

# “Lucifer”: The Name of Satan?

- The names of Satan:

- Satan, *Satanas* – lit. “an opponent, an adversary”; in the NT, word is always used as proper noun – **Mark 1:13**
- The Devil, *Diabolos* – “an accuser, a slanderer”; – **Eph. 4:27**
- Beelzebub, “Lord of the Flies” (from II Kings 1, a god of Ekron) – **Mark 3:22-23**
- Belial – “worthlessness, hopeless ruin, extreme wickedness, destruction” – **II Cor. 6:15**

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- Satan, the Devil, Beelzebub, Belial
  - What about **Isaiah 14:12**?
    - This is a prophecy regarding a king of Babylon, **vs. 4**
  - Is “Lucifer” an appropriate name for Satan?
    - No, as it seems to represent honor, glory, and understanding
  - Is Lucifer a Biblically accurate name for Satan?
    - No, the passage in question is not about Satan
    - Many future writers (Tertullian, etc.) would refer to Satan as “Lucifer”, but it is based on a misapplication of the text

# **“Lucifer”: The Nature of Satan...**

- **What makes Satan so dangerous?**
  - **He will try to stop us from obeying the truth**
    - **Mark 4:15**
  - **He will try to entice us to sin, and if we fall, we will not be able to blame Satan, for God will hold us accountable – Acts 5:3**
  - **May try to use Scripture to tempt us, cause us to twist Scripture – Matt. 4, II Pet. 3:16**
  - **God helps us to turn away! I Cor. 10:10-13**