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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: **Beelzebub**

Language: **Greek**

Pronunciation: **beh-el-zeb-ool'**

Meaning: The name 'Beelzebub' means 'The Lord of Flies.' It is derived from two Hebrew root words. The first is 'Baal' meaning 'to marry', 'to possess', 'to own', 'to rule over' or 'to have dominion.' The second root word is 'Zebuwb' meaning 'flies' (especially those of a stinging nature).

Alternative meanings include: 'Baal of Flies' or 'Baal of Zebub.'

Please note: The word 'Baal' generally has reference to the following descriptive meanings: 'husband', 'lord', 'master' or 'owner.' It was also used by the Canaanites as a substitute title for their god, Hadad.

*** Please see 'Baal' for additional information ***

On another note... the word 'Zebuwb' is derived from a Hebrew verb meaning 'to move to and fro' (especially of something suspended in mid-air). This word is always used to depict stinging flies.

*** Flies are generally associated with plagues and pestilences in the Bible. ***

Most scholars believe that 'Baal-Zebub' may involve a mocking alteration of the Hebrew name 'Baal-Zebul' meaning 'Baal the Prince' or 'Baal the Exalted.' Deliberately changing the name 'Baal-Zebul' to 'Baal-Zebub' was supposed to bring a sense of shame to the mere mention of this Philistine deity.

*** Thus... 'Baal the Exalted' is now transformed into 'Baal of the Dung-hill.' ***

*** Please note: 'Beelzebub' is synonymous with the name 'Baal-Zebub.' ***