

THE DEVIL AND HIS WORK

The Prince Of This World
John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Ephesians 2:2

The Names Of Satan

Satan (*satan*): "adversary; the prince of evil spirits, the inveterate adversary of God and of Christ" (Thayer).

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Devil (*diabolos*) "prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely; false accuser; Satan, the prince of demons, the author of evil, persecuting good men" (Thayer).
Matthew 4:1

Examples:

Job 1:9-11

- Satan accused Job of serving God out of selfish motives.
- Satan accused Job of being weak and that he would not serve the Lord if he were in pain (2:1-7).

John 6:70 Judas ... "One of you is a devil." (Just like the devil.)

- The devil accuses every Christian. Revelation 12:9-10
- The devil accuses God. cf. Genesis 3:4-5

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The Adversary. 1 Peter 5:8 (*antidikos*) "An opponent in a suit at law; devil ... because he accuses men before God" (Thayer).

Tempter (*peirazo*) (Matthew 4:3): "to test one maliciously, craftily to put to the proof his feelings or judgment, Matthew 16:1; 19:3; 22:18, 35; to try or test one's faith, virtue, character, by enticement to sin; hence; to solicit to sin, to tempt; James 1:13" (Thayer).

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Beelzebub (*beelzeboul*) (Matthew 12:22-28) "Lord of dung or of filth, i.e. of idolatry" ... "Lord of flies, a false god of the Ekronites (2 Kings 1:2) having the power to drive away troublesome flies, and think the Jews transferred the name to Satan in contempt." (Thayer)

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The enemy (*echthros*) (Matthew 13:39) "The hostile one; i.e. the most bitter enemy of the divine government" (Thayer).

Belial (*belial*) "worthlessness, wickedness; a name for Satan 2 Corinthians 6:15" (Thayer). (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

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The "god of this world" (*theos tou aionos*)
2 Corinthians 4:1-4

- ▣ "World (*aionos*): Age, referring to an age or time in contrast to *kósmos*, referring to people or space. Denotes duration or continuance of time" (Complete Word Study Dictionary)

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Prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2):

- ▣ "Air" (*aeros*) is defined as used in Ephesians 2:2 indicates the "ruler of the powers (spirits, ...) in the air, i.e. the devil, the prince of the demons that according to Jewish opinion fill the realm of the air" (Thayer).

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Prince of the world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11):

- ▣ "*Kosmos*" is used in connection with the realm of the Devil. "*Kosmos*" is used in connection with the above passages as "the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, therefore hostile to the cause of Christ" (Thayer).
- ▣ The devil is therefore the spiritual father of all those who reject the authority of Jesus Christ (John 8:44).

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Father of lies and liars (John 8:44):

- ▣ "Father" as it is used in John 8:44 as, "the originator and transmitter of anything ... one who has infused his own spirit into others, who actuates and governs their minds." (Thayer)
- ▣ The governing powers of Satan are produced through lies. He lied to Eve and he lies to us today.

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The deceiver (Revelation 12:9):

- ▣ "To cause to stray, to lead astray, lead aside from the right way" (Thayer)
cf. Galatians 1:6 and Ephesians 4:14-15

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The destroyer (*apollyon*) (Revelation 9:11):

- ▣ "In Revelation 9:11 *Apollyōn* is a translation and personification of the Hebrew and means Destroyer (usually seen as a play on Apollo, the god of pestilence, who was regarded as the god of the empire and had the locust as his creature)." (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament)
- ▣ The devil is one who is out to ruin man spiritually through his lies, deceptions and temptations that he may truly be the god of your life.
- ▣ Indeed he is "the evil one" (1 John 2:13).

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The dragon or serpent (Revelation 12:3-17):

- ▣ "A figurative term for the devil" (AG).

The Work Of Satan -1 Peter 5:8

- ▣ Tempt you to sin that you might be separated from God - DEATH. cf. 1 John 2:15ff; cf. 1 Corinthians 7:5
- ▣ **He is crafty.** 2 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 6:11
 - May fashion himself into an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:10-15
 - May work through false religion or false teachers. 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Peter 2:1; Galatians 2:4
 - Snatches the word from your heart. Matthew 13:19
 - Blinds the minds of unbelievers. 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - Makes you think you are right. Matthew 7:21-23
 - Creates doubt. Genesis 3:1-6