

Ezekiel28

#A Prophecy Against the King of Tyre

28 The word of the Lord came to me:

2 “Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says:“In the pride of your heart you say, “I am a god;I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas.”But you are a mere mortal and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god.

3 Are you wiser than Daniel[a]? Is no secret hidden from you?

4 By your wisdom and understanding you have gained wealth for yourselfand amassed gold and silver in your treasuries.

5 By your great skill in trading you have increased your wealth,and because of your wealth your heart has grown proud.

6 ““Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says:““Because you think you are wise, as wise as a god,

7 I am going to bring foreigners against you, the most ruthless of nations;they will draw their swords against your beauty and wisdom and pierce your shining splendor.

8 They will bring you down to the pit, and you will die a violent death in the heart of the seas.

9 Will you then say, “I am a god,” in the presence of those who kill you?You will be but a mortal, not a god, in the hands of those who slay you.

10 You will die the death of the uncircumcised at the hands of foreigners.I have spoken, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

11 The word of the Lord came to me:

12 “Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says:““You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God;every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.[b]Your settings and mountings[c] were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you.You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned.So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty,and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

18 By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries.So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you,and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching.

19 All the nations who knew you are appalled at you;you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.”

#A Prophecy Against Sidon

20 The word of the Lord came to me:

21 “Son of man, set your face against Sidon; prophesy against her

22 and say: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says:“I am against you, Sidon, and among you I will display my glory.You will know that I am the Lord, when I inflict punishment on you and within you am proved to be holy.

23 I will send a plague upon you and make blood flow in your streets.The slain will fall within you, with the sword against you on every side.Then you will know that I am the Lord.

24 ““No longer will the people of Israel have malicious neighbors who are painful briers and sharp thorns. Then they will know that I am the Sovereign Lord.

25 “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: When I gather the people of Israel from the nations where they have been scattered, I will be proved holy through them in the sight of the nations. Then they will live in their own land, which I gave to my servant Jacob.

26 They will live there in safety and will build houses and plant vineyards; they will live in safety when I inflict punishment on all their neighbors who maligned them. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God.”