

Sufficient Meaning: Torah and Rashi

וַיֵּרָא אֶל אַבְרָהָם אֵל יִצְחָק וְאֵל יַעֲקֹב בְּאֵל שַׁדַּי וּשְׁמִי ה' לֹא
נִדְעַתִּי לָהֶם.

I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El Shaddai, but by my name, YHVH, I was not known to them.

Exodus 6:3

חָבַל עַל דְּאֲבָדִין וְלֹא מִשְׁתַּפְּחִין. יֵשׁ לִי לְהִתְאוּנָן עַל מִיתַת
הָאֲבוֹת. הֲרֵבָה פְּעָמִים נִגְלִיתִי אֲלֵיהֶם בְּאֵל שַׁדַּי וְלֹא אָמְרוּ לִי,
מָה שְׁמֶךָ? וְאַתָּה אָמַרְתָּ מָה שְׁמוֹ מָה אֶמַר אֲלֵיהֶם?

What a pity concerning those who are lost and no longer here! I have good reason to mourn the death of the patriarchs. Many times I revealed myself to them as El Shaddai and they never asked beyond that: What is your name? But you, Moses, said from the very beginning: Look, when I come to the people of Israel and say to them, the God of your ancestors has sent me to you, and they ask, what is his name, what shall I tell them?

Rashi on Exodus 6:9