

# WHY THE NAME BECAME OBSCURED

## In Scripture, the Name Is Covenantally Significant

In the Torah, the Name of YAHUAH is not just a label.

It represents:

- Identity
- Authority
- Covenant presence
- Character
- Relationship

Exodus 3:15

“This is My Name forever...”

The Name is tied to covenant remembrance.

That is true.

## What Actually Happened Historically

The Name was not “removed” by a single event.

It became obscured through:

A. Reverence Tradition

By the Second Temple period, many Jewish communities avoided pronouncing the Name out of reverence (based on concern over misuse of Exodus 20:7).

Instead they said:

- “Adonai” (Lord)
- “HaShem” (The Name)

This was not deception.  
It was protective tradition.

But it had consequences.

#### B. Scribal Substitution

In the Hebrew manuscripts:

The four-letter Name (YHWH) remained written.

But vowel markings were later added that reflected “Adonai,” not the original pronunciation.

This created confusion about how to pronounce it.

#### C. Translation into Greek

When the Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek (Septuagint, 3rd–2nd century BCE):

Most manuscripts rendered the Name as:

“Kyrios” (Lord)

This was linguistic substitution, not erasure.

But again — consequences followed.

#### D. Latin & English Translation

Greek “Kyrios” became Latin “Dominus.”

Later English translations used “LORD” in all caps.

The Name was still present in Hebrew manuscripts.

But most readers no longer saw or heard it directly.

That’s historical development — not necessarily conspiracy.

## **What That Shift Did Theologically**

When the personal covenant Name is replaced by titles:

- Relationship language can become more abstract
- Covenant context can weaken
- The uniqueness of the Name becomes less visible

That's a defensible observation.

But that is different from saying:

“The Name was hidden so deception could succeed.”

That step goes beyond evidence.

## **Jeremiah 23:27 Context Matters**

Jeremiah speaks of prophets causing Israel to forget YAHUAH's Name for Baal.

In that context:

“Forget” meant:

Abandon covenant loyalty for idol worship.

It was about idolatry not translation.

That distinction matters.

## **About Titles**

Titles like:

- God
- Lord
- Master

Are generic, yes.

But Scripture itself uses titles too:

- El
- Elohim
- Adonai

Titles are not inherently deceptive.

They become problematic only if:

- They replace covenant obedience
- They are detached from Scripture
- They are used without accountability

That's a nuanced position.

## **About Miracles & Deception**

Deuteronomy 13 warns that signs can occur even with false prophets.

That is true.

But Scripture does not teach that Satan “blesses people in titles.”

It teaches that:

- False worship exists
- Idolatry exists
- Signs can mislead
- Obedience is the test

That's where you stay grounded.

## **A Strong, Accurate Way to Say This**

Here's a version that keeps your intensity but is defensible:

“When the covenant Name becomes distant, relationship can become abstract. Titles can describe power, but the Name anchors identity and covenant history. Recovering the Name restores historical awareness and personal accountability to the Elohim of Israel.”