

Sun. Phra is the same as the title Pharaoh, it being customary with oriental sovereigns to assume the name of the God they worshiped, and to be considered deities by their subjects.

ADON, means a ruler, a judge. Adonis was the Phenician name of the Sun God; and the Adonia, or feasts of Adonis, were annually celebrated with peculiar ceremonies: on one day the virgins would with cries and tears search for the God who was lost; on the next, declaring him found, they would rejoice with wild cries. The forms of the word used in the Bible are two—Adoni, my Lord, applied to men; and Adonai, applied to the Supreme Being. It is probably the same word which is preserved in the Spanish Don; Latin Dominus.

"SHADDAI, where it occurs in the Hebrew Bible, which is but seldom, is translated Almighty. It comes from a root signifying to oppress, to tyrannize, to plunder, to invade. The Arabic has a cognate word, signifying strength, vehemence, and that is probably the original meaning of Shaddai—the power or force of the Universe.

EL, ELOAH and ELOHIM are different forms of the same word, El is the original form; and Elohim is the plural form, though applied to God. The word appears to mean strength, power. This is the most ancient name of the Deity. The Lord said to Moses: "I am Jehovah: I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by my name El Shaddai, but by my name Jehovah was I not known unto them." This is the word which is retained in the Arabic name Allah. In Ps. viii., 5, the plural form, Elohim, is translated "angels:" "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, what is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the Elohim, and hast crowned him with glory and honor."

The mysterious and ineffable name of God among the Jews is JEHOVAH, sometimes written JAH. It is called the *tetragrammaton*, or word of four letters, because there are four consonants in it, which may be represented by the English letters IHUH. Its pronunciation is very uncertain. The Hebrews never speak it: the vowels added to the consonants given are those belonging to the word Adonai, and when the readers come to the word Jehovah, they read Adonai. The name is derived from a root signifying to be, to exist, and Jehovah therefore is equivalent to the term, The Being, the Self-Existent. But it implies more, for the first syllable is in the future form, and the last in the past. It is probable, therefore, that the Apocalyptic writer literally translated the ineffable name when he wrote of him "who was, and is, and is to come." When the Lord spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, he said: "I will be that I will be," translated in our English Bible, "I am that I am;" but the future tense is used. But afterward he gave the full name Jehovah to Moses, and indicated that as the name he would be known by. The Jews spoke of this as "*the name*;" and as we have said, they never pronounced it. But it was engraved and written: the words "Holiness to Jehovah" were engraved on the High Priest's breastplate. Rabbi Nathan ben Isaac says: "In this world things are not as in the world to come: in this world we write the name of God with the letters *Jehovah* and read *Adonai*; but in the world to come we shall both read and write Jehovah."

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