

Names of God - El Shaddai

The name El Shaddai first appears in Gen. 17:1-2 Remember El is the God of power and might. Shaddai comes from the word 'field', and is also translated 'breast'. It means provision and abundance. Ending in ai makes it plural possessive just as Adonai. We could translate it 'He who is all sufficient'. God is more than enough to meet all your needs in any situation. Look at the impossible need in this first revelation of the name. Abraham was 99 and Sarah 89. If the promise was children, could the need be any bigger? Apply it to us. It looks like Cornet will not happen, is God our all sufficiency as we grow? And how about personally? Is there something in your life you don't see any Godly solution to? Your God is EL SHADDAI.

Abraham's son Isaac knew El Shaddai. Gen. 28:1-3 And God revealed himself to Jacob as El Shaddai. Gen 35:9-11 The word Almighty always relates to blessings and multiplication of body, soul and spirit. When Jesus said He came to give us life abundantly He was speaking as El Shaddai.

Moses knew God as the Almighty. Psalm 91:1 In that verse 'to dwell' means to stake a claim. Imagine staking a claim under the God who is more than enough to meet our needs – El Shaddai.

El Shaddai is used 48 times in our Bibles, and 30 of them are in Job. No wonder God revealed himself to Job and doubled his possessions. His accuser friends kept telling him he must have done something bad, but Job just keeps calling God 'more than enough'. You can't do that in the face of such adversity unless you really mean it.

Naomi left Israel in time of famine and went to live in Moab. Her husband died there. Perhaps she would not have left if she knew God was all sufficient. Her sons broke the Law of God and married Moabite women. The sons died. One of her daughter in laws returned to Israel with her. When people saw Naomi they couldn't believe she had aged so. She asked to be called Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. It sounds like a complaint, but really she is saying, "I've been through tough times but God is more than enough in my situation. Almighty God can turn around my situation." And He did! The woman who lost her children became a grandmother through Ruth who bore the grandfather of King David.

El Shaddai pours out his mercy in abundance, but He also can pour out his wrath in abundance when man is unrepentant. Rev 16:7,14 and 19:15. It is up to you which side of his abundance you receive. The repentant trusting soul stakes a claim under his shadow and receives the abundance of his mercy. El Shaddai, what a name to stake a claim under.

Some scriptures that relate the all- sufficiency of God. Eph 3:19-21, Gen 48:4, Jn 15:2,16