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Ithuriel ("discovery of God" or "a great golden crown") - an angel who serves [Sephuriron](#) as a [Sarim](#) of Geburah, one of the [Holy Sephira](#) of the Tree of Life. He is also mentioned in *The Greater Key of Solomon* as an angel of the first pentacle of [Mars](#).

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Ithuriel

For the ships of the British Royal Navy, see HMS Ithuriel.

Ithuriel ("discovery of God") is the name of a being mentioned in the writings of the Kabbala and in 16th century conjuring books. He is one of the three deputy sarim (princes) of the holy sefiroth serving under the ethnarchy of the angel Sephuriron.

The name Ithuriel occurs in the 16th-century tracts of Isaac ha-Cohen of Soria, where the term is interpreted as denoting "a great golden crown"; and in Moses ben Jacob Cordovero's *Pardes Rimmonim* (Orchard of Pomegranates). Earlier sources may yet come to light. The name appears also in the grimoires, as in the 1st pentacle of the planet Mars, figured in Mathers', *The Greater Key of Solomon*, p. 63.

In *Paradise Lost* IV, 778, 788, John Milton refers to Ithuriel as a cherub ("mistakenly," says Gershom Scholem) who, along with the Zephon, is dispatched by Gabriel to locate Satan. The "grieslie King" is discovered in the Garden of Eden "squat like a Toad close at the ear of Eve." By touching Satan with his spear, Ithuriel causes the Tempter to resume his proper likeness. This incident is illustrated in William Hayley's edition of Milton's works (London, 1794). In John Dryden's, *The State of Innocence*, Ithuriel figures in the cast of characters of one of 4 angels.

It is clear from the sources cited that Milton did not coin the name of Ithuriel (or the names of Abdiel or Zophiel, as certain Milton scholars have claimed) but found him ready at hand.^[1]

References in literature

Ithuriel is referenced in "Daniel Deronda" by George Eliot, in Chapter 61. "Mirah's face, with a look of anger that might have suited Ithuriel."

Ithuriel is also mentioned in the poem *The Hour of the Angel* by Rudyard Kipling about final judgement. The poem refers to the hour of judgement, the "final hour", as "Ithuriel's Hour". Ithuriel's spear is also mentioned in his poem *Dinah in Heaven*, with the dog of the title "Storming against Ithuriel's Spear / That only proved her truth!."

Ithuriel appeared in Théophile Gautier's poem "Les Yeux Bleus de la Montagne", which referred the jewelry as *joyaux tombés du doigt de l'ange Ithuriel*, "jewels fallen from the finger of the angel Ithuriel". Gautier also mentions Ithuriel in his 1832 poem "Notre-Dame." Once again, Ithuriel is evoked in the context of jewels, which here describe the colors of the sky as the sun sets in summer behind Notre-Dame cathedral: "Ce ne sont que saphirs, coralines, opales, Tons à faire trouver Rubens et Titien pâles; Ithuriel répand son écrin dans les cieux."

Ithuriel is mentioned in two poems by Victor Hugo. In "Oiseaux Enfant" he writes *Colibri, comme Ithuriel, appartient à la zone bleue*; and in "Floreal and Psyche" *quel est le pont que l'esprit montre, la route de la fange au ciel, où Vénus Astarté rencontre à mi-chemin Ithuriel*.

Ithuriel is referenced in Thomas Hardy's *The Return of the Native* when Venn slaps Wildeve on the shoulder.

Ithuriel is also a fictional character, an angel, who had been summoned and tortured by Valentine in Book 3: City of Glass of the Mortal Instruments Trilogy by Cassandra Clare, also appearing in Clockwork Princess, the conclusion of prequel series [The Infernal Devices] as a spirit entrapped within the clockwork angel locket belonging to Tessa Gray.

John Adams makes reference to the spear of Ithuriel as a source of inspiration for political philosophy^[2] in his Discourses on Davila.

The Spear is represented in Alan Moore's Watchmen comic book series by the Chrysler Building in New York City.^[3]

In Aleister Crowley's *Liber Liberi vel Lapidis Lazuli Adumbratio Kabbalæ Ægyptiorum sub figurâ VII*, the Holy Guardian Angel is described as "Ithuriel the strong."

Then said Ithuriel the strong; let Us also worship this invisible marvel! VII 3:27

In The Key of Solomon, Ithuriel, Eschiel, Madimiel, and Bartzachiah are the four angel-names on the First Talisman of Mars.

In Mark Twain's *The Convrasser's Tale* Ithuriel is the name of the uncle of the "sad-eyed stranger".

References in film

In the 2007 Australian movie *Gabriel*, Ithuriel is one of the seven Archangels sent to reclaim light from the Fallen Angels and return it to Purgatory.

Representative J.S. Morrill addressed the US House of Representatives on April 20, 1858, in support the Morrill Land-Grant Acts that eventually resulted in the establishment of land grant universities to educate the populace. "*Spurious dogmas will be touched lightly with the spear of Ithuriel, and no longer squat around the ears of weary ploughmen.*" Morrill, JS. *Speech of Hon. Justin S Morrill on the bill granting lands for agricultural colleges delivered in the House of Representatives, April 20, 1858*. Washington, DC: Congressional Globe 1858;8.

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