

THE MOST HIGH GOD/LORD

PART 1 -WHO IS THIS "MOST HIGH GOD"?

A. SPECIFIC THINGS ABOUT HIM / HIS NATURE

1. Over heaven, earth, other "gods" - Genesis 14:19; Psalm 47:2; Psalm 83:18; Psalm 97:9
2. Over kingdoms and nations - Deuteronomy 32:8; Daniel 4:17,25,32; 5:21
3. Blessed / praised - Genesis 14:20
4. Awesome - Psalm 47:2
5. Reference to geographical locations:
 - Cannot be confined to a single location [he exists everywhere] - Acts 7:48-49
 - Yet he has a special relationship with Jerusalem/Zion - Psalm 46:4; Psalm 87:5

B. WHAT HE DOES

1. Things in general
 - He saves the upright in heart - Psalm 7:10
 - He will not permit injustice to continue forever [see context] - Lamentations 3:35
 - He is the ultimate source of both calamities and good things - Lamentations 3:38
2. Specific things done to/for specific individuals
 - ABRAHAM - He delivered Abraham's enemies into his hand - Genesis 14:18-20
 - BALAAM - He gave Balaam a vision about the future - Numbers 24:16
 - DAVID - He accomplishes his purpose for David; shields/saves/protects/delivers him; exalts/anoints him - Psalm 57:2; Psalm 7:10; Psalm 27:1; 2 Samuel 22:14 & Psalm 18:13; 2 Samuel 23:1 [Note: the Psalms quoted were written by David.]
 - NEBUCHADNEZZAR - He showed him signs/wonders; gave him sovereignty/greatness/glory; issued a decree against him (because of his pride) - Daniel 4:2; Daniel 4:24; Daniel 5:18
 - MARY - He "overshadowed" her so that Jesus would be born - Luke 1:35

C. OTHER NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS NAME [within the same passage]

1. LORD - (spelled with all capital letters, referring to his name, "Jehovah" or "Yahweh") - occurs often. Examples: Psalm 7:8b-9; Genesis 14:22
 2. God - occurs often. Examples: Psalm 7:8b-9; 2 Samuel 23:1
 3. The Almighty - Numbers 24:16
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PART 2 -WHAT IS HIS RELATIONSHIP TO PEOPLE?

A. THE POSITION/RANK THAT SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS HAD TO HIM

1. One of his priests (Melchizedek) - Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1
2. Some of his servants (O.T. Examples: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego; N.T. Examples: Paul and his companions) - Daniel 3:26; Acts 16:17
3. One of his prophets (John the "baptizer") - Luke 1:76
4. Individuals who represented him as judges ("sons") - Psalm 82:6 [See context. Unfortunately, these specific judges (looked-at as "gods" among the people) were unjust and would themselves be judged.]
5. His very own Son (Jesus Christ) - Luke 1:32; Luke 8:28; Mark 5:7
6. His holy people, collectively (called "saints") [prophecy: see context] - Daniel 7:18,22,27

B. THE ACTIONS OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS TOWARD HIM (ETC.)

1. Things they should do (general statements)
 - Keep their promises, be filled with thanks; look to him when trouble comes - Psalm 50:14-15
 - Look to him for shelter/protection/rest/refuge - Psalm 91:1,9-10
 - Praise and sing to/about him - Psalm 92:1-3
 - Live as one of his children (loving even one's enemies) - Luke 6:35 [Do the things necessary for being considered one of his sons.]
2. Specific things that righteous people have done
 - ABRAHAM - made a promise to him - Genesis 14:22-23
 - ASAPH - appealed to him & his past works (when the present circumstances seemed so bleak) - Psalm 77:10-12

- DAVID - cried-out to him; looked for his justice; gave thanks and praise to him - Psalm 57:2; Psalm 7:8; Psalm 7:17; Psalm 9:2
 - NEBUCHADNEZZAR - honored, glorified and praised him - Daniel 4:34-35
3. Specific things that the wicked have done
- KING OF BABYLON -wanted to become his equal - Isaiah 14:13-14
 - A KING IN PROPHECY - spoke evil against him - Daniel 7:25
 - THE WICKED (in general) - questions God's ability to know what they are doing - Psalm 73:11

C. PEOPLE TURNING TO OR AGAINST HIM

1. Israel, as a nation
 - A recurring theme: rebellion then repentance - Psalm 78:17,35,56
 - Their refusal to turn back to him: judgment must come - Hosea 7:16
[repentance/restoration mentioned at the end of the book]
2. Some of the redeemed of the LORD - rebelled then repented - Psalm 107:11 [v.13 mentions their repentance]