

## EZEKIEL 28:1-26 – “PROCLAMATION & LAMENTATION AGAINST/FOR THE KING OF TYRE; PROCLAMATION AGAINST SIDON; ISRAEL’S FUTURE BLESSING”

### OBSERVATION

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### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

#### THE PROPHECY OF TYRE’S DESTRUCTION: (VS. 1-10)

*We are working our way through the prophecy of destruction of Israel’s seven surrounding nations.*

*Eze 28:1 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,*

*Eze 28:2 "Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because your heart is lifted up, And you say, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, In the midst of the seas,' Yet you are a man, and not a god, Though you set your heart as the heart of a god*

*Eze 28:3 (Behold, you are wiser than Daniel! There is no secret that can be hidden from you!*

*Eze 28:4 With your wisdom and your understanding You have gained riches for yourself, And gathered gold and silver into your treasuries;*

*Eze 28:5 By your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, And your heart is lifted up because of your riches),"*

*Eze 28:6 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you have set your heart as the heart of a god,*

*Eze 28:7 Behold, therefore, I will bring strangers against you, The most terrible of the nations; And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, And defile your splendor.*

*Eze 28:8 They shall throw you down into the Pit, And you shall die the death of the slain In the midst of the seas.*

*Eze 28:9 "Will you still say before him who slays you, 'I am a god'? But you shall be a man, and not a god, In the hand of him who slays you.*

*Eze 28:10 You shall die the death of the uncircumcised By the hand of aliens; For I have spoken," says the Lord GOD. ' "*

#### Chapter 28- the defeat of Tyre’s real king!

1 **Eze 28:1 The word of the Lord came again unto me,....** With another prophecy; as before against the city of Tyre, now against the king of Tyre: The prophecy was targeted toward the prince of Tyre, described as a pagan belief in his own deity.

2 **Eze 28:2 Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord GOD;** Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, I am a god - That is, I am absolute, independent, and accountable to none. He was a man of great pride and arrogance

3 **Eze 28:3 Behold, you are wiser than Daniel;** there is no secret that they can hide from you. Thus he speaks by derision: for Daniel had declared notable signs of his wisdom in Babylon, when Ezekiel wrote this. The prophecy was dependent upon the gathering of great wealth.

4 **Eze 28:4 With your wisdom and with your understanding you have gained riches,....** Through skill in navigation and trade, for which the Tyrians and their princes were famous, they acquired great wealth: so antichrist, by carnal policy, and hellish subtlety, has amassed vast treasures together; the sale of pardons and indulgences has brought immense riches into the pope’s coffers: **and hast gotten gold and silver into your treasures;** in great quantities

5 **Eze 28:5 By your great wisdom -** He attributed everything to himself; he did not acknowledge a Divine providence. As he got all by himself, so he believed he could keep all by himself, and had no need of any foreign help. **and your heart is lifted up because of your riches;** which are apt to puff up and make men highminded, and swell them with a vain opinion of themselves, and to make haughty, insolent, and scornful, in their behavior to others; thus elated with worldly grandeur and riches, the whore of Rome is represented as proud, vain, and haughty, *Rev 18:7.*

6 **Eze 28:6 Therefore thus says the Lord God,....** Now follows the punishment threatened, because of all this pride, haughtiness, and blasphemy: **because you have set your heart as the heart of a god;** seeking your own glory; setting up yourself above all others; assuming that to yourself which belongs to a god; and making yourself equal to Him. Tyre was destined for death.

7 **Eze 28:7 Behold, therefore, I will bring strangers upon thee,....** The Chaldean army, who not only lived at a distance from Tyre, but were unknown to them, not trading with them; nor are they mentioned among the merchants of Tyre: these, in the mystical sense, may design the angels that shall pour out the vials on the antichristian states, the kings of Protestant nations: **...and they shall defile your splendor;** profane your crown, cast down your throne, destroy your kingdom, and all that is great and glorious in you; thus the whore of Rome shall be made bare and desolate

8 **Eze 28:8 They shall throw you down to the pit,....** Or, "to corruption"; to the grave, the pit of corruption and destruction; so antichrist shall go into perdition, into the bottomless pit from whence he came, *Rev 17:8.* **..and you shall die the death of the slain in the midst of the seas.** that die in a sea fight, whose carcasses are thrown overboard, and devoured by fishes.

9 **Eze 28:9 Will your still say before him that slays you-** Will you continue your pride and arrogance when the sword is sheathed in you, and still imagine that you are self-sufficient and independent?

10 **Eze 28:10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers -** like the rest of the heathen and infidels who are God’s enemies. For I have spoken, says the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel may be divided into three sections, following the prophet’s call in 1-3: (1) God’s judgment on Jerusalem, 4-24; (2) God’s judgment on the surrounding nations, 25-32; and (3) God’s restoration of the Jews in the kingdom, 33-48. Chapters 1-24 were given before the siege of Jerusalem; **chapters 25-32 during the siege;** and chapters 33-48 after the siege. Though the prophet was in distant Babylon, he was able to see events in Jerusalem through the power of the Spirit of God. Ezekiel not only proclaimed God’s message to the people, but he had to live the message before them. God commanded him to do a number of symbolic acts in order to get the attention of the people: play at war (*Eze 4:1-3*); lie on his side a certain number of days (*Eze 4:4-17*); shave his hair and beard (*Eze 5:1-4*); act like someone fleeing from war (*Eze 12:1-16*); sit and sigh (*Eze 21:1-7*); and, the most difficult of all, have his wife die (*Eze 24:15-27*). It was not easy to be a prophet.

In chapters 25-28 we come to the judgment of the neighboring nations surrounding Israel.

In chapter 26 we come to a judgment that is very similar to the position the United States has today! In chapter 28 we see the defeat of Tyre’s real king and who is the force behind their commercial success.

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**THE PRIDE OF TYRE’S PRINCE (VS. 11-19) Eze 28:11**  
*Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

*Eze 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.*

*Eze 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.*

*Eze 28:14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.*

*Eze 28:15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.*

*Eze 28:16 "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. (Ps. 73:6)*

*Eze 28:17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.*

*Eze 28:18 "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.*

*Eze 28:19 All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever." " "*

11 **Eze 28:11** Moreover the word of the Lord came to me,.... After the prophecy concerning the ruin of the prince of Tyre, the word of the Lord came to the prophet, ordering him to take up a lamentation on the king of Tyre: The pride of Tyre’s prince brought his destruction.

12 **Eze 28:12** Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD; You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. He derides the vain opinion and confidence that the Tyrians had in their riches, strength and pleasures. His characteristics are shown here and through verse 15. His perfection.

13 **Eze 28:13** Thou hast been in Eden - This also is a strong irony. Thou art like Adam, when in his innocence and excellence he was in the garden of Eden! Every precious stone was your covering - For a description of these stones see the note on Exo 28:17. It was seen in his creation. He was connected with the Garden of Eden. His preparation.

14 **Eze 28:14** You - He means the royal state of Tyre, which for the excellency and glory of it he compares to the cherubim which covered the Ark, and by "anointed" he signifies the same - were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you. I did you this honor to make you one of the builders of my temple, which was when Hiram sent to Solomon things necessary for the work so you were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of the stones of fire - That is, among my people Israel. His position.

15 **Eze 28:15** You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created - Which was when I first called you to this dignity - till iniquity was found in thee. His corruption-He disobeyed God, (Rev. 9:11; 2 Cor. 11:14) **1. Disobeyed God 2. Defiled the true worship of God. 3. He destroyed others with violence! 4. He desired to be like God!**

16 **Eze 28:16** By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.

You will have no part among my people. 3. He destroyed others with violence!

17 **Eze 28:17** Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty,.... Riches, wealth, power, and authority; see Eze 28:5, **You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendors**; outward luster and glory, which dazzled his eyes so that he could not see things in a true light; but neglecting the word of God, and setting up his own infallibility, corrupted his doctrine and worship, and became foolish, and stupid. **I cast you to the ground**; from the throne and pinnacle of honor, to the lowest state and condition: **and I laid you before kings**: prostrate at the feet of them, who heretofore has set his feet on the necks of them; or he shall fall before them, and be destroyed by them, when they shall hate the whore, and make her desolate, and burn her flesh with fire, Rev 17:16, 4. He desired to be like God! (Is. 14:12-15) Godly wisdom comes from above! The opposite of that is pride – the beginning of our downfall.

18 **Eze 28:18** You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of you, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all them that behold you. That is, the honor to which I called them. 2. Defiled the true worship of God. The consequences he will face.

19 **Eze 28:19** Thou shalt be a terror - Instead of being an object of adoration thou shalt be a subject of horror, and at last be destroyed with thy city, so that nothing but thy name shall remain. It was entirely burnt by Alexander the Great,

(1 Chron. 21; Job 1:6-12; Daniel 9:26-27; Matthew 4:8-10)

(Ex. 28:17-20)

(Is. 14:14; Gen. 3:5;)

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CONSEQUENCES UPON SIDON (VS. 20-24) (Is. 23:1-4; Jer. 47:4; Joel 3:4)

*Eze 28:20 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

*Eze 28:21 "Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against her,*

*Eze 28:22 and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; I will be glorified in your midst; And they shall know that I am the LORD, When I execute judgments in her and am hallowed in her.*

*Eze 28:23 For I will send pestilence upon her, And blood in her streets; The wounded shall be judged in her midst By the sword against her on every side; Then they shall know that I am the LORD.*

*Eze 28:24 "And there shall no longer be a pricking brier or a painful thorn for the house of Israel from among all who are around them, who despise them. Then they shall know that I am the Lord GOD."*

ISRAEL’S FUTURE BLESSING (VS.25-26)

*Eze 28:25 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. (Rom. 5:20)*

*Eze 28:26 And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God."*

### INTERPRETATION

20 **Eze 28:20** Again, the word of the Lord came unto me,.... After the prophecy of the destruction of the prince and king of Tyre, concerning a neighboring city:

21 **Eze 28:21** Son of man, set your face toward Sidon,.... An ancient city, near to Tyre, and in confederacy with it, greatly given to idolatry and superstition; and may design all the antichristian states in the communion of the church of Rome: **and prophesy against it**; the prophet is bid to look towards this place with a stern countenance, as before against Tyre; threatening it with ruin, and prophesying of it, in the following manner.

22 **Eze 28:22** And say, Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; and I will be glorified in your midst: and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be hallowed in her. By executing my judgments against your wickedness. God’s purposes are clearly seen! He will be glorified! He will be known! He will be sanctified!

23 **Eze 28:23** For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her (Nebuchadnezzar) on every side; and they shall know that I am the LORD. The pestilence that God will send.

24 **Eze 28:24** There shall be no longer be a pricking brier - Nothing to excite Israel to idolatry when restored from their captivity. Perhaps there is an allusion to Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, king of Sidon, and wife to Ahab, king of Israel, who was the greatest curse to Israel, and the universal restorer of idolatry in the land, see 1Ki 16:31. Sidon being destroyed, there would come no encourager of idolatry from that quarter. God’s promise to His people!

25 **Eze 28:25** Thus says the Lord GOD; When I have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then will they dwell in their own land that I have given to my servant Jacob. He shows why God will assemble his Church and preserve it, though he destroy his enemies: that is, that they should praise him, and give thanks for his great mercies. The prophecy of a future re-gathering. God will be sanctified in the sight of other nations. Israel will be secure in their own promised land.

26 **Eze 28:26** And they will dwell safely there,.... There being none to make them afraid, all their enemies being destroyed, and they also under the protection of Christian princes: **and they shall build houses and plant vineyards**; signifying their continuance in their land, and their enjoyment of the blessings of it. **yea, they shall dwell securely**: in the utmost safety and security, having nothing to fear from any quarter: **when I execute judgments upon all those around them who despises them**; took vengeance on them, and utterly destroyed them that despised or spoiled them, even all around them; they will all be cut off, so that there will be none to give them the least disturbance: **and they shall know that I am the Lord their God**: not only God, as before, Eze 28:24, but their God, their Lord and their God, their Redeemer and Savior, whom they formerly denied, persecuted, and pierced. They will be satisfied when God judges those who have hated them. They will be sure that it has all happened because of the Lord Himself.

### APPLICATION

Ezekiel will have much more to say about Israel’s future in chapters 37-48, but this brief promise must have brought encouragement to the faithful remnant among the exiles, just as the sure promise of Christ’s return being an encouragement to His people today.

Summary:

**Pride- (Prov. 8:13, 16:18-19; Titus 3:2)**  
**Satan - (1 Chron. 21; Job 1:6-12; Daniel 9:26-27; Zech. 3:1-2; Matthew 4:8-10; 16:23; Luke 10:18; 22:3, 31; Acts 5:3; 26:18; Rom. 16:20; 1 Cor. 7:5; 2 Cor. 2:11, 14; Rev. 12:9; 20:2, 7 )**

**Israel’s Future Blessing(Zech. 10:8-12; 12:9-13:1); Matt. 24:31)**

**Luk 12:40 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."**

**Luk 18:8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"**

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Questions:

1. What is the main issue concerning the ruler/s of Tyre that God hates?
2. What two chapters in the Bible have the most descriptive discussion of Satan?
3. Who was behind Tyre’s success? Who was behind its destruction?
4. Can you think of anything about today’s study that smacks of being relevant now?
5. What is told us in verse 24, why God is bringing judgment against Israel’s seven neighbors?
6. Which word is mentioned more in the Bible, Satan or pride?

1. *All to Jesus I surrender;  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.*
  - *Refrain:  
I surrender all,  
I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.*
2. *All to Jesus I surrender;  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.*
3. *All to Jesus I surrender;  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.*