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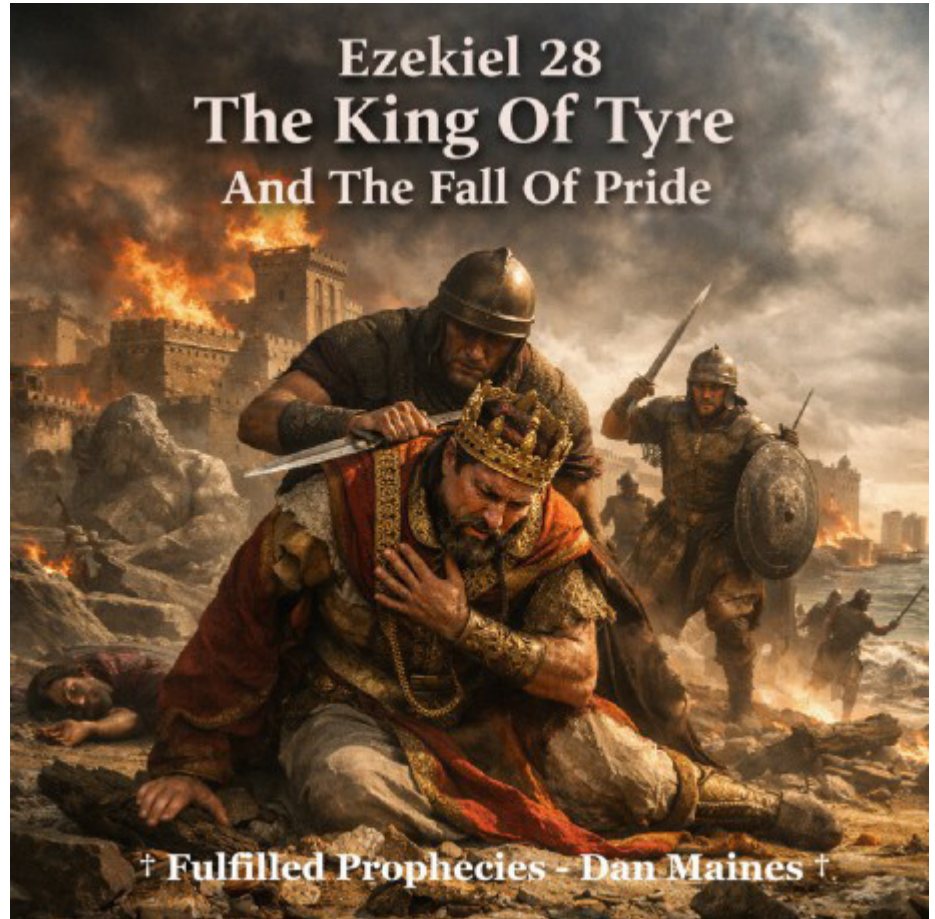
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Introduction

† Ezekiel 28 continues the judgment against Tyre, but now it focuses on the ruler himself, exposing the heart behind the power.

† This chapter reveals pride, self-deification, and the downfall that always follows when man exalts himself as God.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this isn't about some future figure, it's about real historical judgment that already took place, showing God's consistent pattern.

The Prince Of Tyre Exalts Himself As God

Ezekiel 28:1-2

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, say to the leader of Tyre, Thus says the Lord God, Because your heart is arrogant And you have said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods In the heart of the seas; Yet you are a human and not God, Although you make your heart like the heart of God

† The ruler of Tyre claimed divinity, which shows the ultimate rebellion, man placing himself in God's position.

† This isn't symbolic of Satan, it's a real king with a real problem, pride that led to destruction (Isaiah 14:13-14).

† God immediately corrects him, you are a man, not God, reminding us that no matter how powerful someone becomes, they are still accountable (Acts 12:21-23).

Ezekiel 28:3-5

Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; There is no secret that is hidden from you. By your wisdom and understanding You have acquired riches for yourself And have acquired gold and silver for your treasuries. By your great wisdom, by your trade You have increased your riches, And your heart is arrogant because of your riches

† Wealth and success became the fuel for his pride, showing how prosperity can lead to spiritual blindness.

† Tyre was known for trade and wealth, and this king believed his success came from himself, not God (Deuteronomy 8:17-

18).

† The same pattern shows up in Israel later, prosperity leads to pride, and pride leads to judgment (Hosea 13:6).

Ezekiel 28:6-8

Therefore this is what the Lord God says: Because you have made your heart Like the heart of God, Therefore, behold, I am going to bring strangers upon you, The most ruthless of the nations. And they will draw their swords Against the beauty of your wisdom And defile your splendor. They will bring you down to the pit, And you will die the death of those who are killed In the heart of the seas

† Judgment comes through nations, not mystical forces, showing how God uses history to accomplish His will.

† The Babylonians and later empires brought Tyre down, fulfilling this exactly in history.

† The phrase death of those killed in the seas connects directly to Tyre's maritime identity, showing the judgment fits the crime (Galatians 6:7).

The King Of Tyre Brought Low

Ezekiel 28:9-10

Will you still say, I am a god, In the presence of your killer, Although you are a human and not God, In the hands of those who wound you? You will die the death of the uncircumcised By the hand of strangers, For I have spoken, declares the Lord God

† When judgment comes, the illusion of power disappears instantly.

† The one who claimed divinity is exposed as mortal, powerless before death (Psalm 82:6-7).

† This shows that pride always collapses when confronted with reality, no one can stand against God.

The Lament Over The King Of Tyre

Ezekiel 28:12-13

Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, Thus says the Lord God, You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared

† This language is poetic and symbolic, not literal placement in Eden.

† It describes his position of privilege, beauty, and blessing, similar to how Eden represents perfection (Genesis 2:8).

† This isn't Satan, it's a human king being described in elevated language to show how far he fell.

Ezekiel 28:14-15

You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you

† The cherub imagery represents a position of protection and authority, not literal angelic identity.

† Kings were often described in divine or temple imagery, showing their role as guardians of their kingdom.

† His fall came from within, unrighteousness was found in him, not forced on him (James 1:14-15).

Ezekiel 28:16-17

By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was haughty because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor

† His success led to corruption, showing that external blessing without humility leads to internal destruction.

† Violence and greed filled his kingdom, which is often the fruit of unchecked pride.

† God cast him down, showing that exaltation without God always ends in humiliation (Proverbs 16:18).

Ezekiel 28:18-19

By the multitude of your wrongdoings, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you. All who know you among the peoples Are appalled at you; You have become terrified And you will cease to be forever

† The judgment is complete and public, everyone sees the fall.

† Fire from within shows that his own corruption led to his destruction.

† This is historical judgment, not future prophecy, Tyre was brought down and never regained its former glory.

Judgment Against Sidon

Ezekiel 28:22-23

and say, This is what the Lord God says: Behold, I am against you, Sidon, And I will be glorified in your midst. Then they will know that I am the Lord when I execute judgments in her, And I will reveal My holiness in her. For I will send a plague to her And blood to her streets, And the wounded will fall in her midst By the sword upon her on every side; Then they will know that I am the Lord

† Sidon receives the same pattern of judgment, showing God is not limited to one nation.

† The purpose of judgment is always the same, that they will know that I am the Lord.

† This matches what we see throughout scripture, God reveals Himself through both mercy and judgment (Ezekiel 6:7).

Restoration For Israel

Ezekiel 28:25-26

This is what the Lord God says: When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and reveal My holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they will live on their land which I gave to My servant Jacob. And they will live securely on it, and they will build houses, plant vineyards, and live securely when I execute judgments upon all those who despise them around them. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God

† After judgment comes restoration, which is always God's pattern.

† This ultimately points forward to the fulfillment in Christ and the gathering of God's people.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this restoration is seen in the completed work of Christ and the establishment of His kingdom.

Historical References

† Josephus records the fall and weakening of Tyre through successive empires, confirming the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy.

† Eusebius notes how Tyre lost its former glory and influence, aligning with the permanent judgment described here.

† Secular history confirms that Tyre never returned to its previous dominance, just as Ezekiel said.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Pride is still the root issue, when man exalts himself, judgment follows.

† Wealth, success, and influence can easily lead to spiritual blindness if we're not grounded in God.

† God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble, that's still true today (James 4:6).

† We don't wait for future fulfillment, we see God's pattern already completed and continuing in history.

Q & A Appendix

Q Was the king of Tyre Satan?

A No, the text says he is a human, not God (Ezekiel 28:2), and

he dies like a man (Ezekiel 28:8-10).

Q What does Eden represent here?

A It represents a place of blessing and perfection, not literal presence (Genesis 2:8).

Q When was this fulfilled?

A Historically through Babylon and later empires that destroyed Tyre (Ezekiel 26-28).

Q Why is cherub language used?

A It describes position and authority in symbolic terms, not literal angelic identity (Ezekiel 28:14).

Q What is the main message of this chapter?

A Pride leads to destruction, and God will bring down anyone who exalts themselves (Proverbs 16:18).

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