

The Name of God is on Jerusalem

An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

Exodus 20:24

But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

Deuteronomy 12:5

If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

Deuteronomy 12:21

23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

Deuteronomy 14:23-24

Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

Deuteronomy 16:2

But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 16:6

That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.



אל שדי

One of the names of God is “*Shaddai*” (The Almighty, most powerful, all-sufficient) as in “*El Shaddai*” (God Almighty). The word *shaddai* begins with the Hebrew letter “shin” (pronounced *sheen*) seen above left and above right. This letter is used by the Jewish people to represent the name of God. It is a letter which is found on Jewish phylacteries and mezuzahs. Virtually all of the mezuzahs that I have seen have this letter on them as pictured above in photos that I have taken throughout the years in Israel. They are found on the doorposts of Jewish homes and some of the gates of the city according to God’s instructions (see Deuteronomy 6:9 & 11:20). Some of these were found on the doorposts of rooms in Jewish owned hotels.

What is very interesting about this letter, which begins one of the names of God, is that it can be **topographically** seen in the valleys of the city of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the context of some Bible verses referring to the name of God and this place of the name of God. There are three valleys in the city of Jerusalem: The Valley of Kidron on the east (right of pictures), the Valley of Hinnom on the west (left of pictures), and the Tyropean valley (also the valley of the Cheesemakers) in the middle. These three valleys join to form this letter “shin.” God placed his name there, literally!

