



## ALL SAINTS GOODMAYES



### Understanding the Identity of Our Enemy!

Who is our enemy; who are we in warfare against? The Bible mentions many demonic spirits by name! It is very important that we know the identity of these spirits and know how to combat them spiritually. 2 Corinthians 2:11 *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."*

Names and Descriptions of the Devil in Scripture. The prevailing characteristic of the devil/ Satan is pride. He is an arrogant, self centred, self-willed being. He wars against the plan of God, the people of God and the advancement of the kingdom of God. This, of course, will be a futile effort. However, the danger is that you or I as individuals could fall prey to his cunning devices.

### Names of Satan: These Are Aliases the Devil Is Known By

The Bible calls Satan by many different names. Each name has a slightly different meaning. The many other names for Satan give a fuller picture of who Satan is and what he does. This list of names for Satan has been taken from the King James and the New King James Version of the Bible.

Abaddon - "Destroying Angel" The Hebrew name "Abaddon" means, "Destruction" or "Destroying Angel." Revelation 9:11 makes reference to this angel, *"And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon."*

Accuser –"complainant at law" Revelation 12:10 *"Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.'"*

Adversary –"the arch-enemy, challenger, opponent, rival" 1 Peter 5:8 *"Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."*

Angel of light—"a deceiver" 2 Corinthians 11:14 *"... For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light."*

Angel of the bottomless pit – "His destiny is empty and desolate" Revelation 9:11 *"And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon."*

Anointed covering cherub – "His original position was glorious and majestic"

Ezekiel 28:14 *"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones."*

Antichrist—"opponent of Jesus Christ on judgment day" 1 John 4:3 *"And every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world."*

Apollyon—"Greek word for destroyer" The Greek name for Satan that means, "Destroyer." Revelation 9:11 *"And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon."*

Beast—“he is ferocious and base, representative of all things untamed” *Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.’*” (Revelation 14:9, 10)

Beelzebub—“The term comes from "Baal Zebub" which means, “lord of the flies.” This could also be understood as the dung-god. Baal was a Canaanite god. Matthew 12:24 *“Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, ‘This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.’”*

Belial—“worthlessness, wickedness” The term is personified as a demonic influence.”2 Corinthians 6:15 *“And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?”*

Deceiver—“possess great ability to deceive, trick, mislead, con, betray and lie” Revelation 12:9 *“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*

Devil—“slanderer, evil fiend, sower of weeds” 1 John 3:8 *“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”*

Devourer—“to consume or use up greedily, Malachi 3:11 *“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.”*

Dragon—“a fascinating type of serpent, perhaps with the ability to capture ones imagination” Revelation 12:9 *“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*

Enemy—“to hate, to be actively hostile” Matthew 13:39 *“The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.”*

Evil one—“he personifies everything evil, all things malicious and wicked.” John 17:15 *“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.”*

Father of lies—“the source of things false, fabricated and opposite of truth”

John 8:44 *“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”*

God of this age—“has influence in the realms of the flesh and worldliness”

2 Corinthians 4:4 *“Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”*

King of Babylon—“rules through confusion” Isaiah 14:4 *“That you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: ‘How the oppressor has ceased, the golden city ceased!’”*

Lawless one—“unruly, uncontrollable, outside the rule of law, anarchy” 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10 *“And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His*

coming. *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*"

Leviathan—"a monster, hideous creature" Isaiah 27:1 *"In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea."*

Liar—"fraud, fake pretender, imposter, phony, hypocrite" John 8:44 *"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."*

Lucifer—"brightness, When Venus appears before the sunrise, she is called "Lucifer" at that time it is the third brightest object in the sky after the sun (Christ) and the moon (church). Isaiah 14:12-14 *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation; On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'"*

Murderer—"killer, assassin, slayer, He seeks to kill and destroy" John 8:44 *"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."*

Power of darkness—"shadows, obscurity and hidden" Colossians 1:13, 14 *"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."*

Prince of the power of the air—"to take control of--This may be an indication of using airwaves as a medium of power and influence i.e. the modern media" Ephesians 2:1, 2 *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience."*

Roaring lion—"an attempt to intimidate and cause fear, he is a fake lion" 1 Peter 5:8 *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."*

Rulers of the darkness—"in reference to his influence the shadows and hidden things" Ephesians 6:12 *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."*

Ruler of this world—"the place Satan actually exercises some power and control" John 12:31, 32 *"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."*

Satan—"name for the opponent of all things good, the evil one, Mark 1:13 *"And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him."*

Serpent of old—"serpent has to do with magic, or casting a spell or to hiss, whisper or mesmerize—to forecast, pretend or predict. This being a false prediction or a trick"

Revelation 12:9 *"So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*

Son of perdition—"to lose or suffer loss, destroyed completely" 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4 *"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."*

Tempter—"to entice, charm, lure or otherwise attempt to persuade" Matthew 4:3 *"Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, 'If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.'" Thief—"crook, burglar, robber" John 10:10 *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."**

Wicked one—"depraved, immoral, heinous, corrupt, evil" Ephesians 6:16 *"Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."*

### Satan's Ultimate Fate

In the gospel of John Jesus prophesied of His triumph over the powers of darkness declaring: John 12:31-32 *"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world (Satan) shall be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to Myself."*

In the above passage, Jesus is predicting His death on the Cross.

Even though we know his final end, he is still able to exercise, for a season, his work in the earth. In his disembodied state he is permitted to go to and fro in the earth looking for people he can influence. In fact, the Anti-Christ will be the embodiment of Satan's spirit.

As a spirit, he injects his "thought patterns" into the unseen world with the intention of entrapping the minds and hearts of men. For this reason he is called, "the prince of the power of the air." Nevertheless, he has been permanently defeated and has no power over those who abide in Jesus! Yes, Satan is a defeated enemy. The explanation written in Colossian 2:4-15 is truly a masterpiece in unveiling the remarkable victory through the work of Calvary.

And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.