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The NT refers to Satan by several names, so there will be overlap between these – but this will show that these terms are synonymous.

Here's the basic list of what the gospels accuse **Satan** of (by name):

1. Trying to get Jesus to be disloyal to YHWH in the wilderness (Matt 4.10; Mark 1.13)
2. Taking away the preached word of the kingdom from those who didn't understand the message (Parable of Sower, Mark 4.15)
3. Inflicting a woman with sickness for 18 years (Luke 13.16)
4. Entering Judas at the Last Supper, to execute the planned betrayal (Luke 22.3; John 13.27)
5. Requesting permission from the Father to test Peter through turbulence (Luke 22.31)

Here's the basic list of what the gospels accuse **"the Devil"** of (by name):

6. Trying to get Jesus to be disloyal to YHWH in the wilderness (Matt 4; Luke 4)
7. Producing/shaping evil people (Parable of the Weeds, Matt 13.39)
8. Taking away the preached word of the kingdom from those who do not believe after hearing the message (Parable of Sower, Luke 8.12)
9. Murderer, Liar, and creating other liars (John 8.44)
10. Suggesting and enticing Judas to betray Jesus (John 13.2)

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Here's the list of what the gospels accuse “**the Evil One**” of (by name¹):

11. Inciting (possibly²) people to make ornate oaths in normal interactions (Matt 5.37)
12. An adversary (possibly²) to Jesus' followers (Lord's prayer in Matt 6, and Jesus' prayer in John 17)
13. Taking away the preached word of the kingdom from those who do not understand after hearing the message (Parable of Sower, Matt 13.19)
14. “Growing” evil people (Parable of the Weeds, Matt 13.38)

There are several other passages with mentions of Satan / Beelzebub / Devil -- but they do not contain accusations and/or statements of his actions (e.g. the ‘Satan cast out Satan’ discussion; the ‘fall from heaven’ and ‘ruler cast out’ etc.).

Note 1: In the Greek for ‘the evil one’, there is no ‘one’—it is just the adjective “evil”. It is an adjective, with an implied subject (mostly). Without an explicit subject—like in our verse here-- it can refer to evil humans (Matt 5.39; 5.45; Luke 6.35), evil thoughts or deeds (Mark 7.23; Matt 9.4), or the Devil (as in Parables of Sower and Parable of Weeds – where a supernatural conscious agent performs the main action.).

Note 2: These 3 cases have a high level of ambiguity to them. The prepositions and articles used do not make it clear that the ‘evil ONE’ is meant, instead of ‘evil – as a principle’. [We will discuss the ‘oath’ one below.]

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So, **if there is nothing explicitly said about him** (by name) **as authoring** any part, parts, or the majority of the Hebrew bible—especially as a warning to the disciples and the populace—then **either he did not actually AUTHOR ANY OF IT**, or Jesus was ignorant of that, and/or was in league with such a deadly deception!

[“Father of Lies” is irrelevant here—to extend to scripture, it would have to be known that it already INCLUDED ‘lies’ in the text.]

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If this were REALLY true:

1. We would expect several/many **EXPLICIT** and **CLEAR** statements by Jesus **ascribing** specific passages and/or large chunks of the Hebrew Bible to **Satan as author**.
2. We would expect Jesus to make **SEVERAL STRONG** and **CLEAR** statements that the Bible was **illegitimate, evil, and fraudulent**.
3. We should expect **MANY, MANY, MANY** **and CLEAR** statements by Jesus that the Bible was **illegitimate, evil, and fraudulent**.

Okay, we basically came up with NOTHING here.

4. Out of the many verses that ascribe evil doings to the evil One, **none mentioned anything about authoring fraudulent passages** in the Hebrew Bible. (The closest case is the one 'oath' verse, but **EVEN IF** that was somehow a repudiation of an OT text, that single case would not come close to satisfying the need for 'many, explicit, and clear' statements – to count as 'warning' to the people He came to lead to truth and freedom.