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**Read Psalm 46 Text Psalm 46:7 &11**

**Series – The Names Of God (13) Title Jehovah Sabaoth**

We come in our studies of the names of God, to consider **Jehovah Sabaoth**.

The Hebrew name **Jehovah Sabaoth** translates into our English Bible by the opening words of **Psalm 46:7 & 11** **the LORD of Hosts**.

Therefore the name **Jehovah Sabaoth** means **the LORD of Hosts or Jehovah of Hosts**.

The first time the title **Jehovah Sabaoth** or it's translation into English **the LORD of Hosts** is used in the scripture is recorded in **1 Samuel 1:3**, **Elkanah...went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh**. Or **unto Jehovah Sabaoth in Shiloh**.

The name **Jehovah** means, the Great I AM, the eternal, self-existence, self-sufficient, infinite, immutable and a covenant keeping God.

God reveals Himself through His names, not only as **Jehovah Jireh**, **the Lord our provider**, or **Jehovah Tsidkenu** **the Lord our righteousness**, but also **Jehovah Sabaoth** **the LORD of Hosts**.

The word **Sabaoth or Hosts** means **army, troop, battle, war, and service**. Since it's in the plural then its refers **to armies or troops**.

It's a word that refers to large company, a host, an army prepared for war, a great multitude assembled, and service in war.

By this name **Jehovah Sabaoth**, God is revealing Himself as the supreme ruler, the captain of our salvation, the King who assembles all His hosts to fight for His cause and for the protection of His redeemed people.

We can say as **Psalm 46** ***The Lord of Hosts is with us***

But also Jehovah reveals Himself in the person of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, Jehovah is Jesus, or we can say Jesus Christ is Jehovah Sabaoth.

Comparing Scripture with Scripture **Isa 44:6** teaches ***Thus saith the LORD, the King of Israel and His Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last and beside me there is no God.*** **Revelation 22:13** Jesus identifies Himself as ***I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*** Jesus is our Jehovah Sabaoth, the LORD or JEHOVAH of HOSTS.

But who are the armies of the LORD, the great company that Christ is Lord of all and sovereign over.

### **HE IS LORD OF ALL CREATED HOSTS.**

For example, the first time the Hebrew word **Sabaoth** is used is in **Gen 2:1** ***The heavens and the earth were finished and all the HOST of them.***

The Seraphim's, or angels around the throne, in **Isaiah 6:3** ***And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*** **Nehemiah 9:6** ***Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host.***

**He is LORD of ALL ANGELIC HOSTS.** In **Psalm 148:2** ***Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts.*** The angelic host of heaven were present at Christ's first coming,

**Luke 2**, and will come with Him in His second coming, **Matthew 24-25**.

**He is LORD of ALL STELLAR HOSTS.** **Genesis 1:16** concludes *...He made the stars also. **Isaiah 40:26** Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: He calleth them all by names by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power; not one faileth.*

**He is LORD of all FEATHERED HOSTS.** He created every fowl of the air stand ready to obey His command. He directed the flight of the raven and the dove in the time of Noah, **Genesis 8**. He sent ravens to feed Elijah, **1 Kings 17:4-7**.

**He is LORD of all ANIMAL HOSTS**

He created them all. **Psalm 50:10** *For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. **Daniel 6***, He shut the mouths of the lions in the den to protect Daniel and then opened their mouths to devour Daniel's enemies.

**Numbers 22:28** He caused Balaam's donkey to speak. *...The LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?* What an amazing sight that would have been.

**Jonah 1**, He prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. **Chapter 2:10** *And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.*

**He is LORD of all SATANIC HOSTS**

Satan, along with all *...the rulers of the darkness of this world, .... and...spiritual wickedness in high places* can only do what Jehovah permits, they cannot go any further, beyond their boundary.

Satan desired to shake Job's life, he wanted to go all out on Job, but we read in **Job 1:12** **The LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.**

Think of **Mark 5**, the man possessed with a legion of devils. **My name is Legion: for we are many.** The name **legion** means a **host, a large army**, but we know from **verse 13** there was about 2000 that was cast out of him.

There was an host, an army of evil within him. Legion in, **Verse 7** **cried with a loud voice, and said, 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.**

But the Lord cast them out into swine. **Verse 12-13** **And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. <sup>13</sup> And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.**

**Jesus or Jehovah Sabaoth is the name High over all, in earth or hell or sky, angels and men before it fall and devils fear and fly.**

**Even to Jesus, Satan must bow.**

## **He is LORD of all HUMAN HOSTS**

He is called in **Revelation 19:16** **...KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.** **Daniel 2:21** **...He removeth kings, and setteth up kings...** **Proverbs 21:1** **The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.** He orders all things according to His own will. He commands and it is done.

He is Jehovah Sabaoth, the LORD of Hosts, the LORD of all, the LORD of glory.

When Jesus Christ returns in great glory, **Philippians 2:10-11**

***<sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;  
<sup>11</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

He is Jehovah Sabaoth the LORD of Hosts. All the hosts of His creation are under His Sovereign control and command.

Oh believer take encouragement, He works all things according to the good pleasure of His own will in earth and in your life. He orders your steps, He pondered all your goings, He perfects that which concerns you.

Rest assured believer, as the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD, JEHOVAH of Hosts, of armies, is around about His people.

Jehovah Sabaoth surrounds His people, and all His hosts wait at His command to serve His people.

If Jehovah Sabaoth be with you, who can be against you, He is strong in battle and therefore, He will win the battle.

You can say as Elisha said to the servant, in **2 Kings 6:16** when surrounded by the enemies of God, ***for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.***

While there are many we could mention, yet I will give three occasions when Jehovah Sabaoth revealed Himself to His people in times of need.

**I FIRST THE NAME JEHOVAH SABAOTH IS REVEALED WHEN HIS PEOPLE ARE OPPRESSED.**

In **1 Samuel chapter 1 and 2**, Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. The LORD had shut Hannah's womb, that she was unable to bear children, whereas the LORD had caused Peninnah's womb to be fruitful, and she gave Elkanah children.

However, Elkanah **loved Hannah** as **verse 5** teaches. We do not read that Elkanah loved Peninnah. It seems that Peninnah was jealous at Hannah being favoured.

Elkanah's love for Hannah and in giving her a worthy portion, compared to Peninnah's portion, was the basis for Peninnah to oppress Hannah, as **verse 6** ends, **because the LORD had shut up her womb**.

**Verse 6** reads **and her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb**. Peninnah resisted Hannah.

The word **provoked** means **to call forth**. **The idea is to challenge, or to go beyond a certain point, go further**. This is connected by the phrase, **provoked her sore**. The word **sore** means **severely**.

The idea behind the word **fret** is **to make miserable to irritate**. Peninnah wanted to make Hannah miserable, cause her to fret, fear, because of her barrenness, mocking that the Lord shut her womb as chastisement for sinful living.

Hannah was heartbroken and it brought her to tears.

Hannah came to pray with sorrow, tears, feeling oppressed and persecuted, that the LORD would give her a son. This was a time of need.

**Verse 11** **And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, O JEHOVAH SABAOTH.**

In other words, LORD, JEHOVAH of HOSTS, you have all power, authority, to command my prayer.

There is nothing too hard for you.

There is none higher than you, all things were created and are upheld by you.

***JEHOVAH SABAOTH*** you can say the word and it will be done on earth as it is in heaven, ***...if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.***

The LORD, answered prayer, He opened Hannah's womb, and she called the boy's name **Samuel**, which means **asked of God**.

Oh believer, in our times of oppression, slander, persecution, sorrow, and tears, take it to the LORD in prayer. He is ***JEHOVAH SABAOTH, He hears and answers prayer. He comes to your defence, your aid, He is your refuge, a present help in trouble.***

***II SECOND THE NAME JEHOVAH SABAOTH IS REVEALED WHEN HIS PEOPLE ARE OVERWHELMED.***

**1 Samuel chapter 17**, Goliath the philistine champion is challenging Israel to battle, and he provokes them, by blaspheming the God of Israel.

The armies of Israel were dismayed, and greatly afraid of this Philistine Giant, who is stands tall and well armoured. They were overwhelmed.

Until a young shepherd boy named David arrives to defend Israel and give victory.

**Verse 33** ***And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.***

**Verse 44** *the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.*

Notice **verse 45** *Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, in the name of Jehovah Sabaoth, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.* He's my commander, my captain, my counsellor, my conqueror.

**Verse 46** *This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.*

**Verse 50** *So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.*

Therefore, believer, you are overwhelmed by a situation, that fears and tests you.

You feel you're up against it. It's bigger than you, it's a Goliath in your life and stands in the way of progress. It may be a battle with the flesh, to challenge your faith.

It seems unreachable, unmatchable, unachievable, and unconquerable.

You already feel defeated, and see no way of victory.

Come to that difficulty, that Goliath, in the name of the LORD of Hosts.

Tell your difficulty, my God is Jehovah Sabaoth, you're not bigger than God, He has all power to prevail, remove that Goliath and give victory, that in exaltation to proclaim LORD Sabaoth is His name.

### **III THIRD, THE NAME JEHOVAH SABAOTH IS REVEALED AS HIS PEOPLE ARE OPPOSED.**

The writer of Psalm 45 is unknown, however, most agree by the wording of the Psalm as a whole, it may relate to the days of King Hezekiah, and to time of trouble he found himself, when the Assyrian army marched to Jerusalem to take over the city.

The scriptural time frame is recorded in **2 Kings 18:13-16, 19, 2 Chronicles 32:1-8, and Isaiah 37-38.**

Hezekiah was King of the Southern Kingdom of Judah. His throne was in Jerusalem. **2 Kings 18:13** “...*Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.*”

Furthermore, Sennacherib sent out his general Rab-shakeh to Jerusalem, to defy God and put fear into Hezekiah and the people.

But we can see Hezekiah and the people within Jerusalem are opposed. They are surrounded, their back is against the wall, there is nowhere to go, nowhere to hide but in God their refuge.

It was at this time **Isaiah 37:15-17** records <sup>15</sup> ***And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying, <sup>16</sup> O LORD of hosts, (JEHOVAH-SABAOTH) God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. <sup>17</sup> Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. Verse 20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.***

The Lord answered His prayer, **2 Kings 19:35** He intervened and defeated the enemy by slaying them in one night, or with one blow, the enemy were slain.

**Psalm 46** has often been linked to or called Martin Luther's Psalm, as the German Protestant Reformer drew much comfort from its everlasting truth.

Luther was moved to write a hymn based upon its words, a mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

In the second verse he wrote, *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.*

Believer Psalm 46 is your Psalm as well, and Jehovah Sabaoth is your Saviour.

**Psalm 46:7 & 11** *the LORD of Hosts JEHOVAH SABAOTH is with us....* If you don't know Him as your LORD and Saviour then obey His word, confess your sin to Him and He will pardon you for all eternity.