

In the distance, lightning was flashing, the rain was falling, and water was flowing over the cliff. This picture won! Why? Well, you had to look close to realize that, in a small cleft (cave) in the rock was a momma bird, sitting on her nest. Though

hard things were happening all around her, she was at peace, knowing the Rock was protecting her. God is that Rock! Put your trust in Him, Yahweh-Shalom, the God of Peace.

REVIEW

Psalm 46:1-2,7 – "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So, we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. ... The LORD of Heaven's Armies is here among us. The God of Israel is our fortress."

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"ROAR" (that's lion for "Well done!")					
"God's Names 4.0." Well done!					
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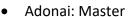


GOD'S NAMES 4.0



So far, here are the names for God we've already learned:

- Elohim: God-the-Creator
- El Roi: God-Who-Sees-Us
- El Shaddai: God-Almighty
- Yahweh Yireh: God-Who-Provides



• Yahweh Sabaoth: God-of-Angel-Armies

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Psalm	9:10a -	"Those	who	know	Your	(God's)	name	trust	in
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Let's discover another name for God:

YAHWEH SHALOM: THE LORD IS PEACE

A long time ago, there was an Israelite named Gideon. Gideon lived during a very hard time in Israel's history. Israel had poor leaders, sometimes no leaders. Thus, they were a weak

country. During this time, Israel's enemies – the Midianites – would cross the border and hurt them, and destroy or steal their things. Gideon was a farmer. No doubt, he worried every day whether the grain growing in his fields would be burnt or stolen by the Midianites. Finally, after many years, Israel asked God to help



them. And, when the time was right, God did. And, he used Gideon to help his people to be free, to find peace.

MEMORIZE

Isaiah 26:3-4 – "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You. Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD God is the eternal Rock."

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Here is some of Gideon's story, from Judges, chapter 6:



12 The angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!" 13 "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of

Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites." ¹⁴ Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" ¹⁵ "But LORD," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" ¹⁶ The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man." ¹⁷ Gideon replied, "If You are truly going to help me,

show me a sign to prove that it is really the LORD speaking to me. ... ¹⁹ Gideon hurried home. He cooked a young goat, and with a basket of flour, he baked some bread without yeast. Then, carrying the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, he brought them out and presented them to the angel, who was under the great tree. ... ²¹ Then the angel of the LORD touched the meat and bread with the tip of the staff in His hand, and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. And the angel of the LORD disappeared. ... ^{24a} And Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and named it "Yahweh-Shalom" (which means "the LORD is Peace").

God brought peace to Gideon, and before long used Gideon to bring peace to his country (you can read about it in Judges 7). Peace is not just getting along with other people, like your brothers, sisters, friends, and classmates. Peace means that, even if the world is not okay, you are okay. And, according to the Bible, only God can give us peace. Thus, you need to put your trust in God to experience His perfect peace.

MEMORIZE

Philippians 4:6-7 – "Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

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One time, artists were asked to paint pictures that showed what peace was like. One artist painted a picture of a green meadow, with cows grazing. Surely that was peace. But that picture didn't win the competition. The painting that won was of a cliff along the ocean, with the water pounding against it.