

# Why Lord Isn't the Covenant Name

In the Greek world, the word used was Kyrios.

Kyrios meant:

master, owner, controller someone who legally owns another person.

Kyrios was used for:

slave owners, landowners, Roman officials, and even Caesar himself.

So when Greeks heard "Kyrios,"

they did not hear relationship

they heard ownership and authority.

They heard power.

Then Rome came in.

Rome used the word Dominus.

Dominus literally means:

absolute ruler, master of slaves, property owner.

That's where we get the words:

dominate, dominion, domain.

So in Rome, "Lord" meant:

the one who owns you.

That mindset shaped church systems into control systems.

But Hebrew faith is completely different.

Torah does not use Roman control titles for the Most High.

There are two Hebrew words that later got translated as "Lord."

The first is Adon.

Adon means:

guardian, provider, protector, responsible head.

Not owner but caretaker.

An Adon was judged by how he treated those under his care.

That's covenant responsibility, not control.

The second is the Most High's real Name:

YHWH.

That is His personal covenant Name.  
But later traditions stopped saying the Name out loud  
and replaced it with Adonai.

So when English Bibles say “LORD” in all caps,  
they are not translating  
they are replacing His Name.

So “Lord” is not His Name.  
It’s a Roman substitute title.

So when people read:  
“The Lord is my shepherd”

The Hebrew actually says:  
YHWH is my shepherd.

That is not legal ownership language.  
That is covenant family language.

This is why your spirit feels the difference.  
Because Roman religion is control-based.  
But Torah faith is covenant-based.

Lord theology leans Roman.  
But Torah theology is family, relationship, and covenant.

Restoration is not about making something new.  
It’s about remembering what was always there.

**Kyrios / Dominus:** Titles rooted in Greek and Roman authority culture.  
**Adon:** Hebrew term associated with responsibility and care, not ownership.  
**Covenant language:** Emphasizes relationship and obligation rather than control.