



# The Book of EZEKIEL

## Chapter 28

### “Tyre—Satan—Sidon—Israel”

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**(v1-10) Judgment on the king of Tyre - “I am a god!”**

- Similar to the coming *Antichrist* in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 - *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts*

*himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God-in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

**(v11-19) Let us observe Satan’s past, present and future:**

- Warren Wiersbe writes, “*Judgment on the king of Tyre (Ezekiel 28:11-19).*

The previous declaration was one of Ezekiel's "because ... therefore" (vv. 6-7)

statements, such as you find in chapters 25 and 26, but this paragraph is

simply a statement of God's intention to judge the king of Tyre and destroy

him. As you read these verses, you get the impression that this "king" is much

more than a human regent and that this could be a description of Satan. That

Satan wants to control nations and their leaders is clear from 1 Chronicles 21

and Daniel 9, and Matthew 1:8-10 states that he has delegated authority to

dispose of the nations. The use of the word "*cherub*" (Ezekiel 28:4,16)

suggests that we're dealing here with an angelic creature, also the fact that he

had been "*upon the holy mountain of God*" (v. 14). This sounds a great deal

like the description in Isaiah 14:12ff. Satan began as an obedient angel but

rebelled against God and led a revolt to secure God's throne. The text

describes his great beauty and names nine jewels that were a part of that

beauty. All of these jewels were also found in the breastplate of the Jewish

high priest (Exodus 28:17-20). This suggests that in "Eden, the garden of

God" and upon "God's holy mountain." this person had special priestly

functions to perform for the Lord. The settings and mountings for these jewels

were of the finest gold. His pride and selfish ambitions led him into sin and

God judged him by casting him out. While the original description refers to

the ruler of Tyre, it certainly applies to the god of this age. Satan, the enemy of

the Lord. The prince of Tyre motivated and energized by the devil, engaged in

business and also in violence (Ezekiel 28:16), for he considered himself a god

(v. 2). His way of doing business was also dishonest, for verse 18 speaks of

*"dishonest trade"* (NIV). Satan's boast was. *"I will be like the Most High"* (Isaiah 14:14), and his promise to Eve was, *"[Y]ou will be like God"* (Genesis 3:5. NKJV). The prince of Tyre accepted Satan's offer and it led to his downfall, just as it led to Satan's downfall. But during the career of the prince of Tyre, he was used of Satan to defile and destroy. The nations would be appalled at the judgment of the prince of Tyre and his city, but they had no idea that Satan was behind the city's success and Jehovah was behind the city's destruction.

> *Let's talk about SPIRITUAL WARFARE, there are three keys to VICTORY! (Ephesians 6:10-20):*

*- KEY #1 – BE STRONG IN THE LORD & IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT (v10)*

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 - *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*

- What are *strongholds*? – Are fortified false religions (i.e.- like a fortified city).

- What are *arguments & every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God* - Humanism, Evolution, Socialism/Communism, Psychology.

*- KEY #2 – PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD (v11-17)*

(v11) *Who is this devil?*

(1) *Satan's existence* is mentioned in 19 of the 27 New Testament books; in the gospels 29 references are given to Satan, 25 of these by Christ.

(2) *Satan's origin* is found in Ezekiel Ch. 28 and he is referred to as "the anointed cherub" and his rebellion is found in Isaiah Ch. 14 in the five "I will's" and according to Rev. 12:4 a third of the angels in heaven followed him at that time. Satan is mighty, but not almighty, wise but not all knowing. Satan is not equal with God or Jesus Christ; he is a created angel of the highest rank.

(3) There are as many as 40 different titles given to Satan in Scripture; i.e. - *Devil* means "accuser," because he accuses God's people day and night before the throne of God (Rev. 12:7-11). *Satan* means "adversary," because he is the enemy of God. He is also called the *tempter* (Matt. 4:3), and the *murderer* and the *liar* (John 8:44). He is compared to a *lion* (1Peter 5:8), a *serpent* (Gen. 3:1; Rev. 12:9), and an *angel of light* (2 Corin. 11:13-15), as well as "*the god of this age*" (2 Corin. 4:4).

Some of these fallen angels have already been dealt with by God, we read in 2 Peter 2:4-5 - *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;*

Jude 6 -*And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;*

A.E. Dickason writes about Satan's wiles or strategies, "God is light, Satan is darkness and desires to keep light from others. God is love and promotes love; Satan is hateful and promotes hate. God is life and creates life, whereas Satan operates in the realm of death. Satan's counterfeit system may be irreligious. He may deny the existence of God or His control. To explain the world, he substitutes evolution for creation, uniformitarianism for providence, human progress for divine salvation, and man's utopia for God's Kingdom on earth. Atheism, agnosticism, pragmatism, existentialism, and relativism are his substitutes for truth." Satan also promotes counterfeit religions through doctrines of demons (1 Tim. 4:1); and false teachers (2 Corin. 11:13-15) with twisted scripture."

(v12) Satan's army is described in rankings of:

(1) Principalities are demons that have the oversight of nations.

(2) Powers are the demons wanting to inhabit and possess human beings.

(3) Rulers of darkness of this world are those demons that have charge of Satan's worldly business.

(4) Spiritual wickedness in high places are demons in the heavenlies who have charge of religion.

(v13-17) PUT ON the ARMOR OF GOD and STAND AGAINST THE ENEMY!

(v14a) *Have your waist girded with TRUTH!* (John 3:16-21; 17:17)

(v14b) *Put on the breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS!* (2 Corinthians 5:21)

(v15) *Shod your feet with the preparation of the GOSPEL OF PEACE!* (Acts 16:25-34)

(v16) *Take the shield of FAITH & quench the fiery darts of the wicked one!* (Rom. 10:17)

(v17a) *Take the helmet of SALVATION!* (Ephesians 2:8,9)

(v17b) *Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the WORD OF GOD!* (Matthew 4:1-11 - "It is written")

- KEY #3 - PRAY & PERSEVERE (v18-20)

- Watch & Pray - Matthew 26:41- *Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

- Prayer & fasting for demonic deliverance - Mark 9:14-29

- Pray for boldness in witnessing - Acts 4:29-31 - *Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.*

(v20-23) Prophecy against Sidon (SIDON - Not only did the city of Sidon resist the efforts of the tribe of Asher to inhabit that region, but it also oppressed Israel during the period of the judges (Judg 10:12). Once they were settled in the land, the Israelites began to worship the gods of Sidon, including their chief god Baal (1 Kings 16:31) but especially Ashtoreth, the goddess of fertility (2 Kings 23:13). Ethbaal, the king of Sidon, was the father of JEZEBEL (1 Kings 16:31), who was mainly responsible for introducing the worship of pagan gods into Israel. . . Frequently Sidon was the subject of prophecies of judgment. Isaiah predicted that Sidon would pass into the hands of Cyprus (Isa 23:12). Jeremiah predicted its defeat by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (Jer 27:3,6). Ezekiel denounced Sidon (Ezek 28:20-24) because her inhabitants had been *"a pricking brier [and] a painful thorn for the house of Israel"* (Ezek 28:24). Joel denounced Sidon for helping to plunder Jerusalem (Joel 3:4-6).  
(from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

(v24-26) Israel re-gathered and secured

> Be inspired! – Jesus talks of Tyre, Sidon and Satan in Luke 10:1-20.