

## The Names of Satan

The names of a person has a meaning and can dictate their activity and at times their character or purpose in their life.

The original name of the devil was Lucifer (light bringer), who was originally a 'good' angelic being and one of a class of angels known as Cherubim (Ezekiel 28:14). At one time his task was to focus all the worship of God's glory as God sat on the Throne of the universe. Lucifer was in charge of all worship and it all went through Him to God and he walked on the stones of fire in the heart of God! This makes his rebellion even less understandable.

He rebelled against God and tried to force Him off His throne. His attempt was an abysmal failure. Lucifer had perverted his own mind and became the enemy of God (all righteousness), thus becoming the devil (all evil). He was thrown out of heaven and the rest, they say, is history.

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**SA'TAN**, n. [Heb. an adversary.] The grand adversary of man; the devil or prince of darkness; the chief of the fallen angels. Who opposes mankind in all that is Godly.

**LU'CIFER**, n. [L. lux, lucis, light, and fero, to bring.]. He originally brought light (truth and understanding) but fell from this activity and now only brings darkness and wrong understanding of God.

**DEVIL** a Calumniater

*CALUMNIATE*, v.t. [See Calumny.] To accuse or charge one falsely, and knowingly, with some crime, offense, or something, disreputable; to slander.

*CALUMNIATE*, v.i. To charge falsely and knowingly with a crime or offense; to propagate evil reports with a design to injure the reputation of another.

This is why Satan uses false truth and half-truths to try and call Christians into disrepute.

However he also used the truth to convict us of our failings and torments us this way.

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Note also because the names of Satan describe his activities and ways of working, they are important to understand.

**Abaddon** (destroying angel), as found in Revelation 9:11

*Rev 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

Satan's objective is to destroy Christians, erase Jesus and His Kingdom from history and take as many people to hell with him as he can.

**"Angel of the bottomless pit"** in the KJV (or Abyss).

Major demons can escape the Abyss but minor ones cannot. This is why demons should always be cast out to Jesus to be dealt with. This is why Satan has to be locked into it when he is imprisoned there.

**Apollyon** (destroyer), in Revelation 9:11 (see above quote)

Satan's objectives is to destroy the works an workers of Jesus which is why you need to uphold minister on behalf of Jesus in your prayers and need to know how to defend against his attacks.

**Accuser of our brethren** (the devil is the chief complainer against those who believe in God), Revelation 12:10

*Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

**ACCU'SER**, n. One who accuses or blames; an officer who prefers an accusation against another for some offense, in the name of the government, before a tribunal that has cognizance of the offense.

In other words, He points to God's Laws and accuses a Christian of not following them. He looks at areas of our life where Jesus is not Lord so is able to attack them with the permission of Jesus. Our example of this is the book of Job.

*Job said: Job 3:25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.*

In otherwords Job was afraid God could not protect what he had been given by Him. So when Satan complained that God was protecting Job, even though Job did not trust God to be able to do this, God had to remove the protection He had placed around Job. Notice that God removed His complete protection around Job (He had too as Job did not trust Him for it) but He stopped short of Satan being able to take the life of Job.

This shows the danger of knowingly not giving Jesus and area of your life for Him to be Lord of it.

If also shows that Gal 6:7-8 will always apply as God must follow His own guidelines but while the spiritual consequences will be completely dealt with the physical consequence may not be so easily dealt with. An example is the single mother who had sex outside of marriage and ends up with a baby. God forgives the sin but she still has the baby.

*Gal 6:7-8 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

**Adversary** (opponent), 1 Peter 5:8. The opposer of all Christians. Ignore this fact at your peril!

**Angel of light** (messenger of light), 2 Corinthians 11:14. He was once one of the top angels communicating the Truths of God so knows how to appear to be giving truth but really promoting error. This is how cults start with what appears to be promoting truth but which is really error

**Antichrist** (opponent of the Messiah), 1 John 4:3. Satan desires to replace The Kingdom of God on earth with his own kingdom and Jesus as ruler of all..

**Beelzebub** (the dung god, ruler of the demons), Luke 11:15

From H1168 and H2070; *Baal of (the) Fly; Baal Zebub*, a special deity of the Ekronites: - Baal-zebub.

Beelzebub = the lord of flies (2Ki\_1:2), was the god of the Ekronites. It was changed in contempt by the Israelites to Baalzebel = lord of the dunghill, and thence used of the prince of the demons.

The flies mentioned are those that sting and not the normal ones that just buzz implying Satan is aggressive.

Note that Jesus did not use this name but his opponents did implying He was not from God and was casting out demons using demons.

*But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."*

**Belial** (worthlessness), 2 Corinthians 6:15

*2 Co 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*

Jesus summed up the value of all Satan offers by calling it worthless for the purposes of The Kingdom of God!

**Crooked serpent**, Isaiah 27:1

*Isa 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.*

Leviathan is another name for the constellation of The Dragon. Satan is described as piercing (attacking) and crooked (deceitful and lying).

**Deceiving Spirit** 1 Kings 22:22

*1Ki 22:22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.*

Satan loves to mislead prophets which means you need to have always two witnesses that are reliable to any prophecy and whom you know do hear The Holy Spirit correctly.

**Devil** Matthew 4:1

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Devil = traducer

**TRADU'CE**, v.t. [L. traduco; trans, over, and duco, to lead.]

1. To represent as blameable; to condemn.

The best stratagem that Satan hath, is by traducing the form and manner of the devout prayers of God's church. In other words, guiding them so they are ineffective but appear to be effective. In other words having them taught to pray ineffectively but appear to be praying effectively.

2. To calumniate; to vilify; to defame; wilfully to misrepresent.

Satan uses mistruths to corrupt the truth

**Enemy** (the hateful, hostile one), **Wicked One** (evil one), Matthew 13:38 – 39

*Mat 13:38-39 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

If we have an enemy we are at war. One of Satan's main strategies is to hide this war and make Christians believe they do not have a problem with Satan since they are a Christian forgetting that he goes around like a lion on the prowl out to destroy them.

**Evil Spirit** 1 Samuel 16:14

*Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him.*

The Lord did not send the evil spirit but allowed it to attack Saul because Saul had rejected God and done his own thing so no longer was under God's protection. He sent it in the sense that God gave Satan permission to attack Saul. Jesus had to give Satan permission because Saul had rejected Him and no longer was under His protection.

**Father of Lies**, John 8:44

Satan is a murderer and kills people on earth physically and spiritual in hell. Going to hell is called spiritual death. He lies so you cannot really trust anything he or his followers say.

*Joh 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

**god of this world** (god of this age), 2 Corinthians 4:3 – 4

He is god of this world because it reject Jesus, the true God, and follow the guidelines and life style of the kingdom of Satan of whom he is ruler (god) of. They worship his things such as money, power, prestige and by this make him unknowingly their god.

*2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

**Great fiery red dragon** (serpent), Revelation 12:3

This must not refer to the constellation Draco (the dragon) but to a supernatural vision of Satan as ruler of this world.

*Rev 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*

The ten horns are the ten division of the world he has made and the three missing heads are the three great nations he cannot control, which I believe are China, Russia and India. But then they may be three of the nations that no longer exist as a power after world war three.

### **King of darkness** Colossians 1:13

Power = Authority showing Satan has authority over demons and those of his kingdom.

*Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

### **Leviathan** Isaiah 27:1

Leviathan is a large, strong water animal. The ocean symbolises the world so this is a powerful force in the world – the crooked serpent which of course is Satan

*Isa 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.*

**Lucifer** (the name he was originally called (before he sinned), *heylel*, Strong's Concordance #H1966, which means "morning star." It only appears in Isaiah 14:12. Jesus Christ is now called the "morning star," see Revelation 22:16)

LUCIFER, n. [L. lux, lucis, light, and fero, to bring.]

So Lucifer originally brought light to people in His position as worship leader of heaven so he knows what the truth is and how to distort it for his purposes.

*Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

**Murderer, Liar** (a falsifier), Father of lies, John 8:44

Liar = falsifier that he twists the truth or tells what is not true.

**Power of darkness** (power of obscurity), Colossians 1:13

*Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

Power of darkness = from the authority of Satan and his influences

**Prince of the devils** Matt 12:24

*Mat 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.*

Satan rules demons as he is their king and hell is his kingdom which even Jesus will not influence in any way as He has given Satan authority over it. This is why Jesus will not do anything to take people out of hell once they are in it.

**Prince of the power of the air** (ruler who has authority over air), Ephesians 2:1

*Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

Satan rules the world which includes the atmosphere. The atmosphere is full of his demons which are around us all the time trying to find ways to have us sin and reject Jesus and so become part of Satan's kingdom.

**Roaring Lion** who roams the earth looking for those to deceive and lead to destruction (1 Peter 5:8).

*1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

Satan is your adversary who always is against you when you belong to Jesus and he is prowling the world looking for spiritual prey. So Christians who say they are safe from Satan once they follow Jesus are ripe for him to attack and they will not realise it is him and not a physical or emotional thing, not realising these things are the results of his attacks.

**Ruler of this world** (prince of this world), John 12:31, Jn 14:30

*Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

Christians are temporary residence in the world of evil ruled by Satan so need to be close to their King, Jesus, and able to hear His Guidance and Will for them to be able to survive in it and do His work.

**Serpent** (snake), Genesis 3:1, 2 Corinthians 11:3

a *snake*, figuratively (as a type of sly cunning) an artful *malicious* person, especially *Satan*: - serpent.

**Spirit that currently works** "in the children of disobedience," Ephesians 2:2

*Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

This shows that Satan works in a person to control them. He needs to be in a person's soul or spirit or has no influence over them and can only try to influence them from outside of them. This is why Jesus says to resist Satan as he cannot get you to sin unless you accept what He is trying to have you do.

**Tempter** (the tester, one who entices), Matthew 4:3

*Mat 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*

TEMPT'ER, n. One that solicits or entices to evil.

*Strong's says: From G3984; to test (objectively), that is, endeavor, scrutinize, entice, discipline: - assay, examine, go about, prove, tempt (-er), try.*

This shows why Satan tempts you – to see if you will succumb and sin. You only succumb to sin if accept what He suggest you do even though you may not actually do it. Jesus looks at our hearts and not what we do!

**Thief** (stealer), John 10:10a

*Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...*

Whenever Satan attacks he tries to remove all that God has done for you from you so that in a sense he has stolen it.

**Wicked-one** Mat 13:19

*Mat 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.*

While a demon actually attacks, he represents Satan who is the wicked one telling him to attack. He does this at times by somehow removing the truths in our heart so that we no longer know them.

### **In Summary**

Satan is the ruler of the earth and its atmosphere. We are only temporary citizens in his kingdom.

He is the god of this world because people follow his guidelines for living, even if only by not following those of Jesus. By this they make him their ruler – whether or not they realise it and by worshipping an idol or thing in any form they also make him their god.

He is also the ruler of demons and has ultimate responsibility for what they do.

He is evil in every aspect and uses half-truths and lies to try and have people accept what he offers them so they will sin and belong to his kingdom. This is why knowing the truth about something will set you free from his rule.

To not sin you must reject what he suggests you do which is the basis of holiness.

His whole purpose in life is to have people reject Jesus and become part of his kingdom and he does whatever he can to do this, of which war is one of his favourite tools along with dictatorships.

Whatever Jesus is not Lord of in your life he has a right to attack and use otherwise he can only try and get you to accept what he offers and cannot succeed until you accept what he suggests so he can use it for his own purposes.

We are told that people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge and in the case of a Christians the lack of knowledge is to do with God's requirements of them and of how Satan attacks which is why it is so important to study and meditate on The Bible and apply it to your life.