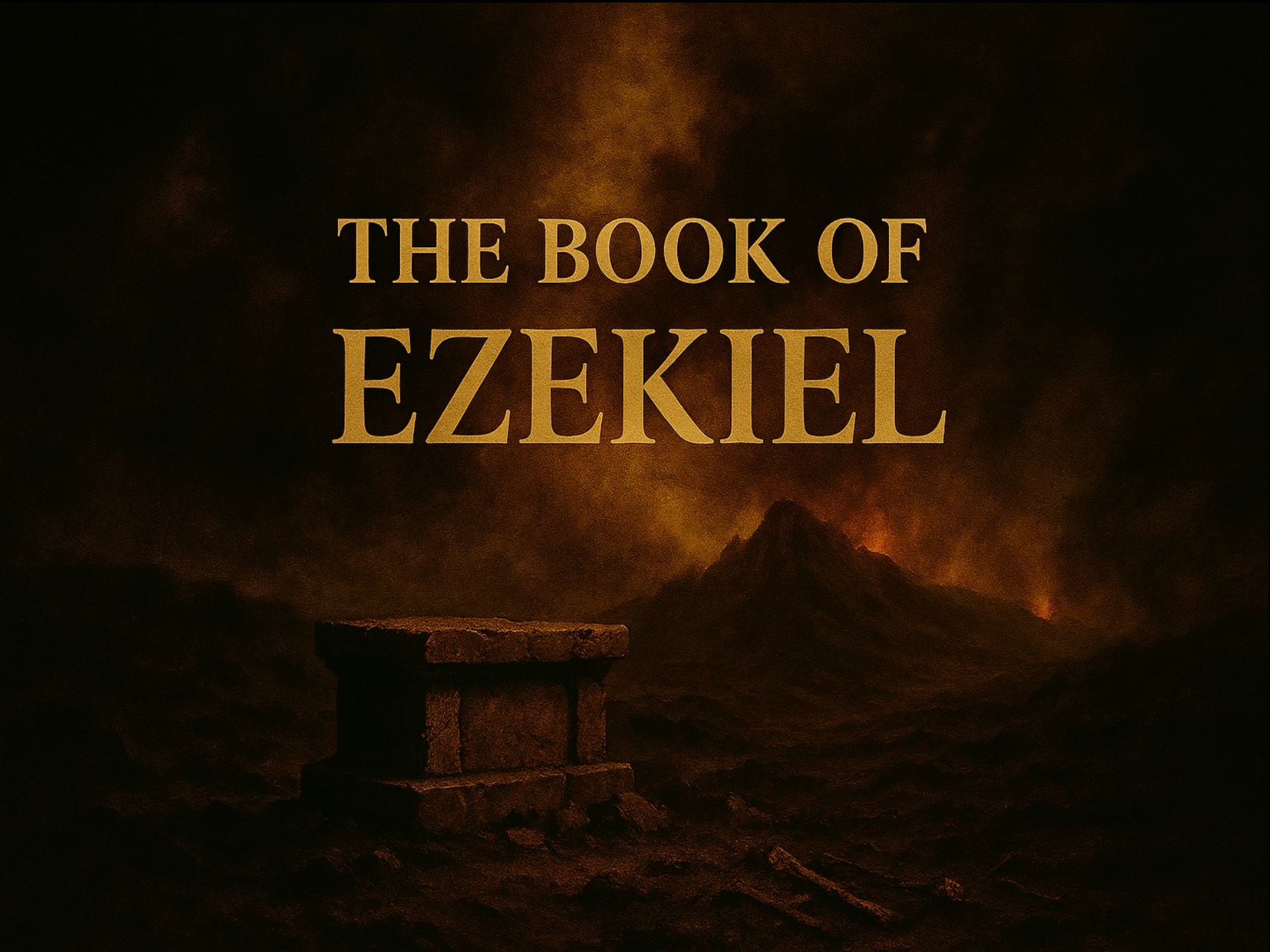

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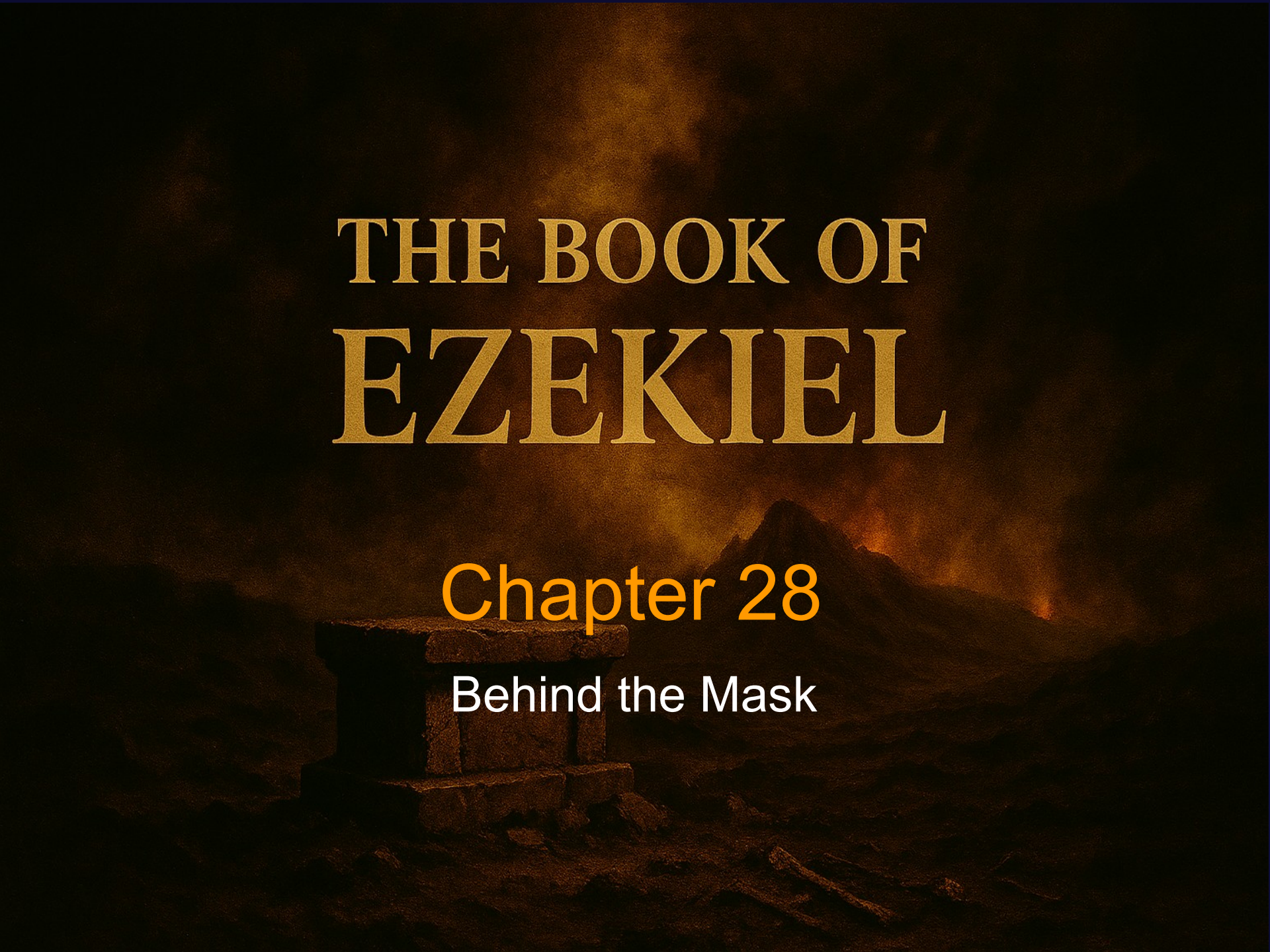
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The Hubris of the Prince

(v1–10)

- Ezekiel addresses the "Prince" (nagid) of Tyre, likely the historical ruler Ittobaal III. His sin was deifying himself because of his immense wealth and trade success.
- David Guzik notes that God does not condemn the prince for having riches, but for how they corrupted him: *"The wisdom that had brought him his wealth led to hubris. It was this inordinate pride that provoked Yahweh's ire."*
- John Trapp remarks on the Prince's claim to be a god: *"He thought himself to have as much wisdom and strength as God himself... He challenged divine honours, and expected to be praised and admired as a god."*

1 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God

Ezekiel 28:1-2

- Note: as with all scripture, this is God-breathed!

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Ezekiel 28:1-2

3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

Ezekiel 28:3-4

- Note the use of sarcasm! (see also Psalm 2:4)
  - This maybe in response to what the king had said
- In his pride, he thought of himself as wiser than Daniel and wealthy beyond need
  - Even in his own day, Daniel was famous for his wisdom (Daniel 1:20, 2:20, and 2:48) and God-given insight.

5 By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou
increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up
because of thy riches:

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou
hast set thine heart as the heart of God;

7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee,
the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw
their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom,
and they shall defile thy brightness.

Ezekiel 28:5-7

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou
shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the
midst of the seas.

9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I
am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in
the hand of him that slayeth thee.

10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by
the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith
the Lord God.

Ezekiel 28:8-10

The Boast of the Arrogant!

- How many have mocked and suggested that ‘in that day’ they’ll put God in His place!
- Stephen Fry famously said in an interview:
  - *"I’d say, 'Bone cancer in children? What’s that about? How dare you? How dare you create a world in which there is such misery that is not our fault? It’s not right. It’s utterly, utterly evil. Why should I respect a capricious, mean-minded, stupid God who creates a world which is so full of injustice and pain?’”*
- Ricky Gervais stated:
  - *"If it turns out I’m wrong and I’m standing at the gates, I’d say, 'My bad. Which one are you? Oh, you’re the God of the Old Testament? You’ve got a lot of explaining to do!'"*

The Fall From
(v11–19)

- Ezekiel shifts from "Prince" to "King" (melek), as he looks prophetically into the past and future at the puppet master who wall pulling the king of Tyre's strings!
- This is an example of a scripture that has double meaning:
  - There is the local application of the king of Tyre who had indeed exalted himself
  - But the language (and locations) go far beyond the earthly king and give a glimpse into the history and origin of man's great adversary, who on account of his pride led a rebellion against the Most-High God, and had wreaked havoc on the Earth ever since

11 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Ezekiel 28:11-12

- You are inordinately wise, perfect and beautiful in every way!
- *"This king of Tyre is described in terms that can only apply to a supernatural being... he was the very measure of perfection."* - Guzik

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Ezekiel 28:13

- This prideful ‘king’ is none other than Lucifer
- There are some fascinating insights:
  - There is some direct link to gemstones
  - There is a direct link to music

‘Every Precious Stone’

- There is a direct, undeniable link between this list of Gemstones and the Breastplate of Judgment worn by the High Priest of Israel (Exodus 28:17–20).
  - In the Hebrew Masoretic Text, Ezekiel lists **9** stones. In the Septuagint the list is expanded to **12**—matching the number on the High Priest’s breastplate.
- The High Priest’s stones represented the twelve tribes of Israel—God’s chosen people held close to the heart.
- For the "King of Tyre" to be covered in these same stones suggests he held a position of **supreme** mediation or proximity to God.

‘Every Precious Stone’

- In the biblical context, these stones represent:
- Reflected Glory:
  - Gemstones do not have light of their own; they reflect the light of the sun. As an "anointed cherub" (v. 14), this being was designed to reflect the glory of God.
- A "Priestly" Role in Heaven:
  - Many commentators, including David Guzik, suggest this indicates that before his fall, Satan (represented by the King of Tyre) had a "priestly" function in the heavenly court, leading worship or standing in the immediate presence of God’s glory.

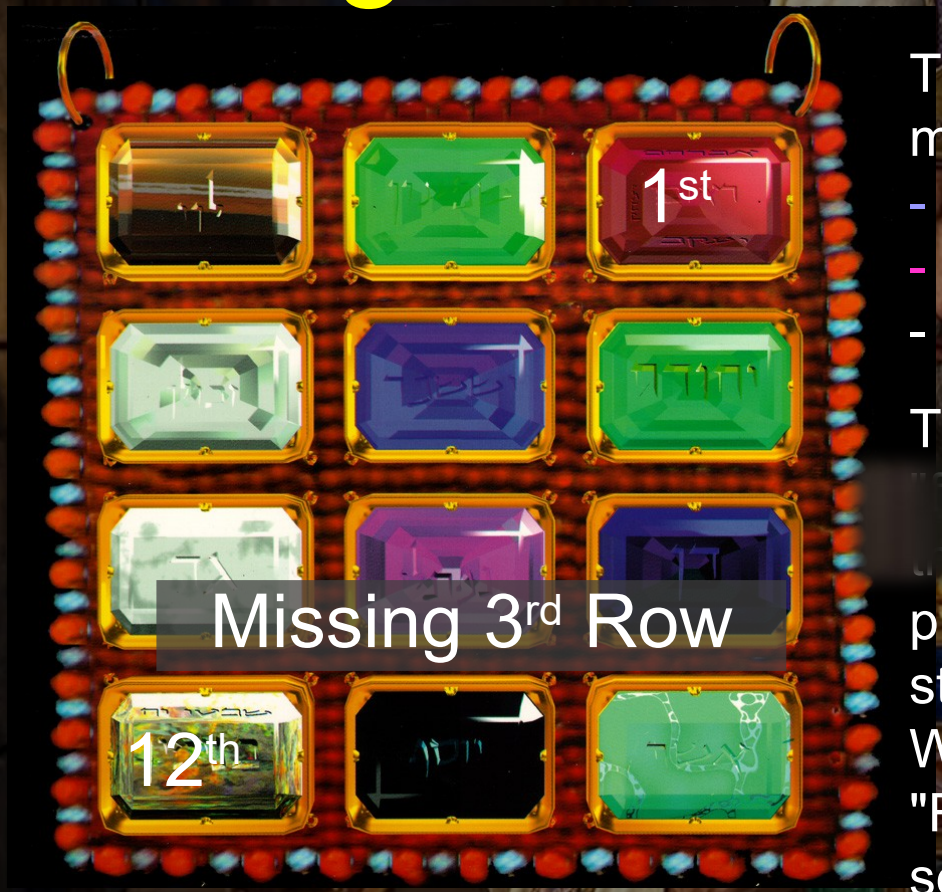
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- Interestingly, while the High Priest’s breastplate had 12 stones in 4 rows, Ezekiel’s Hebrew list only has 9.
- This "incomplete" list signifies that while the King of Tyre was glorious, he lacked the full "tribal" representation and covenantal authority that the High Priest of Israel possessed.
- He had the *beauty of the office*, but not the *intercessory love for people* that the breastplate was meant to symbolise.

‘Every Precious Stone’

- By being "covered" in these, the ‘king’ was essentially saying, "I am the representative of God’s beauty."
- The tragedy Ezekiel describes is that he eventually wanted to be the source of that beauty, rather than the reflection of it.
- In a word, Pride!

High Priest's Breastplate



There is a subtle irony if we look at the meanings of the missing names:
- Fortune/Troop (Gad),
- Happiness (Asher),
- Reward (Issachar)

The King of Tyre sought his own "fortune" and "reward" and "happiness" through pride, yet in Ezekiel's prophecy, these very things are stripped away.
While the High Priest carried the "Reward" (Issachar) on his chest as a servant of God, the King of Tyre wanted the reward without the service.

Row Three: 9. Amethyst (Issachar) 8. Agate (Asher) 7. Ligure (Gad)





‘Tabrets and Pipes’

- Tabrets (tōp):
  - These are essentially tambourines or small hand-drums. In the ancient world, they were the primary instruments used to lead processions and celebrations of joy.
- Pipes (neqeb):
  - This word refers to flutes or wind instruments
- David Guzik notes: *"The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared in you... This has led many to believe that this high angelic being was responsible for the music of heaven, and that he was himself a musical instrument.“*
- Most people have to learn an instrument or put on jewelry; for this being, the music and the glory were part of his very anatomy from the moment of his creation.

14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and
I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy
mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down
in the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28:14

- *"The idea is that this high angelic being was one of the privileged ones who stood in the immediate presence of the glory of God, even 'covering' or 'guarding' that glory."*
  - Guzik
- Stones of fire? See Isaiah 6:6 'coals from the altar'
  - The very presence of God!

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:15

- Don't lose sight of the fact that this is a created being!
- Note the 'until'!
- The big question is, *when* was the 'until'
- Note also the implied cause!
- *Something* must have happened to produce this change – there must have been a trigger!
- So, what led to Lucifer's fall, and why?

The Fall of Satan

6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:6

- Spurgeon frequently pointed out that pride is the "master-sin" that turned an angel into a devil.
- He once noted that when a man (or spirit) begins to admire his own beauty—as the King of Tyre did (v. 17)—he is on the verge of destruction.

The Fall of Satan

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of
the earth?..
7 When the morning stars sang together,
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Job 38:4,7

- If all means 'all' (and using the consistent Biblical notion that 'sons of God' in this context refer to angelic beings') then Lucifer, himself an angelic being, must by definition have been among those shouting for joy and in his un-fallen state

The Fall of Satan

- Most commentators agree that the angelic hosts were present at creation.
- If the "morning stars" sang together, it implies a symphony of praise.
- A rebellion before the foundations of the earth were laid would mean a discordant note was already present, which contradicts God's declaration in Genesis 1:31 that everything was "very good.“
- If Lucifer was unfallen during the creation week, his "iniquity" (Ezekiel 28:15) must have been sparked by something within that week or shortly thereafter.

The Model

- In the Book of Esther, we have a perfect model of this situation.
- One night the king cannot sleep, so starts reading the archives and reads of how Mordecai the Jew had foiled an assassination attempt on his life.
- After enquiring, the king realises that Mordecai was never acknowledged or rewarded for this
- At that moment the proud, arrogant and antisemitic Haman walks in…

The Model

4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

Esther 6:4-11

The Model

6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?

Esther 6:4-11

The Model

7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,
8 Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head:

Esther 6:4-11

The Model

9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

Esther 6:4-11

The Model

10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

Esther 6:4-11

The Model

- Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

Esther 6:4-11

The Fall of Satan

- Haman’s fury was not just that he wasn't honoured, but that he had to personally facilitate the honour of the man he hated.
- If the angels were commanded to serve the "heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14), then Lucifer—the highest of them—was being told to serve Adam.
- For the "Seal of Perfection" to serve a "Man of Dust" was the ultimate insult to his pride.

The Fall of Satan

<u>The double whammy!</u>

- Just as Haman's pride led him to believe he was the object of the king's highest honour, only to be shattered when that honour was given to Mordecai…
- Lucifer watched the "construction" of Earth and assumed it was his stage — until the "curveball" of Day 6.
- On day 6 God created Man!
- What was special about man?
- Man was created in the image and likeness of God!

The Fall of Satan

- The Angels are "ministering spirits" (Hebrews 1:14). Glorious, yes; "anointed cherubs," yes; but never called the "Image of God.“
- Adam: A creature of dust, yet carrying the Imago Dei (Image of God).
- If Lucifer’s boast was *"I will be like the Most High"* (Isaiah 14:14), and God then creates a creature of clay and says, *"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness,"* the jealousy would be instantaneous.
- Until now, he had been the anointed cherub over all of creation!

The Fall of Satan

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

'I will be like' = damah' (daw-maw');
a primitive root; to compare; by implication, to resemble, liken, consider:
KJV - compare, devise, (be) like (-n), mean, think, use similitudes.

The Fall of Satan

- Satan wanted to be 'like God’.
  - Now, he is not stupid, he knew that he could never actually be God, but what is he actually saying? Who was made 'like God’?
- Adam! - who was made in the image and likeness of God (something no angel can claim).
- In Isaiah 14 we see that he wanted the position Adam had been given, the position he had once exclusively enjoyed, that of being the pinnacle of God's creation.
- But now Adam had been created, and maybe not with gems and instruments within him, but in the image and likeness of God!

The Fall of Satan

- John Trapp often spoke of the "malignity of pride."
- Lucifer's pride couldn't handle a "lower" creature (made of dust) being given a higher status (the Likeness) and a greater dominion (the Earth).
  - What was it Lucifer wanted?
  - What was it that he thought was to be his?
  - The Earth! (that was the prize for God's 'no#1'
  - What was the result of The Fall?
  - Satan gained the title deed of the Earth!
- If Adam was the "King of the Earth," then the Serpent's goal wasn't just to make Eve eat a fruit; it was a hostile takeover.

The Fall of Satan

- By deceiving Adam, Satan effectively tricked the “landlord" into signing over the lease.
  - This is why he is called the "god of this world" (2 Cor 4:4)
- In the wilderness temptation (Luke 4:6) Jesus did not dispute Satan’s claim to the kingdoms of this world.
- Jesus knew the title deed had been lost in Eden and that He (the Second Adam) had come to buy it back with His own blood.
- This is the story-model in the Book of Ruth!
- The Kinsman-Redeemer reclaims the land
  - And takes a Gentile Bride in the process!

The Fall of Satan

- Have you ever considered the ‘talking snake problem’?
- If Lucifer was the "Anointed Cherub" who "covered" and "walked in Eden," he wouldn't have appeared as a scaly, frightening monster.
- 2 Corinthians 11:14 says Satan transforms himself into an "angel of light.“
- If Eve had seen this glorious, gem-covered being walking in the Garden of Eden in his unfallen state, she would have had no reason to fear him.
- When he approached her, she likely saw a trusted, high-ranking official of God's court. His "fall" might have happened in his heart (unseen to her) moments or days before he spoke to her.

The Three Falls of Satan

- The fall of Satan can be seen, not just as a single event, but a series of expulsions from his former privileges:
- 1. The Judicial Fall (The Heart)
  - As noted with the Haman parallel, the first fall happened in the "secret places" of his heart.
  - Ezekiel 28:15: "Till iniquity was found in thee.“
  - This is the moment he lost his "anointed" status in God's eyes, even if he still held his "office" and his "gem-covered" appearance.
  - As John Trapp might say, he became a "devil in a bright dress.“

The Three Falls of Satan

- The fall of Satan can be seen, not just as a single event, but a series of expulsions from his former privileges:
- 2. The Moral Fall (The Deception)
  - In Genesis 3, he uses his access to Eden to execute the "hostile takeover of the Earth.“
  - By deceiving the "Image of God" (Adam), he gains the "title deed" to the world.
  - This explains the "to and fro" access in Job 1 & 2.
  - He is no longer there as a "guardian cherub," but as the "Accuser."
  - He goes to the heavenly court to accuse and argue that man doesn't truly love God.

The Three Falls of Satan

- The fall of Satan can be seen, not just as a single event, but a series of expulsions from his former privileges:
- 3. The Prophetic Fall (The Casting Down)
  - Jesus prophetically declared in Luke 10:18 *"I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven"*
  - We see the fulfilment of this in Revelation 12 with a final, physical eviction.
  - Up until that point, Satan seemingly retains the right to "stand before God" to accuse the brethren.
  - Prophetically in Ezekiel 28, he is "cast out of the mountain of God" (v. 16). In Revelation, he is "cast out into the earth" and the door to heaven is finally slammed shut.

The Final Fall of Satan

- In Revelation 12, when he is finally cast out of heaven, we read: *“Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time”.*
- If he originally rebelled because he wanted the Earthly Kingdom for himself (the Haman complex), his wrath at the end is the realisation that the "Second Adam" has legally reclaimed it.
- Charles Spurgeon once remarked that Satan's industry is fueled by his despair.
- He knows the "Second Adam" is the true King, and he is determined to destroy as much of the "Image of God" as possible before his lease expires.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28:16

- This is Ezekiel's prophecy echoed by Jesus in Luke 10:18
  - Fulfilled in Revelation 12

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty,
thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy
brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will
lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the
multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of
thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire
from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I
will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the
sight of all them that behold thee.

Ezekiel 28:17-18

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Ezekiel 28:19

- It makes the "Wiser than Daniel" sarcasm in verse 3 even more biting.
- For all his "wisdom" and "dual citizenship," he couldn't see that his pride was a trap of his own making.
- He thought he was gaining a world, but he was actually guaranteeing his own eternal eviction.

The End of the "Pricking Brier"

(v20–26)

- After a brief word against Sidon, the chapter ends with a beautiful promise.
- For years, these pagan nations were a "pricking brier" and a "painful thorn" to Israel.
- Matthew Henry notes that when God judges the enemies of the church, it is so that His people may *"dwell in their land"* safely.
- David Guzik highlights that this restoration is the ultimate goal of God's judgment: *"When God's judgment is finished, the result is that He is sanctified in the eyes of the nations, and His people dwell in safety."*
  - *Cf The Millennial kingdom, the Eternal Kingdom!*

20 Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, set thy face against Zidon, and prophesy against it,

22 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

Ezekiel 28:20-22

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 on every
side; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto
the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all
that are round about them, that despised them;
and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

Ezekiel 28:23-24

25 Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

Ezekiel 28:25

- Antisemites in the Green Party take note!

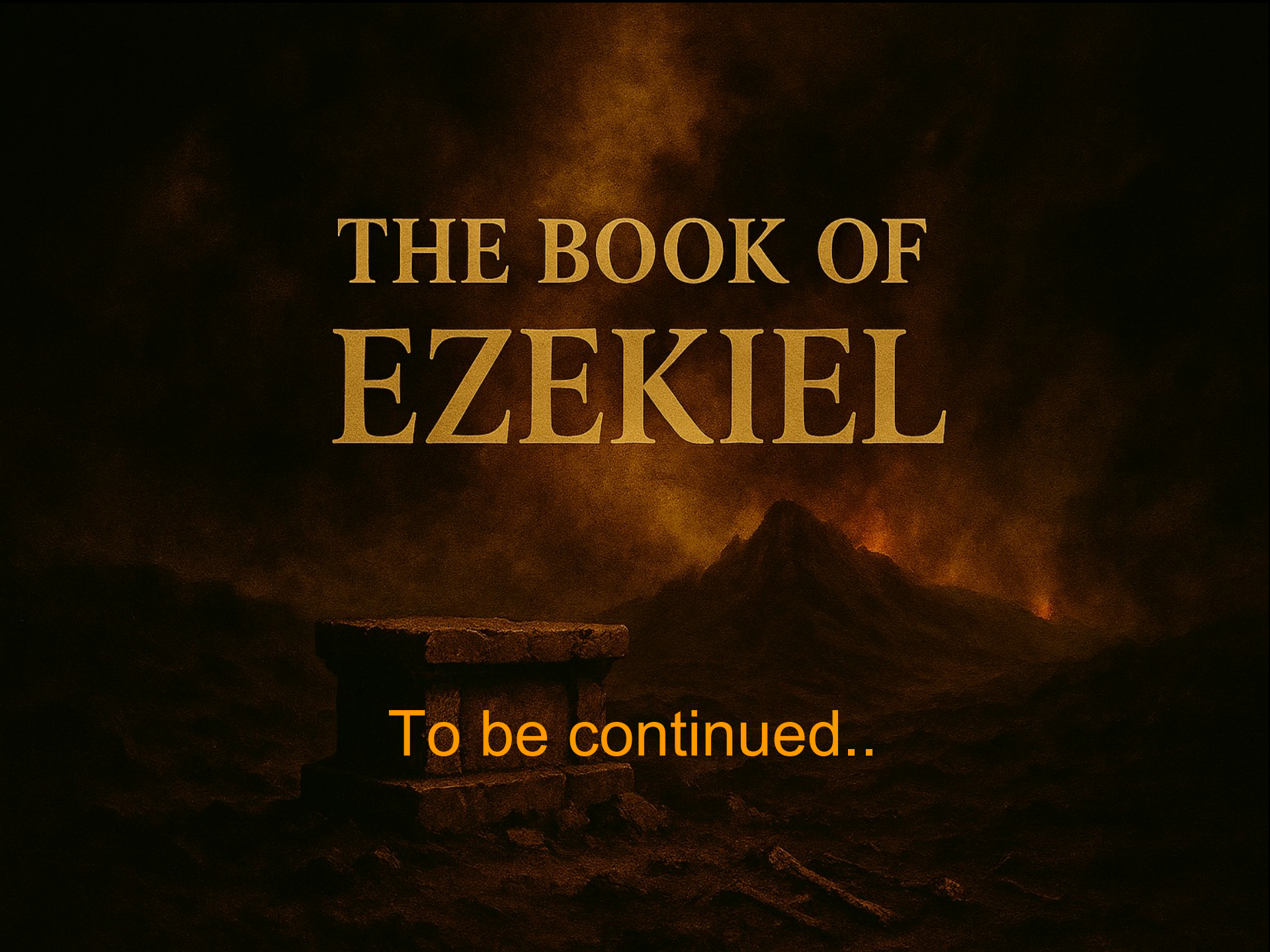
26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence,

when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them;

and they shall know that I am the Lord their God.

Ezekiel 28:26

- Tyre was destroyed, never to rise again
- Enemies of Israel today, beware!


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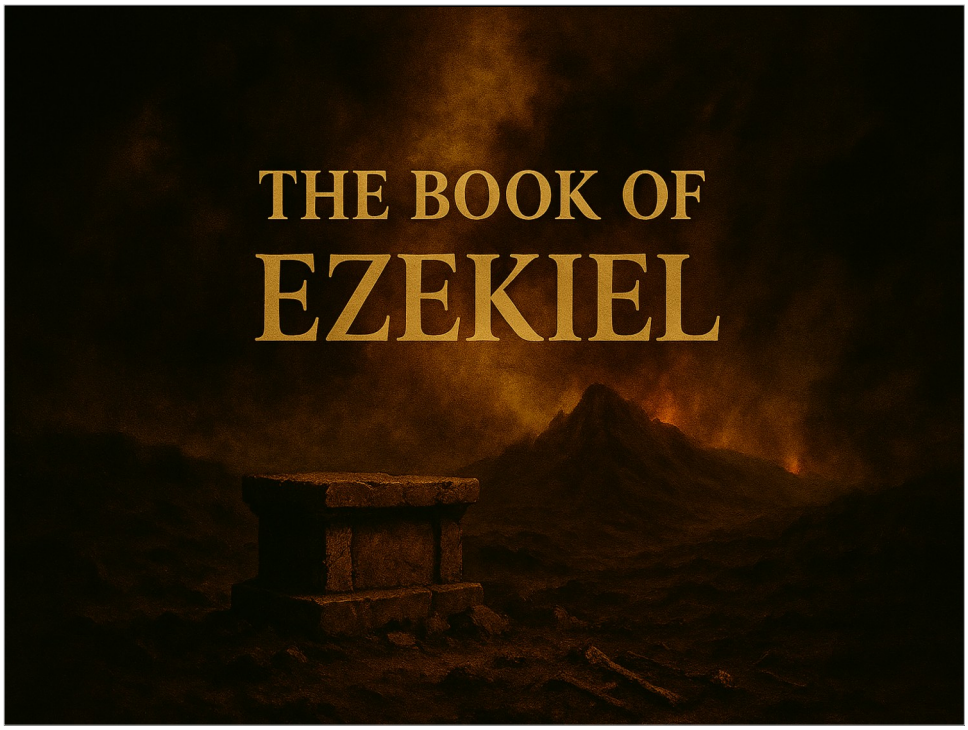


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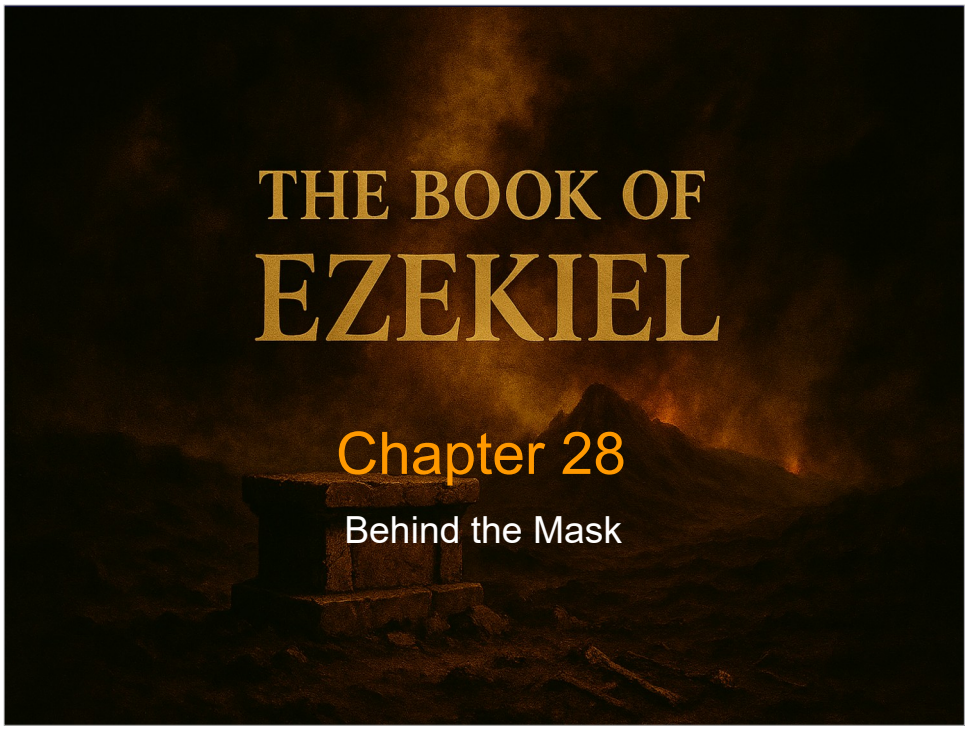
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The Hubris of the Prince

(v1–10)

- Ezekiel addresses the "Prince" (nagid) of Tyre, likely the historical ruler Ittobaal III. His sin was deifying himself because of his immense wealth and trade success.
- David Guzik notes that God does not condemn the prince for having riches, but for how they corrupted him: *"The wisdom that had brought him his wealth led to hubris. It was this inordinate pride that provoked Yahweh's ire."*
- John Trapp remarks on the Prince's claim to be a god: *"He thought himself to have as much wisdom and strength as God himself... He challenged divine honours, and expected to be praised and admired as a god."*

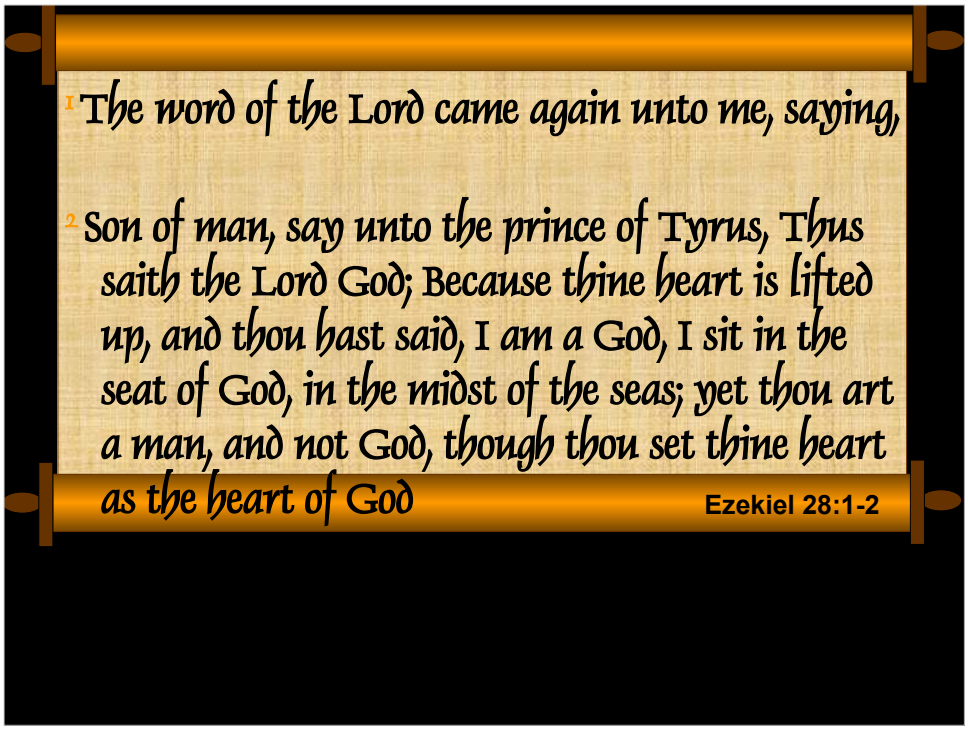
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Ezekiel 28:1-2

- Note: as with all scripture, this is God-breathed!


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Ezekiel 28:1-2

3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

Ezekiel 28:3-4

- Note the use of sarcasm! (see also Psalm 2:4)
  - This maybe in response to what the king had said
- In his pride, he thought of himself as wiser than Daniel and wealthy beyond need
  - Even in his own day, Daniel was famous for his wisdom (Daniel 1:20, 2:20, and 2:48) and God-given insight.

5 By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou
increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up
because of thy riches:
6 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou
hast set thine heart as the heart of God;
7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee,
the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw
their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom,
and they shall defile thy brightness.

Ezekiel 28:5-7

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou
shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the
midst of the seas.
9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I
am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in
the hand of him that slayeth thee.
10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by
the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith
the Lord God.

Ezekiel 28:8-10

The Boast of the Arrogant!

- How many have mocked and suggested that ‘in that day’ they’ll put God in His place!
- Stephen Fry famously said in an interview:
  - *"I’d say, 'Bone cancer in children? What’s that about? How dare you? How dare you create a world in which there is such misery that is not our fault? It’s not right. It’s utterly, utterly evil. Why should I respect a capricious, mean-minded, stupid God who creates a world which is so full of injustice and pain?’"*
- Ricky Gervais stated:
  - *"If it turns out I’m wrong and I’m standing at the gates, I’d say, 'My bad. Which one are you? Oh, you’re the God of the Old Testament? You’ve got a lot of explaining to do!'"*

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The Fall From

(v11–19)

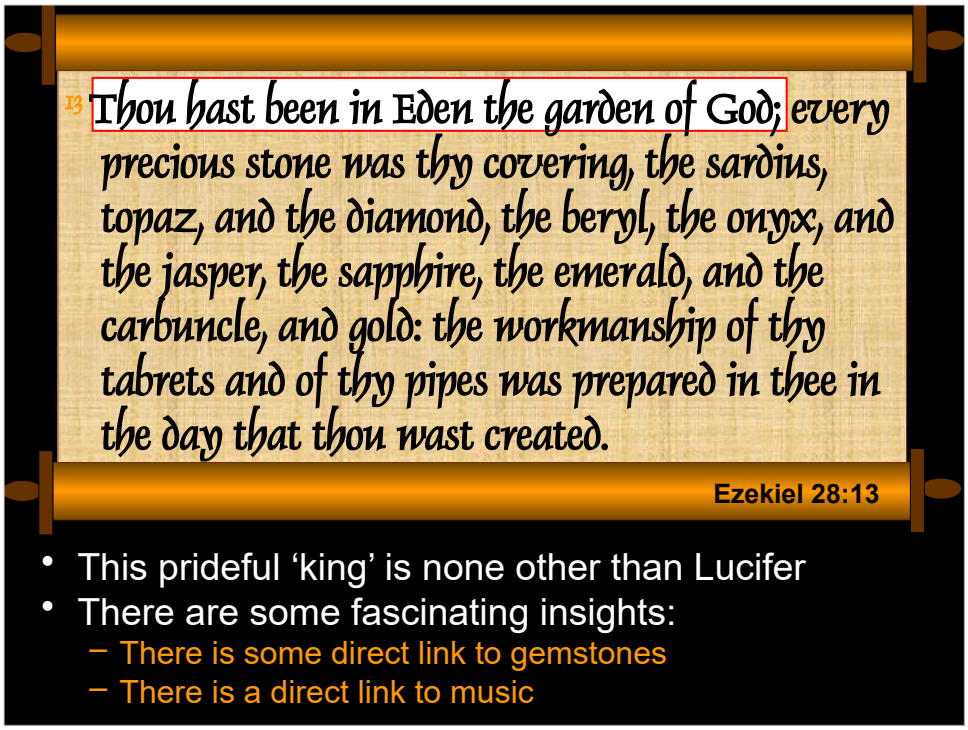
- Ezekiel shifts from "Prince" to "King" (melek), as he looks prophetically into the past and future at the puppet master who wall pulling the king of Tyre's strings!
- This is an example of a scripture that has double meaning:
  - There is the local application of the king of Tyre who had indeed exalted himself
  - But the language (and locations) go far beyond the earthly king and give a glimpse into the history and origin of man's great adversary, who on account of his pride led a rebellion against the Most-High God, and had wreaked havoc on the Earth ever since

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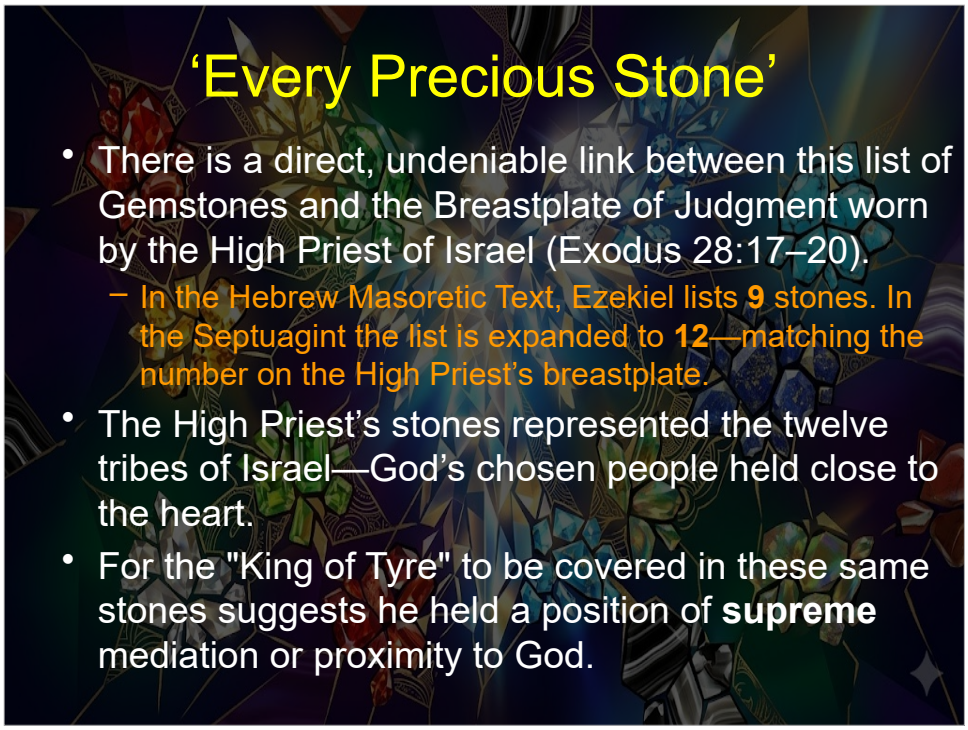
11 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me,
saying,
12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king
of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord
God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom,
and perfect in beauty.

Ezekiel 28:11-12

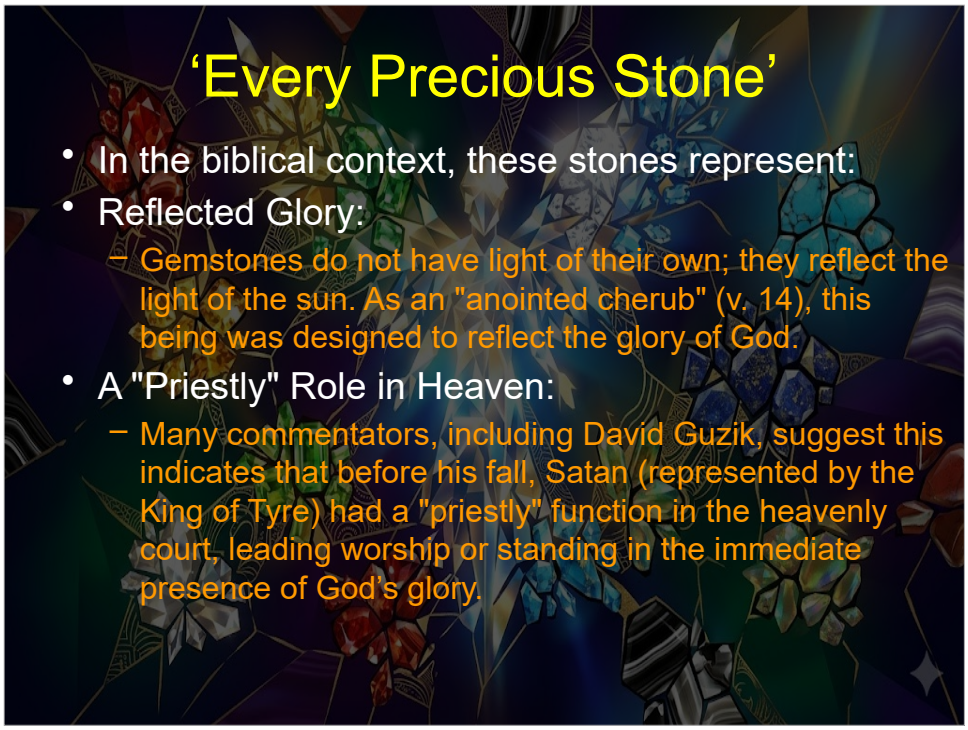
- You are inordinately wise, perfect and beautiful in every way!
- *"This king of Tyre is described in terms that can only apply to a supernatural being... he was the very measure of perfection."* - Guzik



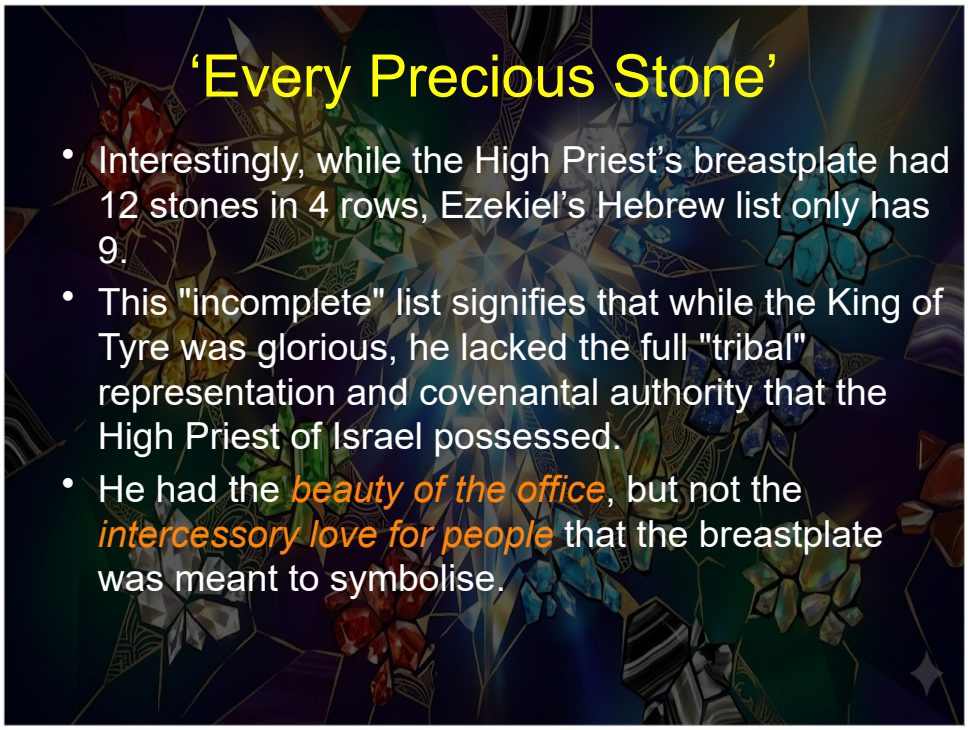
Charles Spurgeon, though he did not write a verse-by-verse commentary on Ezekiel, often used the fall of Tyre as a warning against the "trappings of the world." He frequently pointed out that pride is the "master-sin" that turned an angel into a devil. He once noted that when a man (or spirit) begins to admire his own beauty—as the King of Tyre did (v. 17)—he is on the verge of destruction.



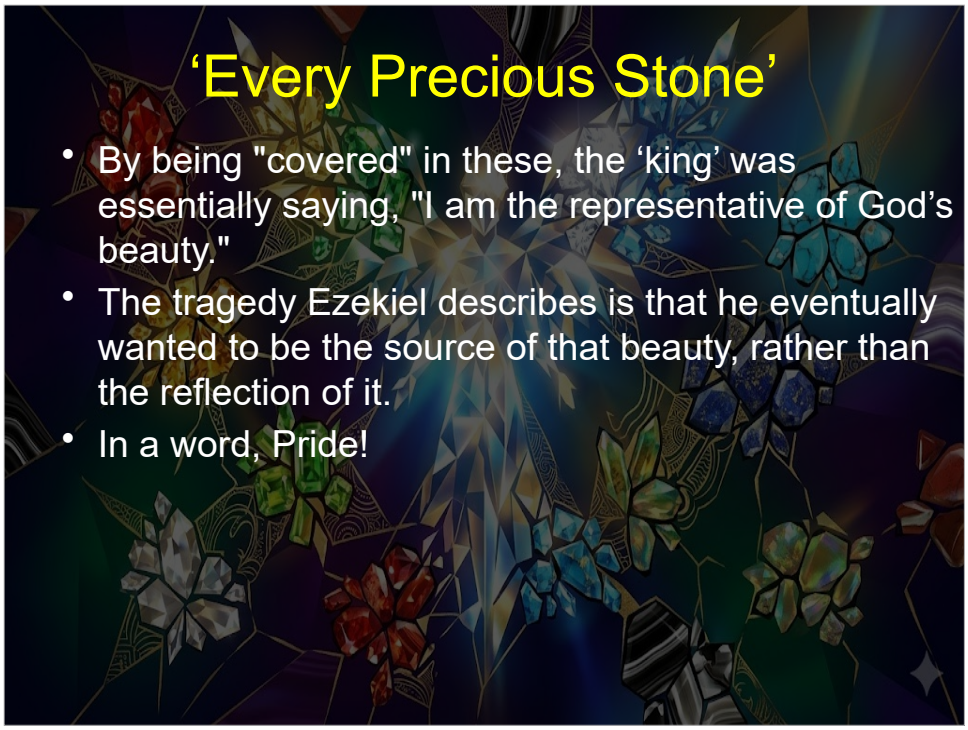
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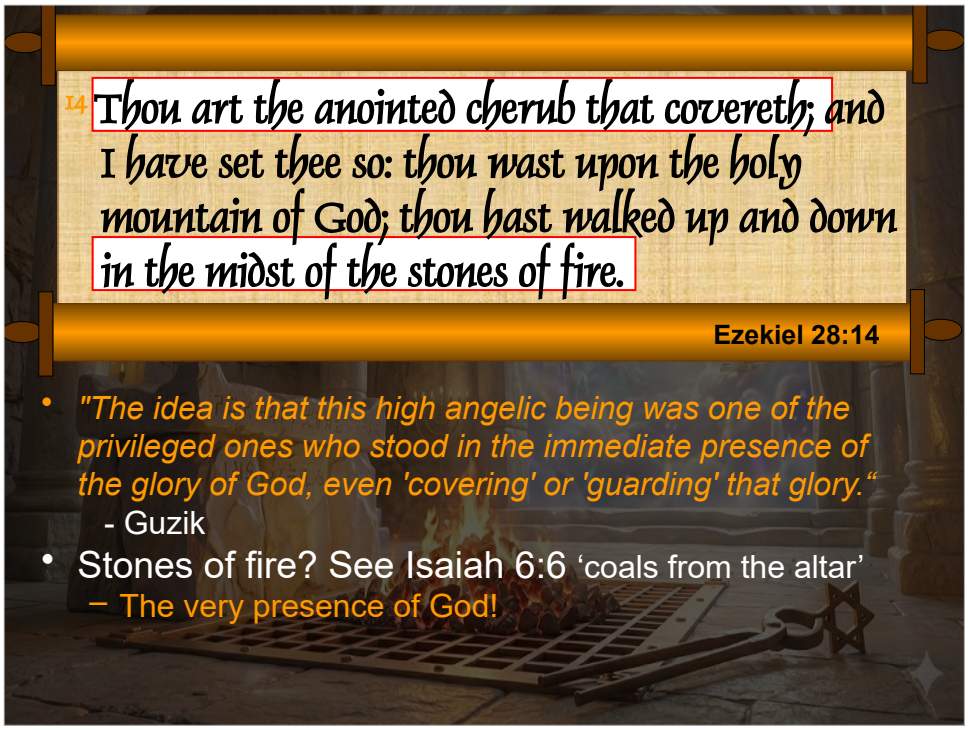


Jasper will also later appear as first in both the wall and foundation of the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:11, 18-19).
Sarius is in the foundation of the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:20). Pliny says it was discovered in Sardis and its color was a fiery red.

‘Tabrets and Pipes’

- Tabrets (tōp):
  - These are essentially tambourines or small hand-drums. In the ancient world, they were the primary instruments used to lead processions and celebrations of joy.
- Pipes (neqeb):
  - This word refers to flutes or wind instruments
- David Guzik notes: *"The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared in you... This has led many to believe that this high angelic being was responsible for the music of heaven, and that he was himself a musical instrument.“*
- Most people have to learn an instrument or put on jewelry; for this being, the music and the glory were part of his very anatomy from the moment of his creation.

“Everything was ready for this king from the very moment he was created. He was a creature of immense privilege and had everything he needed to serve God perfectly.” Guzik


14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
Ezekiel 28:14
"The idea is that this high angelic being was one of the privileged ones who stood in the immediate presence of the glory of God, even 'covering' or 'guarding' that glory."
- Guzik
Stones of fire? See Isaiah 6:6 'coals from the altar'
– The very presence of God!

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:15

- Don't lose sight of the fact that this is a created being!
- Note the 'until'!
- The big question is, *when* was the 'until'
- Note also the implied cause!
- *Something* must have happened to produce this change – there must have been a trigger!
- So, what led to Lucifer's fall, and why?

The Fall of Satan

6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:6

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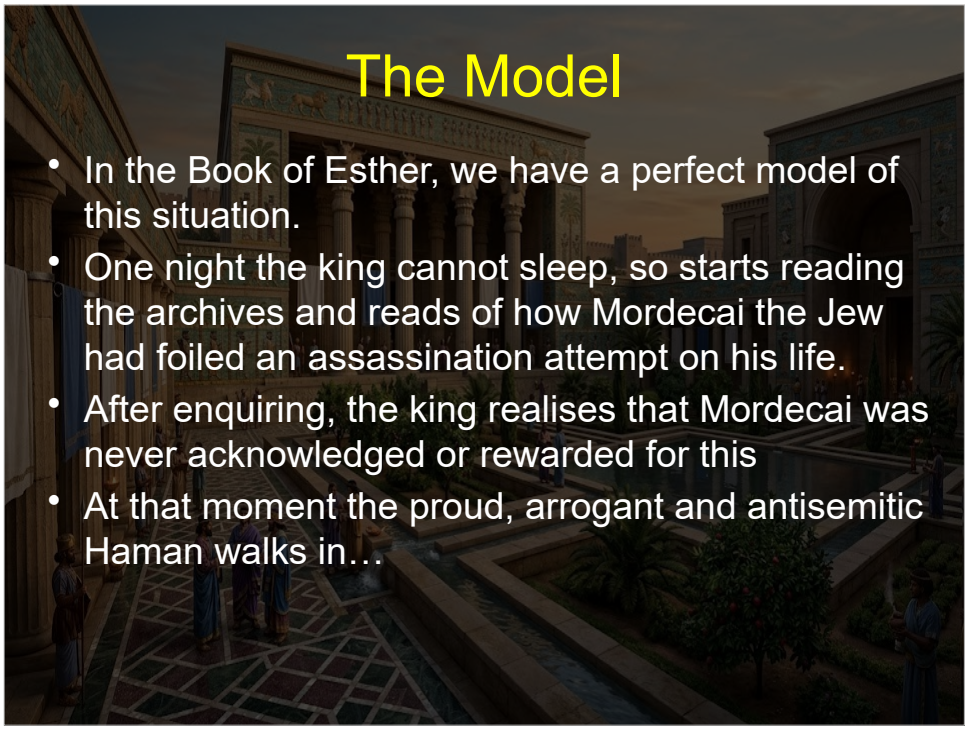
4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of
the earth?..
7 When the morning stars sang together,
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Job 38:4,7

- If all means 'all' (and using the consistent Biblical notion that 'sons of God' in this context refer to angelic beings') then Lucifer, himself an angelic being, must by definition have been among those shouting for joy and in his un-fallen state

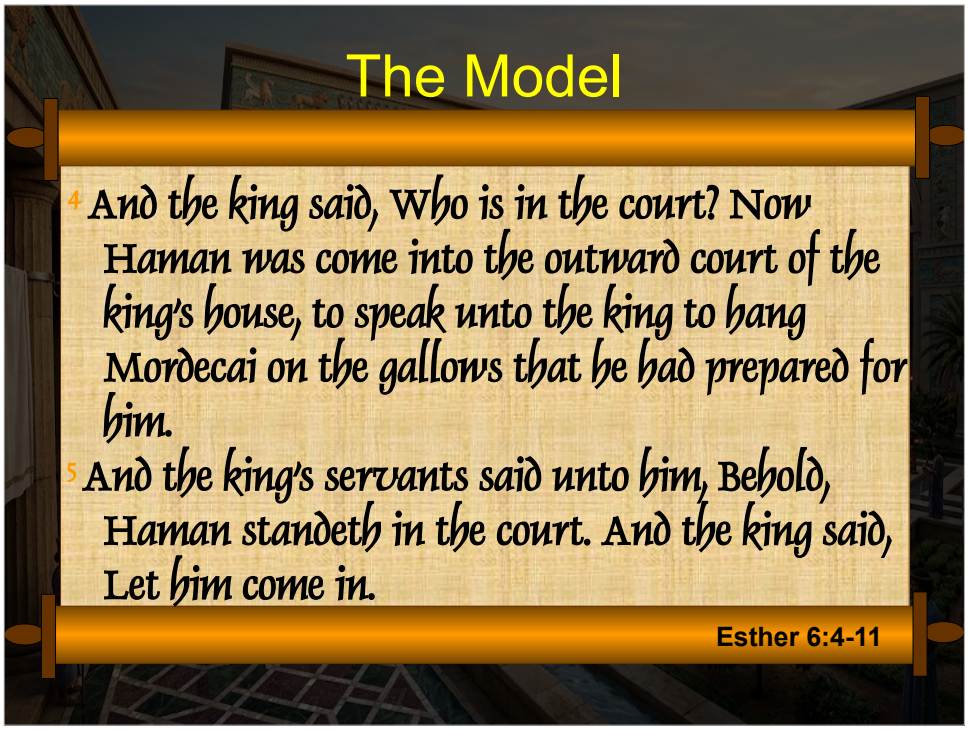
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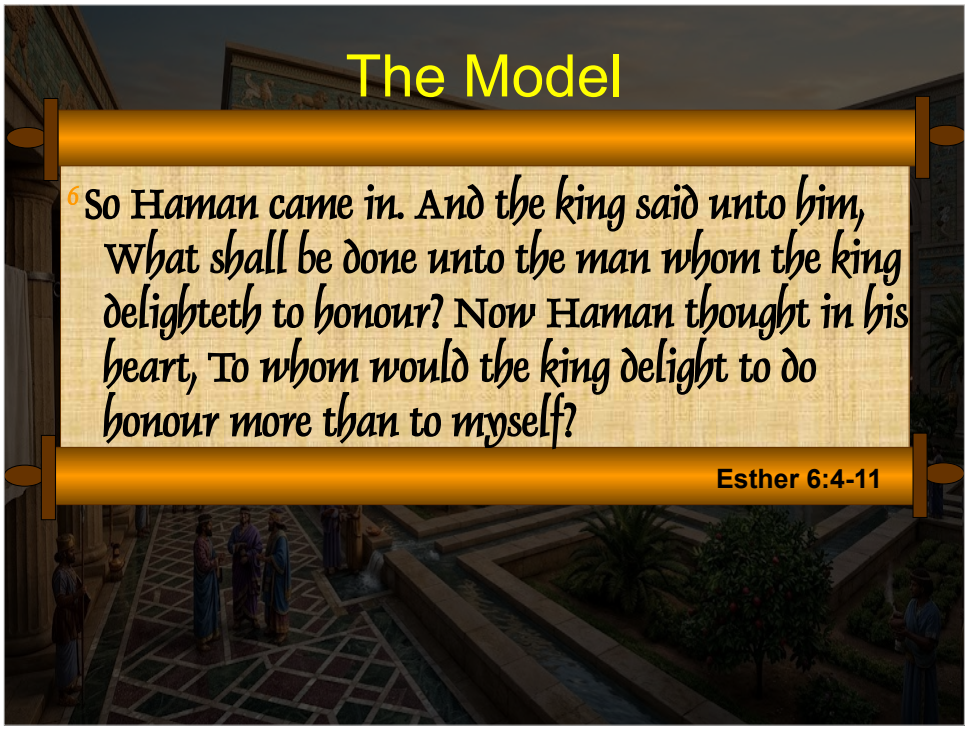
- Most commentators agree that the angelic hosts were present at creation.
- If the "morning stars" sang together, it implies a symphony of praise.
- A rebellion before the foundations of the earth were laid would mean a discordant note was already present, which contradicts God's declaration in Genesis 1:31 that everything was "very good.“
- If Lucifer was unfallen during the creation week, his "iniquity" (Ezekiel 28:15) must have been sparked by something within that week or shortly thereafter.

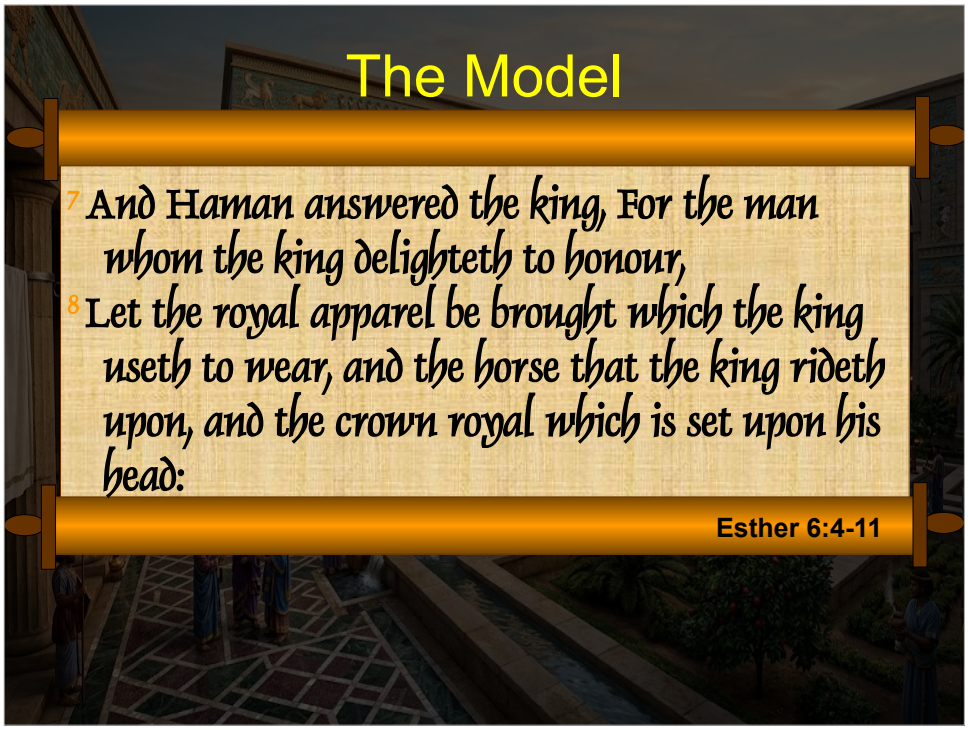


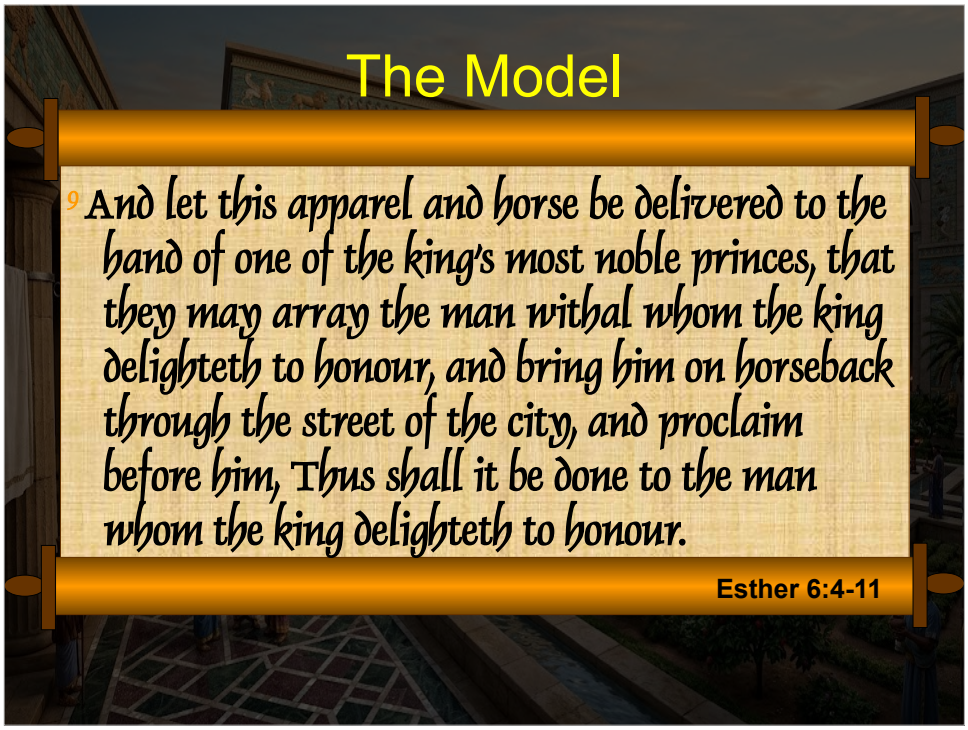
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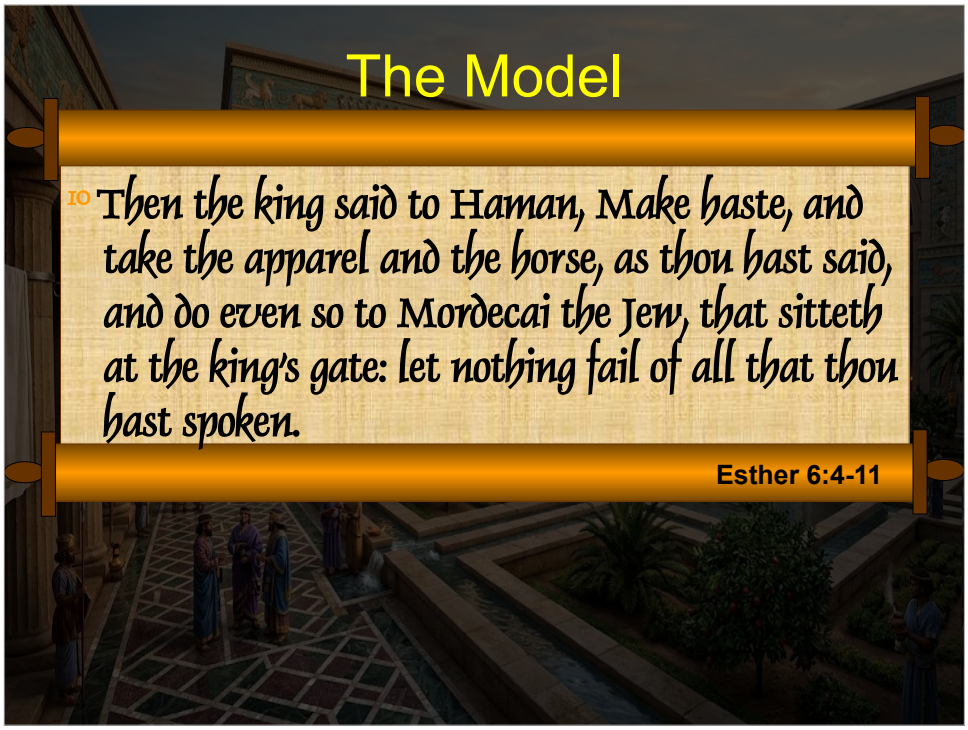
- In the Book of Esther, we have a perfect model of this situation.
- One night the king cannot sleep, so starts reading the archives and reads of how Mordecai the Jew had foiled an assassination attempt on his life.
- After enquiring, the king realises that Mordecai was never acknowledged or rewarded for this
- At that moment the proud, arrogant and antisemitic Haman walks in…

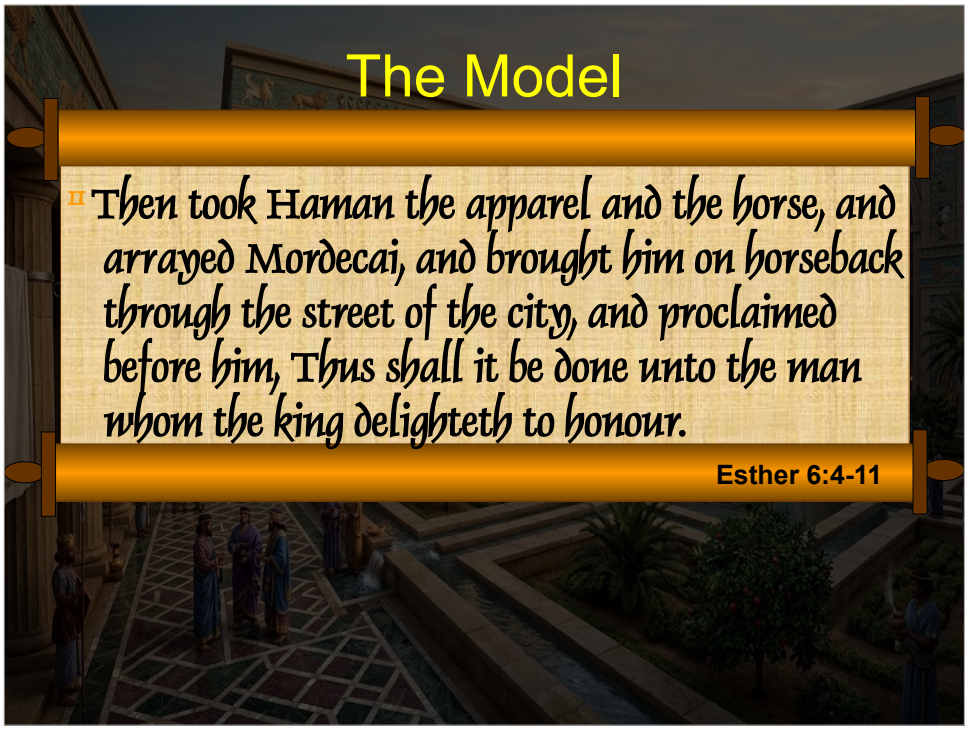

The Model
4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now
Haman was come into the outward court of the
king's house, to speak unto the king to hang
Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for
him.
5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold,
Haman standeth in the court. And the king said,
Let him come in.
Esther 6:4-11


The Model
6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?
Esther 6:4-11


The Model
7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,
8 Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head:
Esther 6:4-11

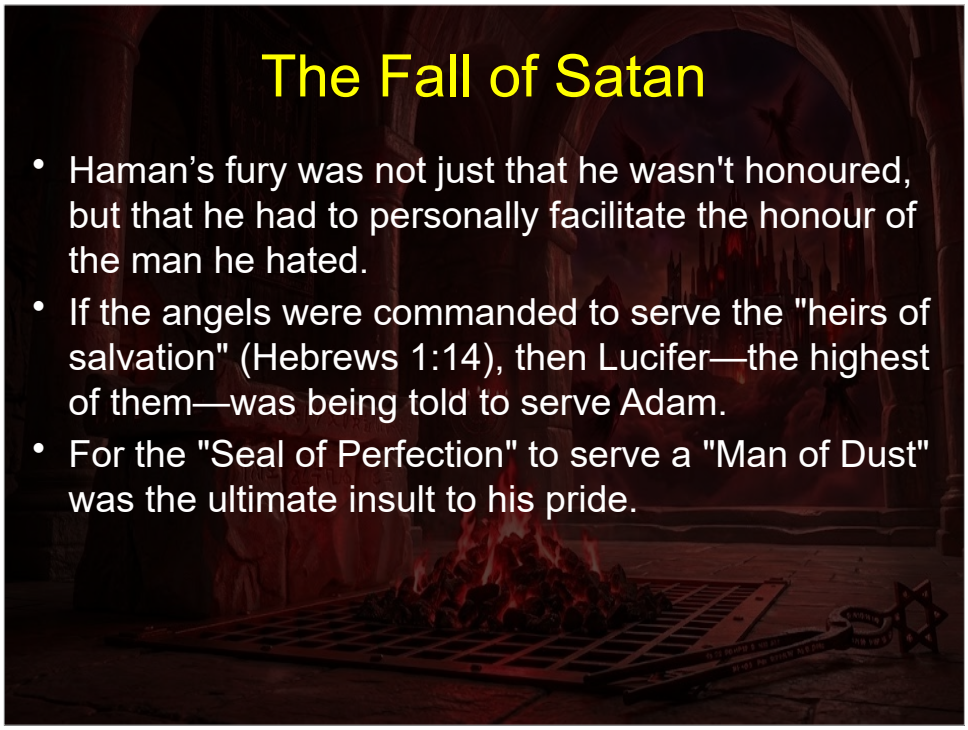

The Model
9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.
Esther 6:4-11


The Model
10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.
Esther 6:4-11


The Model
Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.
Esther 6:4-11

The Fall of Satan

- Haman’s fury was not just that he wasn't honoured, but that he had to personally facilitate the honour of the man he hated.
- If the angels were commanded to serve the "heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14), then Lucifer—the highest of them—was being told to serve Adam.
- For the "Seal of Perfection" to serve a "Man of Dust" was the ultimate insult to his pride.



The Fall of Satan

The double whammy!

- Just as Haman's pride led him to believe he was the object of the king's highest honour, only to be shattered when that honour was given to Mordecai…
- Lucifer watched the "construction" of Earth and assumed it was his stage — until the "curveball" of Day 6.
- On day 6 God created Man!
- What was special about man?
- Man was created in the image and likeness of God!

The Fall of Satan

- The Angels are "ministering spirits" (Hebrews 1:14). Glorious, yes; "anointed cherubs," yes; but never called the "Image of God.“
- Adam: A creature of dust, yet carrying the Imago Dei (Image of God).
- If Lucifer’s boast was *"I will be like the Most High"* (Isaiah 14:14), and God then creates a creature of clay and says, *"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness,"* the jealousy would be instantaneous.
- Until now, he had been the anointed cherub over all of creation!

The Fall of Satan

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

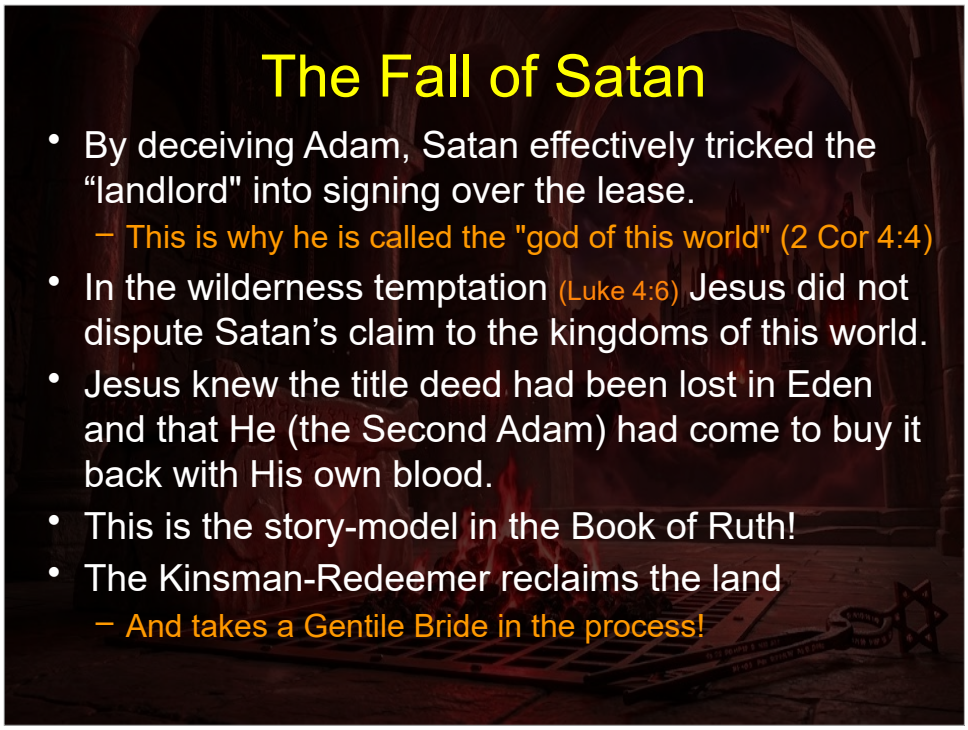
'I will be like' = damah' (daw-maw');
a primitive root; to compare; by implication, to resemble, liken, consider:
KJV - compare, devise, (be) like (-n), mean, think, use similitudes.

The Fall of Satan

- Satan wanted to be 'like God'.
  - Now, he is not stupid, he knew that he could never actually be God, but what is he actually saying? Who was made 'like God'?
- Adam! - who was made in the image and likeness of God (something no angel can claim).
- In Isaiah 14 we see that he wanted the position Adam had been given, the position he had once exclusively enjoyed, that of being the pinnacle of God's creation.
- But now Adam had been created, and maybe not with gems and instruments within him, but in the image and likeness of God!

The Fall of Satan

- John Trapp often spoke of the "malignity of pride."
- Lucifer’s pride couldn't handle a "lower" creature (made of dust) being given a higher status (the Likeness) and a greater dominion (the Earth).
  - What was it Lucifer wanted?
  - What was it that he thought was to be his?
  - The Earth! (that was the prize for God’s ‘no#1’
  - What was the result of The Fall?
  - Satan gained the title deed of the Earth!
- If Adam was the "King of the Earth," then the Serpent’s goal wasn't just to make Eve eat a fruit; it was a hostile takeover.



And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. Luke 4:6

The Fall of Satan

- Have you ever considered the ‘talking snake problem’?
- If Lucifer was the "Anointed Cherub" who "covered" and "walked in Eden," he wouldn't have appeared as a scaly, frightening monster.
- 2 Corinthians 11:14 says Satan transforms himself into an "angel of light.“
- If Eve had seen this glorious, gem-covered being walking in the Garden of Eden in his unfallen state, she would have had no reason to fear him.
- When he approached her, she likely saw a trusted, high-ranking official of God's court. His "fall" might have happened in his heart (unseen to her) moments or days before he spoke to her.

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The Three Falls of Satan

- The fall of Satan can be seen, not just as a single event, but a series of expulsions from his former privileges:
- 1. The Judicial Fall (The Heart)
  - As noted with the Haman parallel, the first fall happened in the "secret places" of his heart.
  - Ezekiel 28:15: "Till iniquity was found in thee.“
  - This is the moment he lost his "anointed" status in God's eyes, even if he still held his "office" and his "gem-covered" appearance.
  - As John Trapp might say, he became a "devil in a bright dress.“

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- 2. The Moral Fall (The Deception)
  - In Genesis 3, he uses his access to Eden to execute the "hostile takeover of the Earth.“
  - By deceiving the "Image of God" (Adam), he gains the "title deed" to the world.
  - This explains the "to and fro" access in Job 1 & 2.
  - He is no longer there as a "guardian cherub," but as the "Accuser."
  - He goes to the heavenly court to accuse and argue that man doesn't truly love God.

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- 3. The Prophetic Fall (The Casting Down)
  - Jesus prophetically declared in Luke 10:18 *"I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven"*
  - We see the fulfilment of this in Revelation 12 with a final, physical eviction.
  - Up until that point, Satan seemingly retains the right to "stand before God" to accuse the brethren.
  - Prophetically in Ezekiel 28, he is "cast out of the mountain of God" (v. 16). In Revelation, he is "cast out into the earth" and the door to heaven is finally slammed shut.

The Final Fall of Satan

- In Revelation 12, when he is finally cast out of heaven, we read: *“Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time”.*
- If he originally rebelled because he wanted the Earthly Kingdom for himself (the Haman complex), his wrath at the end is the realisation that the "Second Adam" has legally reclaimed it.
- Charles Spurgeon once remarked that Satan's industry is fueled by his despair.
- He knows the "Second Adam" is the true King, and he is determined to destroy as much of the "Image of God" as possible before his lease expires.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28:16

- This is Ezekiel's prophecy echoed by Jesus in Luke 10:18
  - Fulfilled in Revelation 12

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

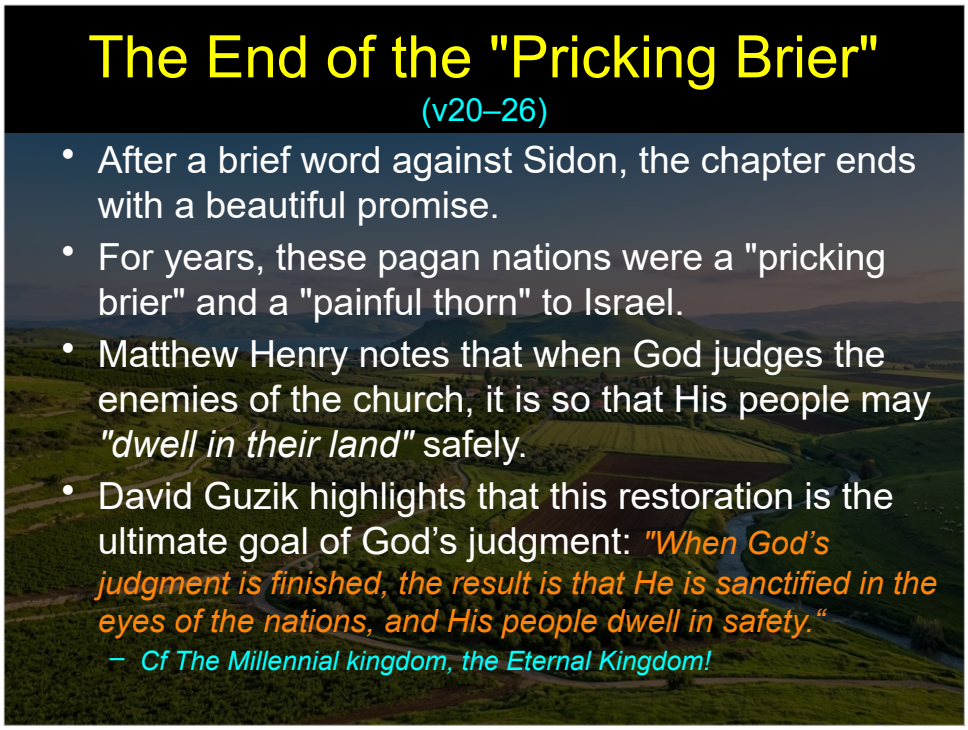
18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Ezekiel 28:17-18

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Ezekiel 28:19

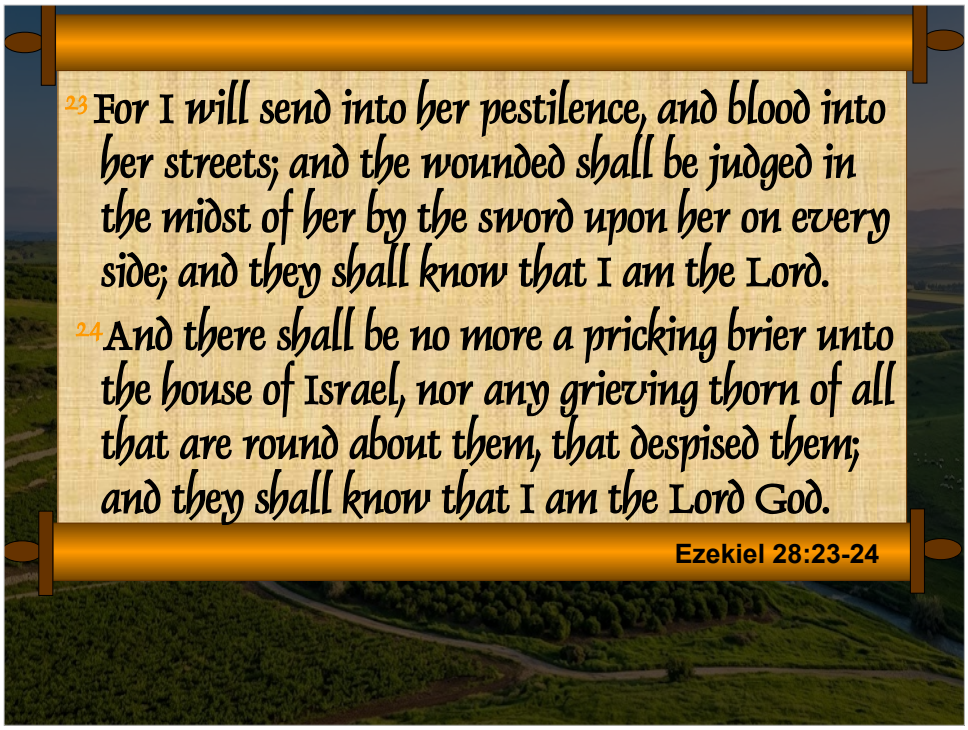
- It makes the "Wiser than Daniel" sarcasm in verse 3 even more biting.
- For all his "wisdom" and "dual citizenship," he couldn't see that his pride was a trap of his own making.
- He thought he was gaining a world, but he was actually guaranteeing his own eternal eviction.

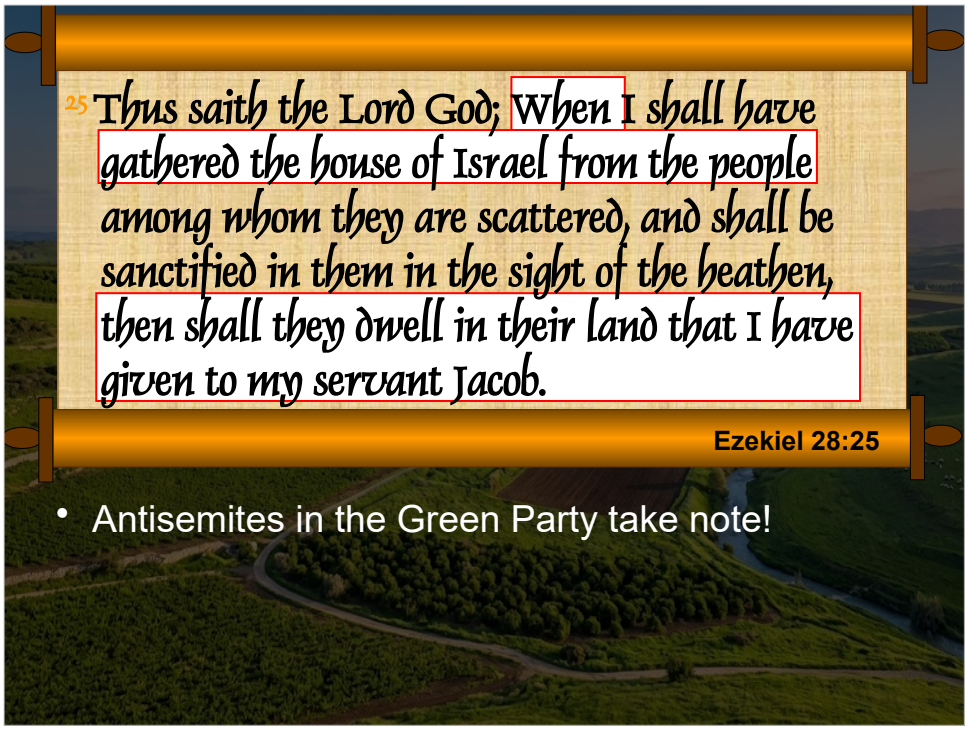


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20 Again the word of the Lord came unto me,
saying,
21 Son of man, set thy face against Zidon, and
prophesy against it,
22 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am
against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in
the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am
the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments
in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

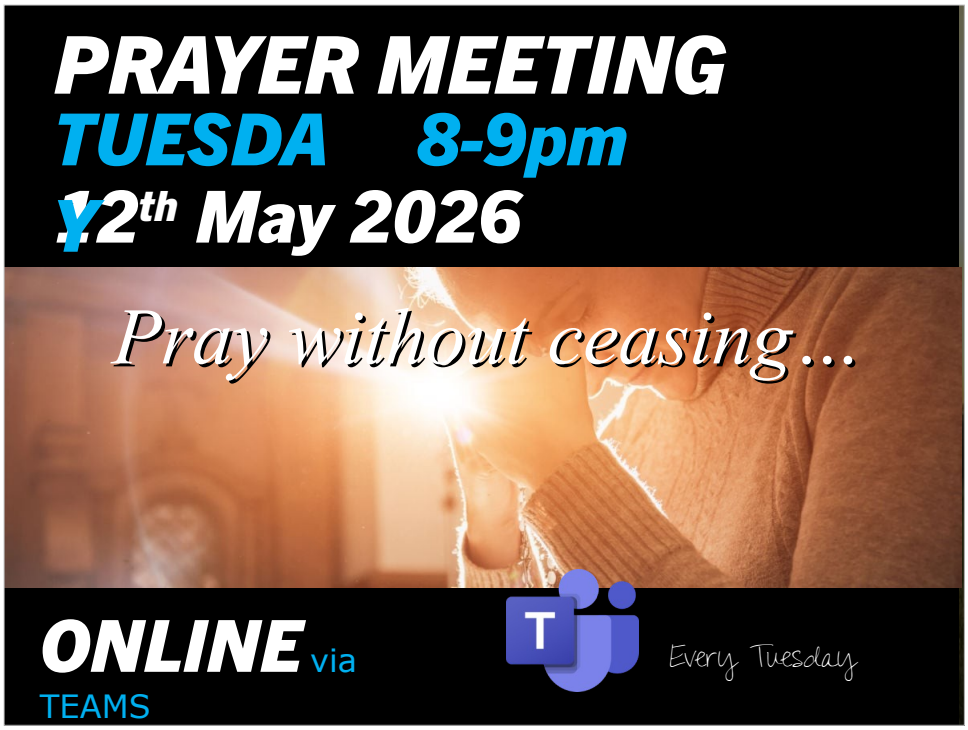
Ezekiel 28:20-22


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 on every side; and they shall know that I am the Lord.
24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord God.
Ezekiel 28:23-24


25 Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.
Ezekiel 28:25
• Antisemites in the Green Party take note!


26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence,
when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them;
and they shall know that I am the Lord their God.
Ezekiel 28:26
• Tyre was destroyed, never to rise again
• Enemies of Israel today, beware!


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CALVARY CHAPEL UK
MEN'S
RETREAT
2027
23-24 APRIL 2027
KENT'S HILL PARK
MILTON KEYNES
Save the dates!
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CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE
It's time we got the answers
SATURDAY 13 JUNE
9AM - 4PM
HOLIDAY INN
EASTLEIGH M3 J13
ENGAGE
international
COMMEND. DEFEND. CONTEND
Sam Raju
Speaker
Paul Copan
Speaker

Calvary Leatherhead

(aka Disciples Church)



- ADULTS (11yrs+): £10 PER DAY (full week = £70)
- CHILDREN (4yrs – 10yrs): £7 PER DAY (full week = £49)
- UNDER 4's (0yrs – 3yrs): NO CHARGE

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