



10 Different Names for Satan

AND WHAT THEY MEAN

4. **The Accuser** Revelation 12:9–12; Job 1:6–12

Meaning: The one who presents someone's violations of the law before a judge; the one who presents someone's sin to God.

Satan is described as the accuser because of how he tries to bring people to hell in order to hurt God. It is understood that he stands before the throne of God and accuses people of the sins they committed, or twisting truth into a lie to make someone appear bad to the great Judge. A picture of this is given in the first chapter of Job. God blessed Job greatly, and Satan accused Job of only loving God because of the blessings, and that if God took them away, Job would not love Him. Job did not do this, though he did experience doubts. Satan accuses, but if someone places their faith in Jesus Christ, his death has paid the price for those sins of which they are being accused of, and the Judge wipes them from the ledger.

5. **The Serpent** Revelation 12:9 & 20:2; Isaiah 27:1

Meaning: The snake in the garden, the dragon in Revelation, the Leviathan.

Satan is described as the serpent because he used the form of a serpent, or possessed a serpent, to tempt Adam and Eve in the garden. He used this form, luring Eve into trusting him because they were familiar with the creatures of the Garden of Eden. In her mind, she had no reason to believe the snake would lie to her. The Leviathan is a large multi-headed sea serpent demon. The Hebrew meaning of Leviathan is coiled and twisted like a snake.

6. **The Father of Lies** John 8:44a; Psalm 56:5; Genesis 2:17; 3:4

Meaning: The origin of deception, the first person to tell a lie or falsehood.

Satan is described as the Father of Lies because he was the first liar. When Lucifer got some of the hosts of heaven to rebel against God, he lied saying that he could dethrone God. When he tempted Adam and Eve, he lied by omission, not telling them that if they could choose between good and evil, they would pay a price for it. Many lies people tell or believe comes from Satan.

7. **Murderer** John 8:44b; Matthew 15:18–19

Meaning: A killer; the one who ends life.

Satan is described as a murderer because listening to him leads to death. When Adam and Eve sinned, they were exiled from the Garden of Eden and the tree of life. They died as a result of their sin, and all people of the world now die bodily because of sin. Satan also tempts others to take life.