



# Summer Bible Study

Greentown Baptist Church  
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## 1. Ezekiel 28:16 mentions merchandising in relation to Satan and his past. Were Satan and his subjects selling, buying, and making deals...and if so, why?

- Ezekiel 26-28 deals with Tyrus (or Tyre). **Ch 26** – against the city. **Ch 27** – against their merchandising. **Ch 28** – against the prince and/or king. Chapter 28 is unique as it starts with judgment against the **earthly** ruler of the city (prince), but then moves on to compare him to \_\_\_\_\_ (v12-19), the power behind the earthly kingdom – Eph. 6:12, 2:2; John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11.
- The king of Tyrus and Satan are very similar, even in their final destruction – Ezekiel 28:1-6; Is. 14:12-19.
- **Merchandise** - *The objects of commerce; wares, goods, commodities, whatever is usually bought or sold in trade. Trade; traffick* (v5). Satan's merchandise:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – his desire to be and have everything that God did, and more (power, glory, a throne) which led to sin and his downfall – 1 John 2:16.
  - The others (angels) that would follow him in being cast out and, since then, people – Eze. 28:18; 2 Peter 2:1-3.

## 2. Has the Devil always been able to interpret the Bible with the understanding of what God means? Was he able to understand future prophecy in real time, or did he have to wait and understand them as they were revealed? Has the Devil been proactive, or is he always reactive?

- No other \_\_\_\_\_ being was closer to God than Lucifer. He had a special role of protecting God's throne (the anointed cherub that covereth) and leading the worship of God. (Father, Son, Holy Spirit; Lucifer)
- The Devil knows and understands the Bible and can see God at work – Gen. 3:1; Job 1:9-10; Matthew 4:1-11, 8:28-29.
- Based on his actions throughout history, it would \_\_\_\_\_ that he has a very good understanding of prophecy: Abraham & Hagar, worship of false gods, not possessing entire promised land, evil leadership, destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, occupation of Israel, WW II and extermination of Jews, Judas, et al. This also shows he has been proactive in attempting to thwart God's overall plan. But as God works, the Devil counters which would show he is also reactive.

## 3. Did Job have "new" children or did God give him his previous children back?

- Short answer: It is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It is possible Job had "new" children and God gave him 7 sons and 3 daughters like the first ones – Job 1:2, 42:16.
  - It is possible that God resurrected the 7 sons and 3 daughters that had died – Job 1:18-19, 42:13-16.

**4. Is it wrong to celebrate when evil people die/have justice brought against them?**

- God takes \_\_\_\_\_ in the death of the wicked – Eze. 18:23, 33:11; Pro. 24:17; 2 Peter 3:9.
- Vengeance belongs to God (Rom. 12:19; Ps. 94:1) who has also ordained civil authorities to execute judgment upon evil – Rom. 13:1-8.
- Celebration or rejoicing against the wicked mostly pertains to the nation of Israel and her \_\_\_\_\_ against her enemies, but at God's direction – Deut. 32:43; Ps. 58:10; Jer. 11:20, 20:12; Gen. 12:3.
- Our testimony is to be one of \_\_\_\_\_ – Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:20.