

BIBLICAL PHRASE — “MOST HIGH GOD”

The phrase “most high God” is a way to address God Himself. This is a more generic term used mostly by Gentiles. The covenant people of Israel used the name YHWH or Yahweh. The covenant name YHWH is associated with the nation of Israel and so is known as the national name of God. This is the name God used to reveal himself to Moses (Ex.3:14; 6:2-3). YHWH occurs frequently in relationship to God's redemptive work (Lv.26:45; Ps.19:14). So when the phrase “most high God” is used it is not referring to God as a covenant keeping God in relation to Israel. Rather, it is a term referring to God in a universal sense. Observe the following uses of the phrase “most high God”.

Melchizedek and Abraham

- “priest of the most high God” (Ge.14:18)
- “Blessed be Abram of the most high God” (Ge.14:19)
- “blessed be the most high God” (Ge.14:20)
- “Abram said...I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God” (Ge.14:22)
- “For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God” (Hb.7:1)

GENTILE PRIEST

Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar

- “till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men” (Da.5:21)

GENTILE KING

Jesus and Demons

- “What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not” (Mk.5:7)

DEMON

Damsel w/ spirit of divination

- “These men are the servants of the most high God” (Ac.16:17)

GENTILE WOMAN