

## Ezekiel 28:11-15 - The Person of Satan

This Scripture not only describes the evil king of Tyrus, but also the Person of Satan, who is the person behind the king of Tyrus, as he is behind many wicked rulers of today! Satan was quite an angel before he fell. Lucifer (Satan) is referred to as the son of the morning in Isa. 14:12-15.

### 1. His Brains - Verse 12 - FULL OF WISDOM

Someone may ask, "If he was so wise, why did he fall from Heaven?" Because in his wisdom, he became prideful, and thought that he knew more than God! Five times in Isa. 14 he said, "I will..." Prov. 16:18; 1 Cor. 10:12. He let his brains become more important to him than anything else. Now, why didn't God just destroy Lucifer? Because he was God-breathed! The 3 things that are God-breathed are the Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16), the soul of man (Gen. 2:7), and the angels (Psa. 33:6). When God breathes life, it is forever! The angels cannot be destroyed. Lucifer became Satan, and one-third of the angels that rebelled with him in his charge to overtake God's throne became demons (Rev. 12:3-9). This all took place prior to the Garden of Eden, as we see in our text that Satan had *been in Eden the garden of God*. The main thing I want you all to ponder on this evening is this: **WHAT SATAN WAS IN PERFECTION, HE IS NOW IN DECEPTION!** Satan was *full of wisdom* and an angel in Heaven with God before he fell, and he took that same wisdom with him. He is much wiser than we are and has been around a lot longer than we have. He was mad at God for casting him out of Heaven, so what does he do now? He attacks God's creation! It isn't personal, he attacks us to attack God. We were created in the image and likeness of God, and Satan, in his wisdom, has devised a plan to attack God's created beings. He first did so in Gen. 3. He got Eve to question the Word of God (first ? in Bible, Gen. 3:1), and showed her the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Eve gave in to this temptation, Adam also partook of the forbidden fruit, and through the Fall of Man, sin entered into the world (Rom. 5:12). This deception took place approximately 6,022 years ago, and Satan is just as real and full of wisdom today than he ever has been. He has witnessed the advancement of technology and has increased the intensity of his devious plan in these final seconds before Jesus comes back! We are no match for the devil on our own; we must let the Lord fight our battles for us! 1 John 4:4; Isa. 54:17. We've got the power in the Name of Jesus, but our flesh is much weaker than Satan. Mat. 26:41; John 10:10.

### 2. His Beauty - Verses 12-13 - PERFECT IN BEAUTY

Lucifer was a shining individual and had nine precious stones and gold as his covering, and he was *perfect in beauty*. He isn't some red cartoon character with a pitch fork - he was the *anointed cherub that covereth*, which shows that he was in the very presence and glory of God in Heaven! He is still beautiful, and will appear to us as an angel of light, 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Mat. 23:27-38; 2 Tim. 3:5. He will show you the beauty and the outward appearance of temptation. **He will always show you the pleasure, but never show you the pain!** Prov. 14:12-13. Lucifer = light-bearer. The counterfeit of the true Light (John 1:9).

### 3. His Behavior - Verse 15 - PERFECT IN THY WAYS

Remember, the same qualities still apply, but now for evil's sake. Not only was Lucifer full of brains and beauty, but his behavior was perfect - and so he is now, perfect in his deception! 2 Cor. 2:11; Luke 22:31; Eph. 6:12; 1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 2:2; Job 1:7. If church members were as busy about the Lord's work as the devil is about his work, we would really see something happen! Every day, he is laying a snare for you and your family! The devil is present, but he isn't Omnipresent; he is knowing, but he isn't Omniscient; he is powerful, but he isn't Omnipotent! **THERE IS ONE GREATER!** Heb. 2:14; Rev. 1:18; Mat. 28:18.

**A. His Ministry** - Verse 13a - False; corrupting God's Word!

**B. His Music** - Verse 13b - Tabrets and pipes; influences all ungodly music today!

**C. His Match** - Verse 15b - Luke 10:18; Rev. 20:10 - He isn't a match for God!