

## CREATOR-ELOHIM

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This Banner gives a small glimpse of God's creation. The pattern consists of Adam, Eve, lion, lamb, dove, swan, turtle, snake, lush plants, reeds, cypress papyrus, date palm, fig and pomegranate trees, sun, moon, stars, clouds, sky, water and land. Over 8,000 sequins secure the silk pattern pieces to the banner. One pendant belonging to Angie Millage is attached to the date palm tree.

Honoring God as **Creator**, we must likewise honor the Son, for Father, Son and Holy Spirit were co-creators of the universe and man. Says John, creation was the work of Him who came as the Word. "All things came into being through Him..." John 1:3. See Psalm 33:6. Then there is Paul's wonderful description of Christ, "who came as the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature". Colossians 1:15-17.

Creation implying making out of nothing, is only possible by deity. Man may be able to make but only God can create. See Isaiah 40:12. As Creator, Jesus is the Might God for "all things were created by Him and for Him."

In the first two chapters of Genesis, **Elohim** occurs 35 times in connection with God's creative power. This striking name for "God" is found most frequently in the books of Deuteronomy and Psalms. In Psalm 68, the Hebrew word is used 26 times and practically covers all aspects of Salvation. As to its first appearance, "In the beginning God," as well as in the other reference, the name is in the plural and is a foregleam of the Trinity in unity. Of the Trinity in unity. "God (plural) said Let Us (plural) make man in Our image..." Genesis 1:26. Man's creation was the concerted act of the three members of the Godhead: The Father (Exodus 20:11), The Son (Colossians 1:16), The Holy Spirit (Job 26:13).

Creative glory and power and Godhead fullness are associated with this initial name of the Bible. Elohim, perhaps the most comprehensive of all divine, speaks of the function of Deity in creation, judgment, deliverance and punishment of evildoers. Elohim, as the creator, expresses the Almighty God who called the world into existence, by "the Word" (John 1:1-3) while the Spirit brooded over all until Creation was complete (Genesis 1:2). Thus, in Elohim, God is the Majestic Ruler, and under such a name we have the idea of omnipotence or creative and governing power.