

# GETTING TO KNOW

# GOD

*A study of His names & divine nature*

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SPRING SERIES 2025 – WEEK 10

## ***Jehovah-Sabaoth***

*For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—  
**the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name!***

– Amos 4:13 ESV

- **Last week:** *Jehovah- Tsidkenu* – “The LORD Our Righteousness”
- **This week:** *Jehovah-Sabaoth* – “The LORD of Hosts”

*“Thus says **the LORD of Hosts**: The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah with them. All who took them captive have held them fast; they refuse to let them go. Their Redeemer is strong; **the LORD of Hosts** is his name. He will surely plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babylon.” – Jeremiah 50:33-34 ESV*

**sabaoth** – *ṣāḇā'* – “that which goes forth”

- Used 270X in the Old Testament
- 80X in Jeremiah
- Closely associated with war and battle
- “The Commander of Armies”

## **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Martin Luther

*A mighty Fortress is our God,  
A Bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing:*

*For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing:*

*Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
LORD Sabaoth His Name,  
From age to age the same,  
And **He must win the battle.***

- **What battle?**

- The one that goes back to the fall
- With our “ancient foe” – Satan or the devil

*Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the **devil**. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against **evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.** – Ephesians 6:11-12 NLT*

- **Back to Jeremiah 23**

- A prophecy concerning **Jehovah-Tsidkenu**
  - The LORD our Righteousness
  - The righteous Branch of David

*“Behold, **the days are coming**, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David **a righteous Branch**, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. **In his days** Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. **And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’**” – Jeremiah 23:5-6 ESV*

*“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives **who brought up** the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives **who brought up** and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.” – Jeremiah 23:7-8 ESV*

- He is **Jehovah-Tsidkenu'**
  - The LORD our Righteousness

- And **Jehovah-Go'el**
  - The LORD the Redeemer
    - ~ Who “brought up” from slavery in Egypt
    - ~ And will “bring up” from slavery in Babylon
- But not before He deals with **unrighteousness**
- Unrighteous Israel – Jeremiah 23:9-14
  - They are immoral (vs 10)                   ...adulterous (vs 14)
  - ...cursed (vs 10)                    ...deceitful (vs 14)
  - ...evil (vs 10)                       ...wicked (vs 14)
  - ...oppressive (vs 10)            ...incorrigible (vs 14)
  - ...ungodly (vs 11)                ...unworthy of judgment (14)
  - ...Idolatrous (vs 13)

*Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts [Jehovah-Sabaoth] concerning the prophets: “Behold, I will feed them with bitter food and give them poisoned water to drink, for from the prophets of Jerusalem **ungodliness has gone out into all the land.**” – Jeremiah 23:15 ESV*

- A holy war against unrighteousness
  - Led by the Commander of Armies
    - Wickedness won't go without a fight
    - **Jehovah-Sabaoth** is always victorious
    - He **must** and **will** win the battle

*“I will make them an object of horror and a symbol of evil to every nation on earth. They will be disgraced and mocked, taunted and cursed, wherever I scatter them. And I will send war, famine, and disease until they have vanished from the land of Israel, which I gave to them and their ancestors.” – Jeremiah 24:9-10 NLT*

*And now the **LORD of Heaven's Armies** says: Because you have not listened to me, **I will gather together all the armies of the north** under King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, whom I have appointed as my deputy. I will bring them all against this land and its people and against the surrounding nations. I will completely destroy you and make you an object of horror and contempt...” – Jeremiah 25:8-9 NLT*

*“This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years. Then, after the seventy years of captivity are over, **I will punish the king of Babylon** and his people for their sins,” says the LORD [Jehovah]. – Jeremiah 25:11-12 NLT*

- **Context:**
  - Two decades have passed since chapter 23
  - **Jehovah-Sabaoth** declares Babylon's fate
    - He will wage war on Israel's enemy

- They will pay for what they've done

*"Tell the whole world,  
and keep nothing back.*

*Raise a signal flag*

*to tell everyone that Babylon will fall!*

*Her images and idols will be shattered.*

*Her gods Bel and Marduk will be utterly disgraced."* – Jeremiah 50:2 NLT

*"For a nation will attack her from the north  
and bring such destruction that no one  
will live there again.*

*Everything will be gone;*

*both people and animals will flee."* – Jeremiah 50:3 NLT

*"For I am raising up an army  
of great nations from the north.*

*They will join forces to attack Babylon,  
and she will be captured.*

*The enemies' arrows will go straight to the mark;  
they will not miss!"* – Jeremiah 50:9 NLT

*"Yes, prepare to attack Babylon,  
all you surrounding nations.*

*Let your archers shoot at her; spare no arrows.*

***For she has sinned against the LORD.**"* – Jeremiah 50:14 NLT

- Jeremiah 50-51 are filled with images of war
- **Jehovah-Sabaoth** appears 8 times in these chapters
- And 71 times in Jeremiah

- **There's a battle brewing**

- Jehovah will deal with Israel's **unrighteousness**
- And the enemy's **pride** and **arrogance**
- **The LORD of Hosts** is His name

*...he [Jehovah] is the one who formed all things,  
and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance;*

***the LORD of hosts is his name.*** – Jeremiah 51:19 ESV

- The Commander of Armies...  
...controls all forces in heaven and on earth  
...and will deal with the unrighteousness

*"You are my hammer and weapon of war:*

*with you I break nations in pieces;  
with you I destroy kingdoms...” – Jeremiah 50:20 ESV*

With **you** I...

- ...destroy kingdoms – vs 20
- ...break nations in pieces – vs 20
- ...break in pieces chariots and charioteer – vs 21
- ...break in pieces man and woman – vs 21
- ...break in pieces the old and the young – vs 22
- ...break in pieces the young man and woman – vs 22
- ...break in pieces the shepherd and his flock – vs 23
- ...break in pieces the farmer and his team – vs 23
- ...break in pieces the governors and commanders – vs 23

- God used the Assyrians to conquer Israel
  - And the Babylonians to conquer Judah
  - And the Persians to conquer Babylon
  - But **Jehovah-Sabaoth** is the ultimate conqueror
- Jesus is **Jehovah-Sabaoth**: The LORD of Hosts
    - He is our deliverer
    - He is our redeemer
    - He is the Commander of Armies

*Our Redeemer—the LORD of hosts is his name—  
is the Holy One of Israel. – Isaiah 47:4 ESV*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!” – Isaiah 6:3 ESV*

**holy** – *qādōš* – set apart, consecrated

- He is *wholly* holy – completely righteous
- He has been set apart for a purpose
- He is on a mission
- And He has a task to complete

- **A vision of things to come**

- Revelation 1

*Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on*

*me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades." – Revelation 1:12-18 ESV*

- **Jehovah-Sabaoth has one more job to do**
  - We find it described in Revelation 19
  - It is the foundation of our **future hope**
  - It is the basis for our **present peace**

*Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and LORD of lords. – Revelation 19:11-16 ESV*

*Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory! – Psalm 24:10 ESV*

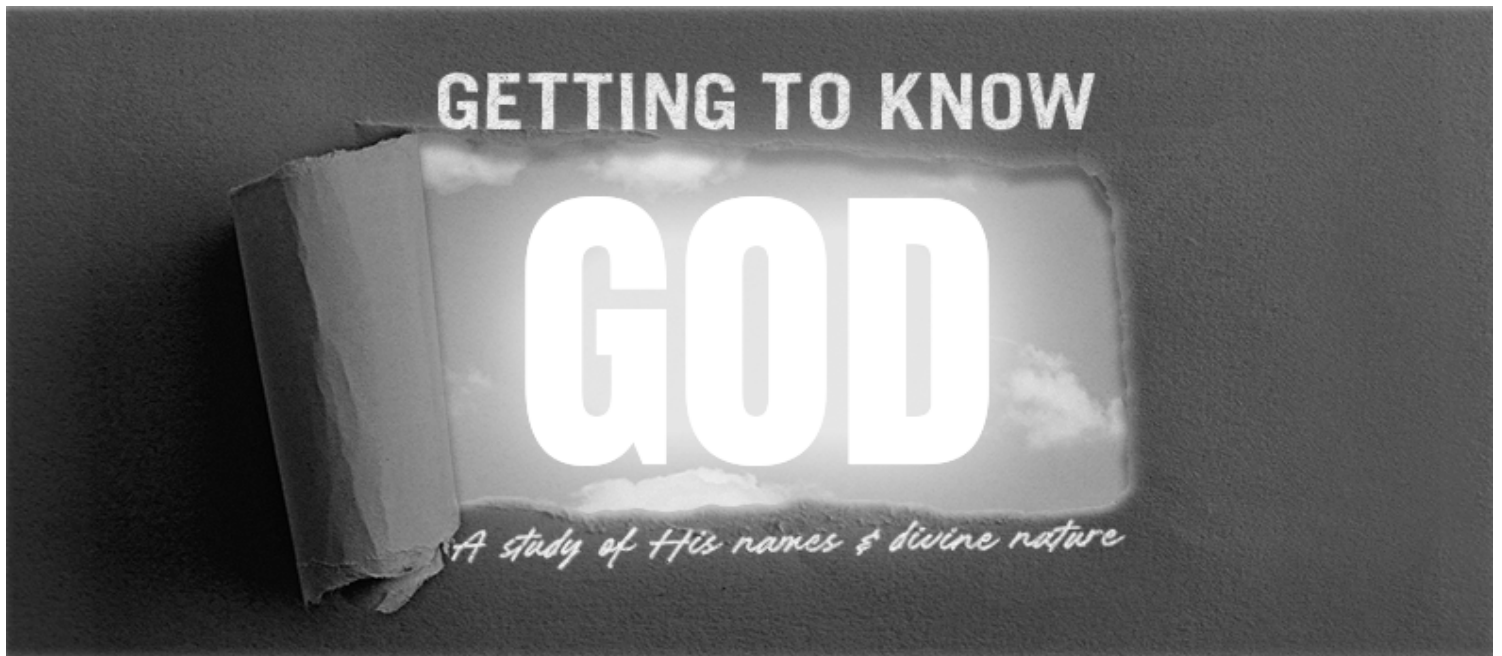
- **Jehovah-Sabaoth is coming...**
  - ...to finish what He started
    - By defeating death
    - By destroying the enemy
    - By establishing His earthly Kingdom
    - And ruling in righteousness

- **Discussion Questions**

Read Isaiah 44:6 and Revelation 22:13. Who is Jesus claiming to be in the Revelation passage and why is it important?

As the ultimate Jehovah-Sabaoth, Jesus had one final task to perform. Why should that give us hope in this life as we wait for His return?

As Jehovah-Sabaoth, Jesus commands the armies of heaven and earth. So why do we worry?



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SPRING SERIES 2025 – WEEK 11 HOMEWORK

### WEEK 11 – *Jehovah-Shammah*: The LORD is There

**Jehovah-Shammah** translates to "The LORD is There" or "The LORD Is Present." The name emphasizes God's abiding presence with His people, indicating that He is always near, accessible, and actively involved in their lives. The name Jehovah-Shammah is found in **Ezekiel 48:35**, which is part of a vision given to the prophet Ezekiel concerning the future restoration of Israel. Ezekiel describes the new, idealized city of Jerusalem, where God's presence will dwell permanently. The passage reads: "The distance around the city will be 18,000 cubits. And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE (Jehovah-Shammah)" – Ezekiel 48:35, NIV. In this vision, the name highlights the future reality that God will be present with His people in the restored Jerusalem. The city itself will reflect the divine promise of God's unbroken, eternal presence among His people.

- Read pages 67-70 of Ken's Devotional™ on the names of God. Write down any key thoughts or insights you got from considering the name ***Jehovah-Shammah***.
  
- While this name appears in chapter 48, it is critical to read some of the back story to get a better grasp on its meaning and significance. So, read Ezekiel 43:1-5 then write down any insights you glean.

The closing chapters of Ezekiel contain God's promise to restore the nation of Israel in a revived kingdom complete with a new-and-improved Temple. This message was received while they were still in captivity in Babylon. Why would this message have been a source of encouragement to God's exiled people?

But God warned Ezekiel that the people to whom he delivered his message of hope would not receive it. Read Ezekiel 3:1-11 and write down what God told His prophet.

- Now, let's fast-forward to the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ezekiel. The Israelites are in year 23 of their 70-year exile in Babylon. In a vision, God gives Ezekiel a tour of the newly restored Jerusalem and Temple. In chapter 43, verses 109, something incredible happens. Describe what Ezekiel sees.
- The book of Ezekiel ends with the city of Jerusalem referred to by the name, "The LORD Is There." It is a statement of God's faithfulness and a reminder of His desire to live among His people. Why would this description of God's abiding presence be a powerful image with which to sum up this book?

Based on Israel's track record of sin, why would it make perfect sense for God to simply abandon His disobedient and rebellious people?

Why is it so important that He refuses to do so? What should that tell us about our God?

- God had to punish His people for their sins, He never abandoned them completely. He remained faithful and committed to His plan for them. Even while they were in exile, He sent His prophets to communicate His message to them. And ultimately, God returned them to the land. But there is a day when God will complete His plan for the people of Israel and fully fulfill His promises to them. He will once again make His place among them so that the city of Jerusalem can truly be called "Jehovah-Shammah, The LORD Is There."

Finish by reading Revelation 21:1-4