High** is a blood hound: (reading right to left)

OX ~ TRAIL OF BLOOD ; EYES OF LORD ~ TRAIL OF BLOOD ~ MAN ~ (of) AUTHORITY ~ PRIDE OF LIFE

The first two Hebrew letter / words tell us who this God is:

OX ~ TRAIL OF BLOOD

This God is **Jehovah Elohim**: the Suffering Servant, the Conquering King, the Messiah, Jesus Christ the Lord. For further insight into this name, we invite you to read our paper on **Jehovah Elohim**.

The last five Hebrew letters / words tell us what he does:

EYES OF LORD ~ TRAIL OF BLOOD ~ MAN ~ (of) AUTHORITY ~ PRIDE OF LIFE

God Most High has his eyes on men with authority. He watches their steps to see if they shed innocent blood. He watches their hearts to see if they become puffed up by power and possessions.

There are seven letters in this name of God. Seven is the number for 'Justice'. **God Most High** judges men of authority and he brings their deeds to justice.

This corresponds to the role of **Jehovah Elohim** as the 'Holy Man' (8) of the 'Court of the LORD' (84). **Jehovah Elohim** brings Kings to justice. In their duties on earth, kings rule over their subjects and bring those who transgress to justice. But who brings the kings of the earth to justice? **God Most High**.

Kedorlaomer was a king of Elam (southern Persia) who was an idol worshipper. His name comes from the words 'kudur' (servant) of 'Lagamar' (a goddess in the Elam pantheon). The five kings of the plain of the Jordan were subject to this king and rebelled. Kedorlaomer had in mind not only to bring the five kings back into submission, but to teach the surrounding kingdoms a lesson. So Kedorlaomer brought three mighty allies with him (Shinar (Babylon); Ellasar; and Goiim) on a campaign and **Kedorlaomer fought seven nations in the area and defeated them all** (Rephaims; Zuzims; Emims; Horites; Amalekites; Amorites; and the Canaanites [the five kings of the plain]).

God Most High looked down on these events and ruled against Kedorlaomer. Kedorlaomer had punished smaller nations that were not guilty of rebelling against him. He had used excessive force against those smaller nations and had not given them opportunity to plead their case or to negotiate peace. His military defeated the five kings of the plain but instead of replacing the kings he seized all the goods, all the people, and all the food of those kings and carried them away. Innocent people, including Lot, were taken prisoner and became the spoil in another's war. Kedorlaomer had used the rebellion of the kings as an excuse to unjustly enrich himself through the use of force.

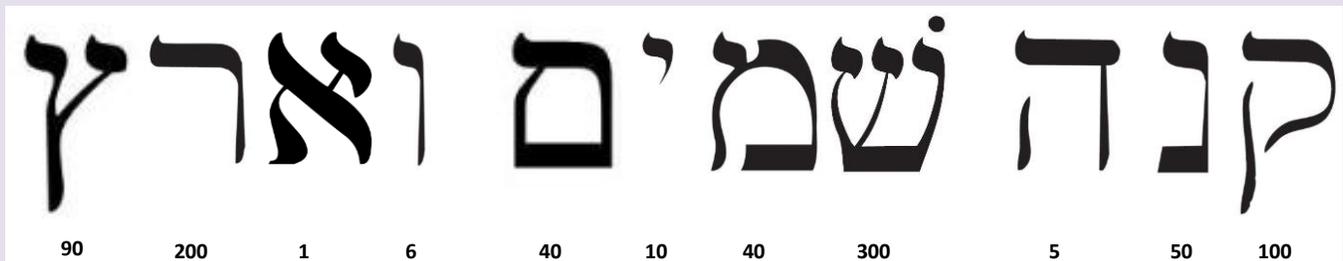
How did Abram defeat Kedorlaomer? He only had 159 men (he had divided his force of 318 men before he crossed the river). In Genesis 14:17 it says: "**After Abram returned from slaughtering**

Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him...”. The word ‘slaughter’ is the same word used to describe David killing Goliath. We don’t know, but Scripture hints that Abram and his 159 men who crossed the river at night may have assassinated every one of the four kings. This could explain how the great armies of the east fell into disarray and fled before Abram. It would also have been divine justice at play, because it was Kedorlaomer who was the villain of the story. It was only fitting he would pay with his life for his evil deeds.

With this explanation of the events we now see why it was impossible for the righteous soul of Abram to accept for himself any of the spoils of the conflict. The cause Abram fought for was just but Abram would not take the spoils of the war. In doing so, Abram condemned Kedorlaomer for his lust for ill-gotten gain through abuse of military power. Abram demonstrated his integrity and faithfulness to **God Most High**: the final arbiter in the affairs of the kings of the world.

How is it that **God Most High** can rule over the affairs of the Kings of the world? How did he obtain that right? He obtained it by right of ownership as we learn from the rest of the name,

POSSESSOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH:



God owns everything. He made the land and he gives breath to all people. At no time did we ever buy it from him nor could we ever afford to pay what it is worth. So God still owns it all. We are mere tenants here on earth. Ownership gives the Lord the right to decide who to put in charge of his things, to raise kings up and to put kings down. Kings and governments are stewards who report to **God Most High for their administration**. If they abuse the people, such as Pharaoh King of Egypt did to the Israelites – they will find themselves condemned by **God Most High** and punished.

The words in the Hebrew phrase explain in more depth the role of **God Most High**. The first word is:

HOLY PEOPLE ~ SPIRITUAL LEADER ~ GRACE

Translation: (The Judge Who Decides the Case) The God of Grace, Spiritual Leader of the Holy People.

The second word in the phrase read as a story in the Hebrew letters (read right to left):

LIGHT OF GOD ~ SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE ~ AUTHORITY ~ ARMED FORCE

Translation: (The Case Before El Elwyn) The Authority of the Armed Force (The King) Does Not Obey God's Light

The third word in the phrase read as a story in the Hebrew letters (read right to left):

UNRIGHTEOUS MAN ~ OX ~ HEAD / LION'S MOUTH ~ DAY OF JUDGMENT

Translation: (The Ruling of El Elwyn) The Leader of the People (Ox: King) is an Unrighteous Man who Devours Like a Lion (the innocent); He Meets His Day of Judgment

The spiritual numbers of the phrase '**Possessor of Heaven and Earth**' sum to **842** which means 'Decision' (2) of 'Throne of God' (421 is the 82nd prime) [842 = 2 x 421].

So, the plain reading of the Scripture text and context, the meaning of the spiritual numbers, and the meaning of the Hebrew letters all agree! The **Most High God** is the ruler over the kings of the earth. People who tremble beneath unjust rulers take heart – God hears your cry.

THE SOFIT MEANING (God Most High)

The last letter in the name **El Elywn** is a **Sofit Nun**, which is a different shape than the regular **Nun** and which has a different value under the Sofit interpretation of numbers⁵. The holy name:



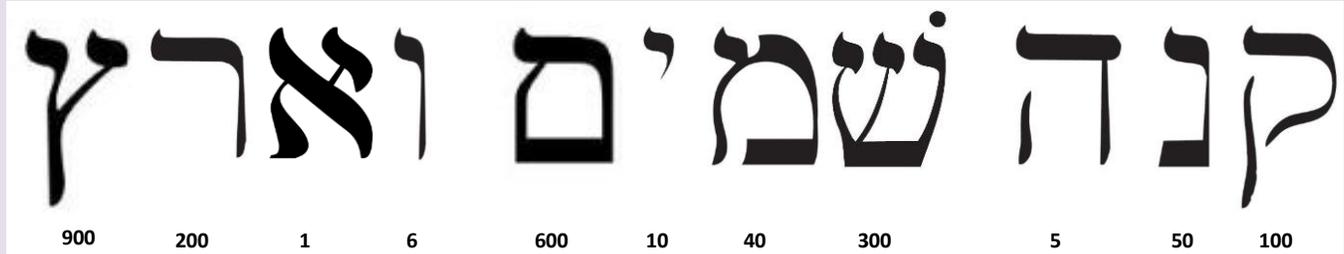
The new numerical total is **847** which means 'Watchman' (121) of 'Justice' (7)!

Just looking at the Hebrew letters we see the **Ayin** 'Eyes of the LORD' Hebrew letter in between or dividing two **Lamed** 'Trail of Blood' Hebrew letters. The visual message is God, the Ox, is judging: he is discerning (another kind of division) all the evidence in the case, he is like an investigator taking careful measurements of the facts before, during, and after the bloody incidents. In other words, the Hebrew letter pictures inform us when God decides the case it will be thoroughly investigated and his ruling will reflect perfect justice.

⁵ This is explained in our paper on Sofit numbers on Page 22 HEBREW on our website.

THE SOFIT MEANING (Possessor of Heaven and Earth)

There are two Sofit letters: a **Sofit Mem** and a **Sofit Tsade**, which are a different shape than the regular **Mem** and **Tsade** and which have different values under the Sofit interpretation of numbers⁶. To wit:



The new numerical total of the words 'Possessor of Heaven and Earth' total 2,212 which means 'God in You' (28) 'Martyrs' (79) [2,212 = 28 x 79]. Here is an astounding insight into how God Most High judges the kings of the earth: he brings justice as if it was him in the shoes of the innocent victims.

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