

# 12 In the image of God - God manifestation

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## God the Creator

There are many passages in scripture that make it clear that God created the universe and formed all life. Look at Genesis 1:26 and Job 38:7, and see that the angels were also involved, and that the word 'God' includes them.

### In the plains of Mamre



Look at Genesis 18:1-2, 20-22, 33, and 19:1. Who was it that Abraham met?

### Jacob the wrestler



Read Genesis 32:24-30 and Hosea 12:3-5. Who did Jacob wrestle with?

### God revealed to Moses



Now read Exodus 3:2-7, 13-16. Who was it that Moses met?

### The angel of God's presence



Look at Exodus 13:21; 14:19; 23:20-23; 33:14; Deuteronomy 32:10-12; Psalm 106:9; and Isaiah 63:9. What did the Israelites see that represented the presence of God? Who was it that went with them?

### The captain of the army of the Lord



Read Joshua 5:13 - 6:2. Who spoke to Joshua?

### The prophets



Read 2 Chronicles 36:12 and see how the words of Jeremiah are referred to. Now look at Jeremiah 2:2-3. This passage has been chosen more or less at random, but try to imagine what it must have been like to have stood listening to Jeremiah when he was speaking.

### In these last days ...



See how all this is summed up in Hebrews 1:1-5, which then leads us to consider the Lord Jesus. Get clear in your mind that Jesus was a much greater revelation of God than any of the events we have been considering.

### We shall be like him



Look up 2 Corinthians 3:18, Ephesians 4:22-24, 1 Peter 1:3-4 and 1 John 3:2. What do these verses say about God's plans for his people, and how he intends to make everyone in his image?

## Expressions by which God is known

The chart below summarises some of the more commonly used names and titles of that God uses to describe himself in the Old Testament.

English	Hebrew		Meaning
	Singular	Plural	
God	EI		Might or power
God	Eloahh	Elohim	Mighty one(s). When the word 'Elohim' is used of God it has a singular verb even though it is plural.
Most High God	EI Elyon		Perhaps an early name of God, which appears mostly in the Pentateuch and the Psalms.
Almighty God		EI Shaddai	This name is at times associated with fruitfulness, as in Genesis 28:3-4; 35:11-13.
LORD of Hosts	Yahweh Sabaoth		The word Sabaoth means 'armies'. God is head of hosts of angels, and of the armies of his people.
Lord	Adon	Adonai	The word means 'lord' or 'master', and Adon is normally used of human lords. It is normally used in conjunction with 'Yahweh', translated as Lord GOD.
LORD	Yah		An abbreviated form of Yahweh
LORD or GOD	Yahweh		I am, or I will be

You may be interested to know that another name, elah, occurs in parts of the Old Testament that are written in Aramaic (like, for instance, Daniel 2:4-7:28). It seems likely that it is the origin of the name Allah that Moslems use.