

God is "The Everlasting God"

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Ei Olam (Ei = the Almighty) (Olam = [literally] time out of mind; or eternity)

A. Ei Olam occurs:

The only place in the Old Testament where the title Ei Olam occurs is Gen 21:33; Abraham planted a commemorative tree in Beer-sheba and invoked the name of the Lord as 'el `olam.

Gen 21:33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.

Isa 40:28 is the only other instance where `olam is used in conjunction with a noun meaning God.

Isa 40:28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

B. Definition:

Ei Olam; = "The Everlasting God." It is used to refer to God as the everlasting or eternal one.

1. The term olam ("everlasting" or "eternal,") applied to God, describes Him as filling, or enduring through, all the "ages" of time.

It is only thus that He can symbolically represent eternity. In reality, however, the eternity of God is the aspect of His being in which He is above time; for which time does not exist; to which the terms past, present and future do not apply. Yet, while God is not in time (rather, He holds time in Himself), time-sequence, as the form of existence of the world, is a reality for God.

2. The Hebrew word olam is used 438 times in the OT.

Olam is often used in speaking about God; our English Bibles translates these occurrences: "The everlasting God;" "God of eternity;" "God the everlasting;" "God forever;" "from everlasting to everlasting"

3. It has a wide range of uses. Notice the following:

Everlasting God

Ps 90:2 Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (Dt 33:27; Isa 40:28; Ro 16:26)

Everlasting Father

Isa 9:6 For a child will be born to us, ... His name will be called ...Eternal Father, ...

Everlasting King

Jer 10:10 But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. (1 Ti 1:17)

Everlasting Redeemer

Isa 63:16 ...You, O LORD, are our Father, Our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

Everlasting Rock

Isa 26:4 For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

God possesses everlasting:

kindness

Isa 54:8 ...But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," ...

love

Jer 31:3 ..."I have loved you with an everlasting love; ...
(1Ch 16:34; Ps 106:1; 2Ch 5:13; Ps 103:17; Hos 2:19)

lovingkindness

Ps 100:5a For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting (Ps 103:17)

faithfulness

Ps 100:5b ... and His faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 117:2; 146:6)

power

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
(Ps 66:7; 1Pe 5:11)

righteousness

Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
(Ps 111:3; Ps 112:3; Da 9:24)

salvation

Isa 45:17 Israel has been saved by the LORD With an everlasting salvation; You will not be put to shame or humiliated To all eternity.

Heb 5:9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

God's covenant is everlasting

Jer 32:40 "I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.
(Isa 24:5; 54:10; 55:3; Ps 105:10; Heb 13:20)

God's kingdom is everlasting (2 Pe 1:11),

Ps 10:16 The LORD is King forever and ever; Nations have perished from His land.
(Ps 145:13; Ex 15:18; Ps 9:7; 45:6; Jer 10:10; Da 4:3; 7:14,27;
2 Pe 1:11; 1Ti 1:17; Jer 10:10; Rev 15:3)

God's word is everlasting

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.
Ps 119:89 See also Mk 13:31; 1Pe 1:24-25; Isa 40:8

He gives everlasting joy

Isaiah 51:11 So the ransomed of the LORD will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, And everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.
Isa 35:10 See also Ps 16:11; Isa 51:11; 61:7

C. APPLICATION:

1. Because he is: "The Everlasting God", He never tires or becomes weary
Isa 40:28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

2. Salvation is secure for He is our source for (eternal) salvation and righteousness.

1 Co 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption (salvation)

Ro 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Ro 10:8-10 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"--that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

3. We can draw upon His strength

Isa 40:29-31 He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

4. His covenant with us is eternal and far better...

Heb 13:20-21 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, 21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Jesus is the guarantee of this covenant

Heb 7:22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

Jesus is the mediator of the new covenant with better promises.

Heb 8:6-7 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

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