

## The Names of God: Elohim

The name Elohim is plural. This means that God exists in plurality. In the very first sentence on the very first page of the Bible, we learn that God is plural in His essence. As you view Scripture as a whole the clear teaching of the Bible is that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We call this the doctrine of the Trinity.

The Trinity: Within the unity of the one God there are three persons – Father, Son, HS. These three share the same nature and essence. They are co-equal and co-eternal. They are the one God.

### The Bible teaches there is one God.

*“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.*

Isaiah 43:10

*“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.”*

Isaiah 45:22

### The Bible teaches the Father is God.

*“For he received glory and honor from God the Father.”*

2 Peter 1:17

### The Bible teaches the Son is God.

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

Revelation 1:8

*While we wait for the glorious appearing of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Titus 2:13

*“I and the Father are one.” Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?” “We are not stoning you for any of these,” replied the Jews, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”*

John 10:30-33

### The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is God.

*Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”*

Acts 5:3-4, NIV

Note: You cannot lie to an impersonal active force, only to a functioning, cognizant personality. In this case Ananias, by lying to the Holy Spirit, in fact, lied to God.