

E2E- Part 105b

Ezekiel 28

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1. Ezekiel's task of proclaiming truth while held captive is to renew his people's relationship with God.
2. To accomplish his task, Ezekiel must dispel any false hope that the captivity in Babylon will be brief. He also needs to convey that God is very patient, but the severe judgments show that God takes rebellion very seriously.
3. In chapter 1, Ezekiel has a phenomenal vision of God on His throne. It serves as a powerful reminder that, even amid national chaos and the appearance of evil winning, God is in control and has a greater plan.
4. Before time itself began, God the Father, the Son, and the Spirit dealt with rebellion in Heaven when Satan was judged and removed from God's presence.
5. At the core, rebellion is an intense desire for independence. We can relate because each of us is prone to wander from God's command, rule, and design.
6. The true King of Tyre is not a visible person on an earthly throne, but the invisible power behind the throne. God shifts our focus to the spiritual realm.
7. Among all created beings, Satan was by far the wisest, most beautiful, and highest in rank. He was flawless, but not immune to sin.
8. God permits Satan, the greater creature, to be among humans, the lesser creatures, to demonstrate His power and show that rebellion against God is not stronger than submission to Him.
9. Satan may tempt us, but he cannot force us to sin. He may accuse us, but he does not have the authority to judge us.
10. Jesus has complete and total authority over Satan. He paid for our sins and crushed Satan at the cross through His resurrection.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Heylel (hay-lale´) in the sense of brightness; the morning-star :- Lucifer

TODAY'S WORSHIP

In Christ Alone
Great I Am/O Praise the Name
Here I Am to Worship

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Ezekiel had to confront his people with the real weight of their sin and the consequences that came with it. When you think about your own life, what helps you take sin seriously instead of brushing it off as “not a big deal”?
- Ezekiel's vision in chapter 1 is basically God reminding everyone that He is in total control over every detail. How does keeping God's authority in view change the way you handle chaos in your own life?
- Mark describes rebellion as wanting independence. Where do you notice that pull in yourself, and what usually triggers it?
- Ezekiel 28, Isaiah 14 and Ephesians 6 point to the reality that working behind the scenes of some earthly leaders are real “*wicked powers and dark spiritual forces.*” How does recognizing that unseen reality shape the way you interpret what's happening around you?
- Satan accuses, but he can't define who we are. When your identity in Christ feels cloudy or attacked, what truths help you steady yourself and remember who you actually are?
- Ezekiel's message reminded the people that God hadn't abandoned them, even in judgment. Where have you seen God stay faithful to you in seasons when you definitely didn't feel strong or put together?