

Ezekiel 28 – 27 September 2015

Introduction –

Surrounding nations – but now we dig deep into the Pride in Tyre and what's spiritually behind Tyre!

Pride is the only disease that makes everyone sick except the one who has it.

The ultimate in pride

3 effects of pride on your life.

Chapter 28 – The King of Tyre

1. 28:1-2 – This is about the King of Tyre Ittobaal II.
 - a. Reminds us of the Anti-Christ from II Thes 2 (Read this)
 - b. We're either guided along by God or by Satan, there is no 3rd option.
 - i. Read Eph 2:1-3
 - ii. Before being saved we were guided along by the world, flesh, and the devil

- iii. After being saved we're guided along by the church, the conscience and God the Holy Spirit
 - 1. Church – Matt 18:17 (Tell it to the church)
 - 2. Conscience – Rom 2:15, Rom 13:5, II Cor 1:12
 - 3. Holy Spirit – Rom 8:13-14
- c. Notice vs 11 talks about the king of Tyre, which is different.
- 2. 28:3-5 – It's hard for those that trust in riches to enter into heaven.
 - a. We should thank God that we don't have so much money that we forget our need of Him.
 - b. Uzziah had so much success that his 'heart was lifted up' to do whatever he wanted.
- 3. 28:6-10 – The king who called himself God, is slain.
 - a. Read Isa 23:7-9 – The Lord wants to show the world how He'll slay pride.

- b. **The 1st effect of pride on your life is that it will make you think is that you have more power than you actually do.**
 - i. He had no power over life and death.
 - ii. He had no power of losing every earthly possession. (Thou fool, tonight thy soul shall be required of thee)
- c. Now we'll get a behind the scenes look at the puppeteer that was controlling this wanna-be God king.

4. 28:11-15 – Satan's original state.

- a. Vs 11-12a – We just heard of the death of the leader (prince) of Tyre in vs 10, now we get a behind the scenes look at Satan who was running the show in Tyre.
- b. Vs 12b-15
 - i. “Been in Eden” – clear reference to Satan
 - ii. “Precious Stones were thy covering” – attributes of God
 - iii. “The day that thou wast created” – baw-raw – created from nothing.
 - 1. When was Satan created?
 - a. Maybe during eternity past.

- b. Maybe during the 6 days of creation.
- 2. When did Satan sin?
 - a. After Day 6 God said that all things were “good”, so after this.
 - b. Tempting of Eve may not have been until as late as 127 (yrs after creation) – Long enough for Cain, Abel & Seth to be born in 130.

iv. “Anointed Cherub that covereth”

- 1. The most trusted of angels who job was to guard the holiness of God.
- 2. On the Ark of the Covenant
- 3. We read about them guarding God’s presence in Eze 1 & 10.
- 4. One cherub guarded the path to God in the Garden of Eden.
- 5. You think you’ve been betrayed, God knows about betrayal!

v. “Wast upon the holy mountain of God”

- 1. Isa 66 – tells us this is Jerusalem.
- 2. Read Rev 21:10 – Jerusalem comes down from heaven.

- vi. “Walked among the stones of fire” – something of beauty (see vs 13)
- vii. “til iniquity was found in you” – It was pride.
- viii. **The 2nd effect of pride on your life is that it will make you think is that you’re the center and can live independent of God.**

- 1. Psa 10:4 – The wicked through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God; God is not in all his thoughts.
- 2. Satan developed in-grown eyeballs
- 3. We could go on forever with the “Me first” mentality.
- 4. Did you hear about the clever salesman who closed 100s of sales by saying, “Let me show you something that several of your neighbors said you couldn’t afford.”
- 5. 28:16-19 – Satan’s destiny and destruction.

- a. “cast out of the Mountain (Jerusalem) of God in heaven” – but still has access to heaven (see Job chapter 1)
 - i. Satan’s 3 accusations (Satan means accuser!)
 - 1. Accuses God to man (Gen 3)
 - 2. Accuses man to God (Job 1)
 - 3. Accuses the perfect God-man of not choosing rightly.
 - ii. When he was cast out of the Mount of God he took a 1/3 of the angels with him (see Rev 12)
 - 1. He was cast to the earth and became the “god of this world” (II Cor 4:4)
 - 2. Jesus watched this happen – Luke 10:18
 - a. Remember – when did Satan fall?
 - b. Thru Christ we have power over the god of this world (Luke 10:20)

- b. Pride entered for his beauty and brightness
 - i. **The 3rd effect of pride on your life is that it will cloud your judgment.**
 - 1. Vs 17 – corrupted his wisdom.
 - 2. *“During the battle of the wilderness of the Civil War, Union General John Sedgewick was inspecting his troops. At 1 point he came to a parapet (low wall), over which he gazed out in the direction of the enemy. His officers suggested that this was unwise & perhaps he ought to duck while passing the parapet (low wall). Nonsense – snapped the general, they couldn’t hit an elephant at this dist..... A moment later Sedgewick fell to the ground fatally wounded.”*
 - ii. The name Lucifer – morning star
 - iii. Read the 5 “I will” statements in Isa 14:12-15
 - iv. Must – Read I Tim 3:6
 - 1. Pride – *def.* – to inflate oneself like a balloon. “Who do you think you are?”
- c. All will witness his end

- i. End of Trib – cast into the abyss
- ii. End of Millennium – released short season, then casted into the lake of Fire.

Conclusion –

Prov 13:10 – Only by pride cometh contention, but with the advised is wisdom.

May God give us the grace to identify if and when we have signs of pride showing up in our lives?

- 1) Do you act like we have more power than we actually do?
- 2) Are we working and acting independent of God?
- 3) Would others say that your judgment is clouded by your pride?

If we're brave, we'll confidentially ask a brother or sister in Christ these questions of ourselves.