

“The Merchant of Venice”
William Shakespeare

Words and Phrases Used to Describe Shylock

rich money-lender	inhuman wretch
devil	uncapable of pity
villain with a smiling cheek	void and empty from any dram of mercy
misbeliever	harsh Jew
goodly apple rotten at the heart	[having] sharp envy
cut-throat dog	damned, inexecrable dog
spit upon	[having a] currish spirit
spurned like a strange cur	gentle Jew
[having a] villain’s mind	offender
[being the] very devil incarnation	cruel devil
[his] house is hell	dog Jew
old carrion	faithless Jew
usurer	fiend
disgraced	bloody creditor
mocked	unfeeling man
scorned	alien
greedy	stony adversary
soft and dull-eyed fool	impenetrable cur
desires are wolfish, bloody, starved, ravenous	