

## INTRODUCTION

1. Lk 6:35 - A diamond of truth: *Sons of God Most High*. Dig into history as God revealed Himself by His names.

**1st: Elohim - the God of Creation**

1. Gn 1:2 Elohim. El = ancient name, connotes power; plural - akin to "god", "divine" - idea of deity.
2. Gn 2:4 Moses informs Israel that their God, YHWH, is Creator/Elohim
3. YHWH is depicted in Genesis narratives.

**2nd: Yahweh [YHWH - the LORD] - the God of the Exodus**

1. God reveals His names thru course of Redemptive History [RH]: works coupled w/ words - promises & fulfillments.
2. YHWH = LORD: Exodus & OCov theocratic nation of Israel
  - i. Ex 3:6 God [Elohim] of Patriarchs - faithful to promises to Ab. Moses asks for God's name - v13-15
    - a. *I AM* - self existing God who is/lives, is present w/ His people
    - b. Gives 10c - Ex 20:2 *I am the LORD your God*
3. YHWH is God of Ab - fulfills promises re: seed & land. YHWH is Ab's God revealed in Exodus & OCov Theocracy. YHWH is not a new God, but God's name associated w/ the new revelation given to Israel.
4. Ex 6:1-8 - v3 *God Almighty* [El Shaddai] also El Elyon: God Most High.

**3rd: God Most High [El Elyon] - the God of Abraham**

1. YHWH was Ab's God [Gn 12:1-3]. Received Ab's worship - Gn 13:4 *Ab called on the name of the LORD* [vocab of Gn 4:26] = acceptable worship to true God - YHWH, Israel's God.
2. Ab retrieves Lot & God reveals His name - Gn 14:18-20
  - i. Welcoming party - 2 kgs w/ 2 rewards for victory: Bera & Mel, kg of *Salem* [v8-9 not 1 of the cities involved in battle: *Salem* = peace].
  - ii. Mysterious Mel = type of Jesus - Hb 7:2 *King of righteousness*
  - iii. *Priest of God Most High* [1st use: El Elyon]:
    - a. *possessor of heaven & earth* = Creator/Sustainer; not localized deity of pagans - represented by Mel: priest/king.
    - b. Priest - table fellowship [*bread & wine*] & *blesses* Ab [Gn 12:1-3]
      - 1) v19 Mel *blesses Ab of God Most High* who blesses Ab w/ what He possesses - land [Ab is *heir of the world* - Rm 4:13]
      - 2) v20 Mel *blesses* God Most High: *bless* = worship - Ab's tithe. Deliverance -> worship [Israel -> Sinai to worship YHWH].
  - iv. Mel - believing remnant. Ab - advances God's redemptive revelation stemming from original blessing of Adam - to bring to Sab Rest.
  - v. v22 - Ab refuses to be rewarded by Bera; *has sworn* [table of cov fellowship] fidelity to *God Most High - the LORD* - YHWH!
3. Gn 15:1-2 *word of YHWH* comes to Ab in *vision*: a prophet.
  - i. YHWH = Ab's protection: *do not fear*. Promise of Gn 12:7.
  - ii. Ab dialogs w/ *Lord* [Adonai: my Master] *GOD* [YHWH!]
  - iii. v6 - *he believed in YHWH* who called Ab from Ur [v7] & promised seed - assures Ab [cuts cov] & tells of Moses' generation: v13-14.
4. Gn 16: Hagar & Ishmael. 13yrs later, 17:1-3a YHWH - El Shaddai - Elohim. Circum as sign of AbCov: dual signif - Ishmael & Isaac

**4th: God Most High - Worthy of Worship**

1. *Most Hi* - 21x in Pss. Extol YHWH above idols - other Elohim - Ps 97:7,9
2. *Most Hi* used in Dan - God above Neb's gods. YHWH used only by Dan in his prayers. Neb speaks of *the Most High* - 4:34-37
3. God Most High - above all powers. Jesus is Lord - Ps 97:9 - YHWH. \_

**Applic #1: God Has Revealed His Name to Us in the New Covenant**

1. God reveals His names as He moves closer to bless His people. His name enlarge our knowledge of Him & deepens our relationship to Him.
2. Phil 2:9-11 quote Isa 45:23. Jesus is YHWH [Rv 19:16; Col 1:15-17]

**Applic #2: Let us Fight & Conquer as Sons of God Most High**

1. Ab is the first son of God Most High - conquering, worshiping, witnessing.
2. God is Ab's protection & reward & Ab believed Him. Likewise, Jesus blesses us & promises great reward - as sons of God Most High.
3. Jesus is our protection & great reward. Let us refuse Sodom's trinkets & be royal priestly sons of God: worshiping, witnessing, & winning this war.