



- Gath was conquered by David (2 Samuel 8:1).
- Gath held a strong position on the Boarder of Judah and Philistia (1 Samuel 21:10, 1 Chronicles 18:1).

Searching the Scriptures for Gittith

- Psalms 8:1
  - Psalms 81:1
  - Psalms 84:1
- } In all cases the Hebrew word is transliterated into English.

the Greek Translation (Septuagint)

Psalms 1:1 "For the endy concerning the wine-presses, a Psalm of David."

LXX = the oldest Greek translation of the Tanach dating to the 3rd century BC.

- 72 rabbis translated the Psalm and choose wine-press.

• the Midrashic literature (Rabbinic commentaries)

- Midrash Tehillim speaks extensively on the "wine-press"

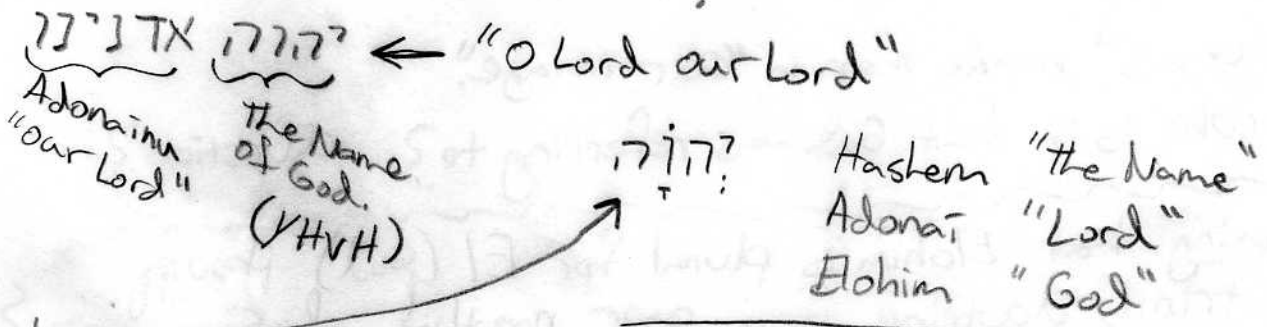
- the differences in the Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek translations demonstrate the difficulty on the translation and meaning of this word, the purpose of the Psalm and the use of the word.
- the context of Psalm 8, the Psalm is not related to a wine-press.
- the context of the Psalm is related to the praise of the works of God's hands and the Lord is ultimately in control overall the world including our enemies.

Psalms 8:2 (1) "O Lord how majestic is Your name in all the earth, who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!"

→ David declares the awesomeness of God's Name which is established in the glory of His works that He has done for the nation of Israel.

→ The NASB, NIV, KJV, etc all use a circumlocution for the Name of God (Page 4)

• what is a circumlocution?



This Name was never pronounced, the Targum translation (Aramaic) never spells the YHVH. The Scriptures were taught to the masses as a Targum.

These words were substituted for the YHVH in order to prevent profaning the Name of God by making it common.

• The study goes on to discuss the word Adonai "Lord"

→ I want to discuss the word אֱלֹהִים (Elohim, God)

• Does the word Elohim mean many?

# Does the word Elohim mean many?

- This statement often comes up: "Does Elohim refer to more than one in the Hebrew bible?"
- This question is related to the doctrine of the Trinity and it is said that one word "Elohim" proves the trinity.

Genesis 1:27 "Then God said: Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

→ "Let us" make man in "our image."

• who is it that God was referring to? Question?

\* Arguing that Elohim is plural for El (God) proving the trinity doctrine is a poor method of Exegesis

- Should one attempt to sum up the entire doctrine of the trinity with one word out of Scripture?
- Does anything of what we believe in scripture rest upon only one word?

- the Rabbinic commentaries state that God was speaking to the angels and quote from

→ the Plurality of Respect.

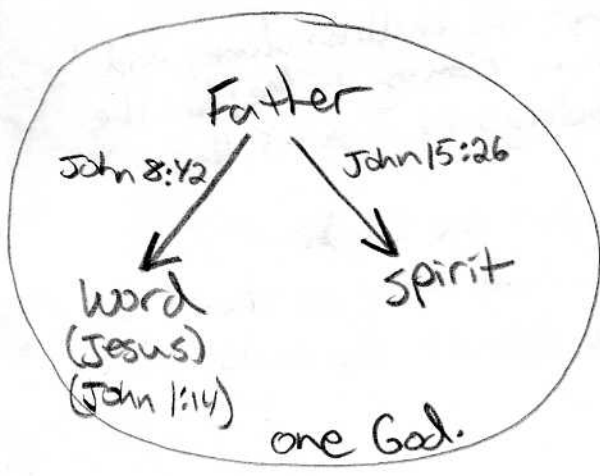
"Williams Hebrew Syntax, 3rd Edition, university Toronto Press, 264 pages"

### Examples

- מלכים "king"
- כסף "silver"
- לצו "firewood"
- שעור "barley"
- נעור "youth"
- דם "shed blood"
- מאמנות "faithfulness"
- בתול "virginity"
- כפר "atonement"



- the plural forms produce a singular meaning.
- Analysis of the Hebrew Sentences (context and syntax).
- these Hebrew words (plural forms) are written with adjectives and verbs in the singular form.
- In the Hebrew scriptures, Elohim when used to refer to the Lord God Almighty, in its plural form, is known as "plural of respect, plural of majesty, plural of potentiality, or plural of eminence."
- Elohim refers to "One God" and is used to show the complete majesty and magnificence of God and His holiness.
- when understanding the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we cannot and should not use one word to justify doctrine.
- basing doctrine upon one word lays a weak foundation.



- the word of God proceeds from the father in heaven (John 8:42)
- the spirit of God proceeds from the father in heaven (John 15:26)

- \* we must use all of scripture to establish our theological beliefs, not one word.
- the Lord God revealed Himself in scripture, what His will is for our lives, and how we are to live our lives for Him!
- without all of scripture it is possible to be deceived and develop tradition and doctrine that does not hold up to the word of God!

