

Eternal	Related Attributes	יהוה = "I AM"
<p>Definition: eternal = infinite in time = having no beginning and no end = that which always has been and always will be, everlasting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> God is <u>eternal</u>; His existence extends endlessly backward and endlessly forward (Ps. 90:1-2) God transcends time. He is before time, above time and beyond time (Ps. 102:11-12, 27) To God past, present and future are like one eternal now God sees every event from the creation to the last event of human history in one glance (Isa. 46:10; Acts 15:18) God is not subject to time but time is completely subject to Him (Josh. 10:12-13; Isa. 38:8) God is Himself the cause, the creator of time, as He is the first cause of all things (Gen. 1:1; John 1:1-2) God gives to His own eternal blessings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> eternal life (1 Jn 5:11; Jn 17:3) eternal salvation (Isa 45:17; Heb 5:9) eternal glory (2 Tim 2:10; 1 Pet 5:10) eternal inheritance (Heb 9:15) eternal kingdom (2 Pet 1:11) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> God is <u>self-existent</u> Definition: = eternally existent without any external or prior cause = dependent on nothing else for existence = above the chain of causes and effects (Exo. 3:14; John 5:26) God is <u>self-sufficient</u> Definition: = able to act and bring about His will without assistance = having no need (Ps. 50:10-12; Acts 17:24-25; Rom. 11:34-36) God is <u>immutable</u> Definition: = always the same in nature, character and will - unchangeable (Ps. 102:25-27; Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He never improves in perfection - He never "grows" or develops at all - unchanging are His: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> purposes and plans knowledge and wisdom attributes - all are "always" promises - He does not change His mind - He doesn't take back His gifts 	<p style="text-align: right;">(Exo. 3:13-16)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> YHVH is the name translated "LORD" - also called the "Tetragramaton" - 4 Hebrew letters: yud, hay, vav, hay It is used over 6,800 times in the OT, more than any other name for God It is used only of the God of Israel, never of pagan deities It comes from the Hebrew verb "to be" emphasizing God's absolute being YHVH is the God who is and who was and who is to come (Rev. 1:4, 8) The name of YHVH is not to be <u>taken in vain</u> (Exo. 20:7; Deut. 5:11) = made to be false, useless, worthless, without result, a lie The LORD declares His name a <u>Memorial</u> to all generations = to be remembered = to stand as a witness to His true Being and His promises (Exo. 6:1-8; 7:5; 5:1-2)