

## Lesson #8

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#### Background and History

- The first line seems to have been inspired by a sentence in the prayer of Hannah (*Sam. I 2:2*) "*There is none as holy as the Lord, for there is none besides Thee; and there is no rock like our G-d*".
- In this hymn G-d is designated by four different names arranged according to the order they appear in the Torah:

Elohim means G-d

Found in the very first verses of *Genesis*.

Adon means 'Master'

First used by *Abraham Gen. 15:* .

Melekh means 'King'.

Implied in *Exodus (Shemot) 15:28* "*the Lord shall reign for ever and ever*";  
also direct use in *Numbers 23:21*.

Moshi'a means 'Deliverer'.

Implied in *Deuteronomy (Devarim) 33:29*, Israel is "*a people delivered by the Lord*".

- Until the Middle Ages Ein Keiloheinu was the concluding prayer.
- Originally 5 stanzas but in the Middle Ages an additional stanza deals with the incense-offering in the rites of the ancient Temple

Jewish religious experience is not linear it is an ongoing cycle. The end meets the beginning.

*Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen..... Baruch Ata.*