

3—The Almighty God

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INTRO:

I. → **Genesis 17:1-2**

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am 'El Shadday; walk before me and be **blameless**. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."*

II. Heb (*shadad*) to destroy, desolate, devastate

A. 48 times in the HB, 7 times as El-Shaddai, 31 times in Job

B. Grk (*pantokrátor*); Lat (*deus omnipotens*)

C. Heb—pluralis exellentiae, like Elohiym, Behemoth

D. "Conan the Destroyer" (1984)

III. **LACHISH LETTERS—1590 BC**

BODY:

I. Accepting His Accountability

"Walk before me"

A. A righteous life begins with a healthy respect for God.

1) **Isaiah 13:6-7**

*Wail, for the day of **Yahweh** is near;
it will come like **destruction** from **Shadday**.
Because of this, all hands will go limp,
every heart will melt with fear.*

2) Wail, for near is the **yom Yahwheh**;
k'shod m'Shadday it will come.

3) **NARNIA—ASLAN IS ON THE MOVE**

4) "Then he isn't safe?" said Lucy. "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver.
"Don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King."—*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

B. We all of us must give account to the Almighty God.

1) **Galatians 6:7-8**

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

2) **NOBODY GETS AWAY WITH IT**

II. Heeding His Correction

"And be blameless"

A. God is not looking for perfection but growth and purity.

1) **Job 5:17-18**

*"Blessed is the one whom God corrects;
so do not despise the discipline of **Shaday**.
For he wounds, but he also binds up;
he injures, but his hands also heal."*

2) LXX (*pantokrátoros*) The Almighty

3) **FINDING MOLLY'S PERFECT DIAMOND**

B. God has given us power to demolish strongholds in our life.

1) **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**

*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to **demolish** strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

2) **GETTING RID OF THE CANCER**

III. Keeping His Covenant

"Then I will make my covenant between me and you"

- A. He is the only God powerful enough to keep His promises.
- 1) **Isaiah 60:18**
*No longer will violence be heard in your land,
nor ruin or destruction within your borders,
but you will call your walls Salvation
and your gates Praise.*
 - 2) **POLITICIANS PROMISING TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT**
- B. Nothing is more faithful than the word of the Almighty God.
- 1) **Hebrews 12:23-24**
*You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the
righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new
covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better
word than the blood of Abel.*
 - 2) **BELIEVING FOR OUR FAMILIES**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Ezekiel 10:5

The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far away as the outer court, like the voice of El Shaday when he speaks.

Psalms 91:1-2

He that dwelleth in the secret place of 'El 'Elyon shall abide under the shadow of Shadday. I will say of Yahweh, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. (KJV)

Matthew 10:28

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Mark 1:23-24

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"