

How Majestic Is Your Name Scope and Sequence



How Majestic Is Your Name is a study for students on the names of God, which provides a structure to show the greatness of our God. The names of God in the Bible are a reflection of His character, which is so glorious that He cannot be described by a single name.

How Majestic Is Your Name begins by presenting the character and work of God through His Hebrew names. Then, Jesus is shown as fully God and His redemptive role is shown through the names Lamb of God and High Priest. These build toward the truth that God is the only answer to the longings in man's soul and to man's sin problem. God's awesome nature and majestic name require a response. The "eye-opening" and convicting work of the Holy Spirit is man's only hope for responding to God and treasuring His great name. Such a response of faith enables us to suffer for the name of the God, who will work to protect His great name, giving us a solid foundation for our trust in Him.

Lesson 1: Names

Memory Verse: Psalm 8:1

God is so great that He uses many names to reveal to us who He is and show His character.

Names in Bible times were not merely labels, but also a reference to a person's character or destiny. Sometimes when a person, such as Peter, had an encounter with God, God changed that person's name to reflect a change in his character or destiny. God uses more than 700 names to reveal to us who He is.

Lesson 2: God's Name

Memory Verse: Proverbs 18:10

God's name is powerful. There is help, protection, power, authority and victory in the name of God.

God's name is a strong tower into which His children can run and find help. Every one of His many names reflects God's magnificent character. God will be faithful to His reputation and He will not do anything to bring dishonor upon His name. When a child of God appeals to God's name, he is showing faith in the unchanging character of God.

Lesson 3: Elohim, God (Who Is the Strong Creator)

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 32:17

The vast variety in God's creation is an evidence of His greatness and should lead to worship of God.

God first reveals Himself in Genesis as *Elohim*. All of creation shouts the existence of God and the patterns in nature demonstrate that there is a great Pattern Maker. The vastness of the variety in creation points to a Creator of infinite power and wisdom. Our response to creation should be awe and worship of God.

Lesson 4: Jehovah, Yahweh, I Am, Self-Existent One, Unchanging One

Memory Verses: Acts 17:24-25

God has no beginning and no end. He exists by His own power. God does not change.

Our faith has a solid foundation in *Yahweh*, who is self-existent and unchanging. The burning bush in Exodus was a symbol of the presence of God and of His all-consuming holiness. Just like the bush did not burn up, so God never wears out. Because God is free from any need, we have the assurance that He will never abandon His purposes.

Lesson 5: *Elohim Kedoshim, The Holy God**Memory Verse: Psalm 96:9***God is holy—He is unique in His greatness and in His supreme goodness.**

God's infinite greatness puts Him in a position of uniqueness—there is none like God. He is different and infinitely superior to all of creation. He is also infinitely good—there is no sin in God. God is spotlessly pure. Our response to the holiness of God should be an awareness of sin and a trembling before Him. God calls us to imitate Him as we strive to be a holy people.

Lesson 6: *El Shaddai, God Almighty**Memory Verse: Job 42:2***Because God is almighty, He is more than able to care for His children; He is all-sufficient for our needs.**

People are often frustrated in their attempts to do something because they are limited in knowledge, ability, resources or power. But God has no limitations. God showed Himself to Abraham as all-powerful when He gave Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age. He fulfilled His promise of an heir and the beginning of a mighty nation. Throughout Israel's history, God continued to show Himself as all-powerful in His mighty acts—such as opening the Red Sea.

Lesson 7: *Adonai, Lord, Master**Memory Verse: Luke 6:46***God is our Lord and Master. He owns us and has the right to rule over us.**

God, as our Owner and Sustainer, has the right to rule over us. Our devotion to God is reflected in the way we respond to His commands, either in obedience or disobedience. Though God's demands are sometimes inconvenient or uncomfortable, obedience to God results in blessing. Simon saw this when He followed Jesus' command to let down the nets. The result was an abundance of fish, but more than that, Simon recognized Jesus as *Adonai* and worshipped Him.

Lesson 8: *Jehovah-Jireh, The LORD Will Provide**Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19***God foresees our needs, and He provides for us, including our greatest need for a Savior.**

God foresees our present and future needs and is able to provide for them because He is *El Shaddai*. Stories in Scripture, like sending ravens to feed Elijah or multiplying the oil in the widow's jar, show God's provision. When God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, He was foreshadowing the coming of Jesus, who would provide for our greatest need. If God has already made the greatest sacrifice of His Son, He "will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Lesson 9: *El Roi, The God Who Sees**Memory Verses: Psalm 34:15-16***God sees everything; nothing is outside His watchful care.**

God is utterly unique and infinitely superior to man. Man sees the outward things, but God sees the heart. He sees everything everywhere in the present and the future. All of His creation is under His watchful eye. When we are lonely, sad, discouraged, afraid or confused, God sees with eyes of compassion and gives strong support to those who honor Him.

Lesson 10: *Jehovah-Rophe, The LORD Who Heals**Memory Verses: Psalm 103:2-3***God heals all kinds of hurts but He is most concerned about healing our souls.**

Jehovah-Rophe heals not only our bodies, but the whole man. "He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." But most importantly, God heals our souls. When the paralytic was brought to Jesus, Jesus saw his paralyzed legs, but His greatest concern was the man's sick soul.

Lesson 11: *Jehovah-Sabaoth, The LORD of Hosts**Memory Verse: Psalm 34:7***God protects His people and leads them to victory. He is the commander of a multitude of angels.**

David was able to face Goliath because he saw the giant's size in comparison to the greatness of God. Goliath was no match for *Jehovah-Sabaoth*. God commands legions of angels—mighty warriors who bring His messages, protect His people, and fight for the children of God. Even when we see only part of what God is doing in the world, He is fighting for us.

Lesson 12: *Jehovah-Nissi, The LORD My Banner**Memory Verse: Psalm 20:6***God is always victorious. We are victorious when we trust in God.**

After crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites faced an enemy of theirs and of God's—the Amalekites. As long as Moses' arms were lifted up, the Israelites prevailed in battle. Moses' raised arms were a visual picture that victory came from God. For Christians trusting in Jesus rather than in the horses and chariots of this day, victory in the battles of life is assured. Through victory does not always look the way we expect it to, victory is sure.

Lesson 13: *Jehovah-Shalom, The LORD Is Peace**Memory Verse: Isaiah 26:3***God controls nature; consequently, all creation is subject to His will.**

Though God is infinitely more precious than anything this world can offer, it is a true battle to keep Him uppermost in our affections. God, in His faithfulness, draws His people back to Himself but when their hearts are stubborn, God must punish His people to help them see their need of Him. *Jehovah-Shalom* brings peace between Himself and His people, and His people and their enemies. Our peace comes as we fully trust in Him.

Lesson 14: *Jehovah-Rohi, The LORD My Shepherd**Memory Verse: Psalm 23:1***God cares for His children as a shepherd cares for his sheep because we are foolish and weak.**

When God saves us, He promises to be our Shepherd, guiding, protecting and caring for us with tenderness. God recognizes that we are weak and has compassion on us. He corrects us when we stray, always taking care to draw us back to Him. Our good shepherd brings us through danger and hardship, never leaving us alone. Christians may have confidence that God's plans for us are for good, and that His constant goodness and love will follow us throughout our lives.

Lesson 15: *Jehovah-Shammah, The LORD Who Is There**Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9***God is always present with His people.**

If the presence of another person is a comfort and help when we face a fearful or difficult situation, how much greater is the presence of God with His people? God understands our weaknesses, and He promises to be with us everywhere at all times. If we belong to Jesus, He will never leave us—no matter what. Knowing that God is *Jehovah-Shammah* should not only bring us great comfort, but it should also give us courage and confidence.

Lesson 16: *Jehovah-El Emeth, The LORD God of Truth**Memory Verse: Proverbs 30:5***God does not lie; every word of His proves true. He will lead us in the truth if we trust in Him.**

Lies are everywhere around us but God is the one absolute source of truth. God never lies and every word of His proves true. To discern truth from error we must know *Jehovah-El Emeth*, for He will lead us into the truth. We must know His word and subject everything we hear to its scrutiny, for it is the only reliable source of absolute truth.

Lesson 17: *Jehovah-Maginnenu, The LORD Our Defense**Memory Verses: Psalm 37:5-6***God hears when someone murmurs against His children and defends those who trust in Him.**

God defends all those who are trusting in Him. The greatest defense we need is defense against the wrath of God. Condemned by our own sin, we cannot stand in the presence of a Holy God who must punish sin. Yet God Himself defends us against His wrath! God Himself, in His Son, took on the just punishment for our sin, removing our condemnation.

Lesson 18: *El Emunah, The Faithful God**Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 7:9***God punishes sin but remains faithful, keeping His covenant to His people.**

God chose Israel to be His covenant people, not because of their own merit, but because He set His love upon them. In choosing Israel, He covenanted to be faithful to her, proving His faithfulness through generations of faithful deeds. Even in light of Israel's disobedience and idolatry, God kept His covenant and remained faithful, though He did rightly punish Israel for her sin. *El Emunah* pledges His steadfast commitment to keep His covenant with those who love and obey Him.

Lesson 19: *Jehovah-Or, The LORD Is Light**Memory Verse: 1 John 1:5***God is light, in Him is no darkness. He exposes and overcomes the darkness (sin).**

Our hearts are prone to sin, loving the darkness rather than the light. Yet God, who is light and in whom there is no darkness, exposes the darkness in our lives. His light overcomes the darkness in the world and that of all who come to Him in faith. Those who "walk in the light," who are trusting in *Jehovah-Or*, will inherit the kingdom of light where there is no darkness, sin or suffering.

Lesson 20: *El Elyon, The Most High, King of Kings**Memory Verse: Psalm 47:2***God is the Most High; He is greater than anyone or anything else.**

Sin came into God's good world through Satan's temptation, which was his continuing rebellion against God. *El Elyon* will not allow anyone to raise himself above Him and He defeated Lucifer, casting him into the "depths of the pit." God opposes the proud, such as Nebuchadnezzar, who boasted of his accomplishment in building Babylon, refusing to give credit to God. But God humbled him and gave Nebuchadnezzar the grace to exalt The Most High.

Lesson 21: *Review of the Hebrew Names of God**Memory Verse: Review Previous Verses***Review of the Hebrew Names of God and their meanings taught in the previous lessons.**

This lesson is a review of the names of God studied so far and is a good opportunity for students to exult in who God is. Dwelling on the glorious names of God should lead believers to worship Him. For the unbelieving child, it may open his eyes to the greatness of God.

Lesson 22: *God Is Our Fortress, and More Names of God**Memory Verse: Jeremiah 10:6***God will be true to His names forever. He is worthy of our trust.**

Each of God's many names reveal something of His character but there are many more names of God than we can possibly study. This brief overview of more names, helps reveal the enormity of the character of God. Names include: Fortress, Refuge, Hiding Place, Rock, *El Gibbor* (Mighty God), Lion, God of Our Fathers and *El Olam* (The Everlasting God).

Lesson 23: *King of the Nations, and More Names of God**Memory Verse: Jeremiah 10:10a***We were made to long for the Living God and to know Him personally in all aspects of His character.**

Each one of God's names tells us something different about God. But a name is not really "ours" until we have an personal experience with the Living God when He demonstrates the truth of that name in our every day life. Names include: King of the Nations, King of the Ages, King Eternal, King of Heaven, Helper, Living God and Wonderful Counselor.

Lesson 24: *Father, Abba Father**Memory Verse: John 1:12***God the Father is the perfect Father.**

Although earthy fathers can be loving and good to their children, they are all marked by sin. But God is the perfect Father, always treating His children with love, care, protection, faithfulness and joy. Those trusting in Jesus can have a close, personal relationship with God, who adopts us as His children. As God's beloved children, we should strive to resemble our heavenly Father, growing more like Him each day until the appearance of Jesus Christ.

Lesson 25: *The Word**Memory Verse: John 1:1***Jesus is the Word, God's greatest communication with man. He is also fully God.**

God desires to be known and has clearly communicated His heart, His character and the way of redemption. Every day, through His creation and Word, He declares that He is God and shows what He is like. The greatest revelation of God was when he came in human form. Jesus, the Son, shows us God the Father. As God incarnate, Jesus is the perfect reflection of God the Father. His names match God's names, because the unchanging character of God the Father is reflected in God the Son.

Lesson 26: Lamb of God, Savior, Messiah*Memory Verse: 1 Peter 3:18*

The shedding of blood is the only acceptable payment for sin. Jesus, the sinless Lamb provided by God, paid the price for man's sin. Jesus' payment is permanent because He is a living Savior.

God has determined that the acceptable payment for sin is the shedding of blood. This is *Yahweh's* unchanging requirement. Before the time of Jesus, animal sacrifices were made to atone for sin. But the blood of animals was truly inadequate as payment for the offense of man against a Holy God. These sacrifices were mere foreshadowings of the one and only truly sufficient payment for sin—the blood of the spotless Lamb of God. Jesus, the righteous, died for the unrighteous as a permanent, living sacrifice for those who are trusting in Him.

Lesson 27: High Priest, Mediator*Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 2:5*

Jesus is a living High Priest, so His redemption is eternal. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, believers can come boldly to the throne of God where Jesus intercedes for us.

As God's perfect High Priest, Jesus offered His own blood for the payment of sin, securing eternal redemption for those who believe. Our Living Savior intercedes on behalf of believers before the throne of His Father. He has removed the veil of separation between us and our God, making it possible for us to come boldly into the very presence of God.

Lesson 28: Cornerstone*Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:6*

Jesus is a precious, chosen cornerstone to those who believe.

Not everyone responds to Jesus in the same way. Jesus came to the Jews, but instead of recognizing that He is a precious cornerstone to depend on, they saw Him as a stumbling stone. They rejected Him and built their lives upon unsure sandstone. Those whose lives are built on sandstone may look stable for a while, but eventually, a life without Jesus as the cornerstone crumbles.

Lesson 29: Overcomer*Memory Verse: 1 John 4:4b*

Jesus will return with great power to punish Satan eternally and destroy evil.

God is restraining His power to crush evil, giving man the opportunity to repent. The mercy of God should not be presumed upon, because the time will come when God no longer restrains His power and will act swiftly in judgement. Though Jesus has already defeated Satan on the cross, He will return to punish Satan eternally. His victory will be sure and swift as He comes with great power. Until then, Jesus overcomes evil every day with determined, relentless victories, and is helping His children to overcome sin in their lives.

Lesson 30: Coming King*Memory Verses: Philippians 2:8-9*

Jesus humbled Himself to come as a servant leader, but He will be exalted as the Coming King.

Jesus certainly did not look like a king when He came to earth—He had no crown except a crown of thorns. The King of Heaven humbled Himself to come as a servant leader. Yet in coming to His own people, Jesus was rejected because of man's hard heart. Someday everyone will bow under the authority of Jesus.

Lesson 31: Judge of the Whole Earth*Memory Verse: Romans 8:1*

God is a just judge, and He will eternally punish those who do not trust in Him.

The day of reckoning will come for everyone and no one can change the verdict of the Judge of the Whole Earth. All His judgments are righteous and without error. For the unbeliever, this should produce great fear, but believers have the amazing promise that "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." At the judgement, each believer will receive rewards for every good deed done in God's name and for His glory.

Lesson 32: Alpha and Omega*Memory Verses: Romans 11:34-36*

God is total and complete. He is eternal. God alone is worthy of our worship.

By identifying Himself as the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, God was showing His completeness—He is lacking in nothing. There are no holes or deficiencies in God's character.

Lesson 33: Unknown Name*Memory Verse: Jeremiah 29:13***God is incomprehensible; His completeness is so vast that we cannot completely know Him.**

Our finite minds cannot grasp the infinite, complex, complete nature of God—He is a mystery, incomprehensible to us. Yet, God wants us to know Him and makes Himself knowable to us. To know God, we must wholeheartedly seek Him.

Lesson 34: *El Kana*, A Jealous God*Memory Verse: Matthew 6:24***God is a jealous God; He requires our loyal devotion. Anything we treasure more than God is an idol.**

It is only right that God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, should be worshipped above all else. His jealousy for His name and His glory is good for us. No one can serve two masters—if we do not love God most of all, we will "despise" Him.

Lesson 35: Counselor, Helper*Memory Verse: John 8:32***Man is spiritually blind and unable to understand or embrace spiritual truth apart from the work of the Holy Spirit.**

We are born spiritually blind to our true heart condition, the beauty of Christ, the truth about God, and the importance of the Word without the help of the Holy Spirit. By grace, the Counselor helps us interpret spiritual truth and embrace it in our hearts.

Lesson 36: Salvation in No Other Name*Memory Verse: Acts 4:12***Trusting in the work of Jesus on the cross as a payment for our sin is the only means of salvation.**

Man's sin separates him from the Holy God and makes him deserving of God's wrath. But, because of His rich mercy, God saves men who are dead in sin by His free gift of grace through their trusting in Christ's atoning death.

Lesson 37: Response to the Name*Memory Verse: Psalm 34:8***Every Christian is called to praise and proclaim the name of God.**

God is the sovereign Ruler of the universe, so it is not possible not to respond to Him. Everyone responds to Him either positively in awe, worship and obedience or negatively by indifference, rebellion or rejection.

Lesson 38: Honoring God's Name*Memory Verse: Exodus 20:7***We are to strive to bring honor to God's name through our words, actions, attitudes.**

A good reputation is precious, it is sinful to harm another person's reputation through slander. God loves His name and His reputation and does not take lightly the dishonoring of it. Christians have the privilege to reflect God's character in the world.

Lesson 39: Worthy to Suffer for the Name*Memory Verses: James 1:2-3***Our desire should be to make Jesus known, to exalt Jesus rather than ourselves. The way to endure suffering with joy is to abide in Jesus.**

We exist to bring glory to God and our heart's desire should be to decrease so that He can increase. Most likely, this will require sacrifice, even suffering. Suffering for Christ is a high honor and we can rejoice in it when we abide in Jesus.

Lesson 40: Trusting in God's Name*Memory Verses: Psalm 9:10***God will protect His name and reputation and will be faithful to His name. Christians can be assured that God will not forsake His children for His name's sake.**

God's name and reputation are precious to Him, and God can never be contrary to or less than what His names say He is. God can be fully trusted. He will act for the good of His children because we bear His name. He will not forsake His namesake.

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