



You know these consonants:

א ב ג ד ה ו ז ח ט י כ כך ל מ ם
נ ן ס ע פ פּ פֿ צ ץ ק ר ש שׁ שׂ ש׃ ת

You know these vowels:

וּ וֹ וְ וֹּ וֹ׃ וֹ׃ וֹ׃ וֹ׃ וֹ׃ וֹ׃ וֹ׃

You know these vowel sounds:

אֵי אִי אֹי אֻי

The Jewish people commonly call God *Adonai* אֲדֹנָי. This word means "my Lord." God's actual name is a secret that no one knows! In the Torah, God's name is written as יְהוָה or יי. In ancient days the כהן גדול, the High Priest of the Holy Temple, knew how to pronounce God's name. Even he was only allowed to say it out loud once a year, on Yom Kippur. The name of God is very special and very holy.



READING RULE 9

When we see God's name יְהוָה or יי, we read it as *Adonai* אֲדֹנָי.

Some books use the letters ה' in place of יְהוָה or יי. We also read this as *Adonai* אֲדֹנָי.