

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER! **The Papou Study Bible** is a daily study provided by me to help



folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls Paige, Stephanie, and Ashley, and any descendant they have (particularly Nicole, Joey, Matthew, Dylan, Julianne, and Lizzie, who know me as “Papou”). And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis)

never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with my girls. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*



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Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is

Christ in you, the hope of glory

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Ezekiel 28 Part 2²

So the prophecy is going to switch gears now, and go from addressing the ruler of Tyre to the “king” of Tyre. Because of the wording and the descriptions in this prophecy, many sincerely feel the “king” of Tyre is not just some human king, but the “god of this age” described in 2 Cor 4:4 and Ephesians 2:2, Satan Himself.³ His downfall is seen to be described here. It’s a rare glimpse into his bac story. Let’s study it in detail. Enjoy!

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³ the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. (Ephesians 2:2) The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers . . . so that they cannot see . . . Christ (2 Corinthians 4:§

Ezekiel 28 New International Version (NIV)

Let's do a quick read, and I'll highlight key words.

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.^[a] Your settings and mountings^[b] were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. **Adam was naked in the garden. This “Cherub” is pictured as a fully clothed priest. The 9 stones are among the 12 word by the High Priest.**⁴
14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. **Cherubs were stationed at the border of the Garden of Eden to guard the way to the Tree of Life. (Genesis 3:24)**⁵
You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

15 You were blameless in your ways

⁴ Exodus 28:17 - 17 Then mount four rows of precious stones on it. The first row shall be carnelian, chrysolite and beryl; 18 the second row shall be turquoise, lapis lazuli and emerald; 19 the third row shall be jacinth, agate and amethyst; 20 the fourth row shall be topaz, onyx and jasper. Mount them in gold filigree settings.

⁵ Genesis 3:24 - ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side^[or in front] of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

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. **Notice the CLV translation:** Your heart was haughtyⁱ because of your loveliness; You made your wisdom a ruin^{on} because of your shining splendor; I will fling you down on the earth; I will^a set you before kings to make a spectacleⁱ of you.
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.”

So . . . can you see how this can be Satan? Let's look at the study article and learn from it..

So if this does refer to Satan, he introduced some kind of “trade” and then violence I’m assuming among other angels. Hmmm . . . trade and amassing of wealth leads to sin. Hmmm. . .

“until iniquity was found in you” (Hebrew literal)

(1 Timothy 6:10) It may be a deeper root than we realize.

The source of this article is in the footnote below.⁶

Question: "Is the king of Tyre prophecy in Ezekiel 28 referring to Satan?"

Answer: At first glance, the prophecy in **Ezekiel 28:11–19** seems to refer to a human king. The city of Tyre was the recipient of some of the strongest prophetic condemnations in the Bible (**Isaiah 23:1–18; Jeremiah 25:22; 27:1–11; Ezekiel 26:1– 28:19; Joel 3:4–8; Amos 1:9, 10**).

Isaiah 23	Jeremiah 25	Jeremiah 27	Joel 3	Amos 1
<p>A prophecy against Tyre: Wail, you ships of Tarshish! For Tyre is destroyed and left without house or harbor. . . Who planned this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traders are renowned in the earth? 9 The LORD Almighty planned it, to bring down her pride in all her splendor and to humble all who are renowned on the earth. . . 17 At the end of seventy years, the LORD will deal with Tyre. She will return to</p>	<p>¹⁵ This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: “Take from my hand this cup filled with the wine of my wrath and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. ¹⁶ When they drink it, they will stagger and go mad because of the sword I will send among them.” . . . ¹⁷ So I took the cup from the LORD’s hand and made all the nations to whom he sent me drink it: . . . ²¹ Edom, Moab and Ammon; ²² all the kings of Tyre and Sidon;</p>	<p>Early in the reign of Zedekiah^[a] son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 This is what the LORD said to me: “Make a yoke out of straps and crossbars and put it on your neck. 3 Then send word to the kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre and Sidon through the envoys who have come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah. 4 Give them a message for their masters and say, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Tell this to your masters: 5 With my great</p>	<p>4 “Now what have you against me, Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia? Are you repaying me for something I have done? If you are paying me back, I will swiftly and speedily return on your own heads what you have done. 5 For you took my silver and my gold and carried off my finest treasures to your temples.(or palaces) 6 You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, that you might send them far from their homeland.7 “See, I am going to rouse them out of the places to</p>	<p>9 This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Tyre, even for four, I will not relent. Because she sold whole communities of captives to Edom, disregarding a treaty of brotherhood, 10 I will send fire on the walls of Tyre that will consume her fortresses.” Interesting. A treaty of brotherhood. For disregarding it, God would punish her!</p>

⁶ <https://www.gotquestions.org/King-of-Tyre.html>

<p>her lucrative prostitution and will ply her trade with all the kingdoms on the face of the earth. 18 Yet her profit and her earnings will be set apart for the LORD; they will not be stored up or hoarded. Her profits will go to those who live before the LORD, I like that. Those who live “before the Lord.” for abundant food and fine clothes.</p>		<p>power and outstretched arm I made the earth and its people and the animals that are on it, and I give it to anyone I please. 6 Now I will give all your countries into the hands of my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; I will make even the wild animals subject to him. 7 All nations will serve him and his son and his grandson until the time for his land comes; then many nations and great kings will subjugate him.</p> <p>8 ““If, however, any nation or kingdom will not serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon or bow its neck under his yoke, I will punish that nation with the sword, famine and plague, declares the LORD, until I destroy it by his hand.</p>	<p>which you sold them, and I will return on your own heads what you have done. 8 I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabians, a nation far away.” The LORD has spoken.</p> <p><i>Footnotes:</i></p> <p>1. Joel 3:5 Or <i>palaces</i></p>	
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Tyre was known for building its wealth by exploiting its neighbors. Ancient writers referred to Tyre as a city filled with unscrupulous merchants. Tyre was a center of religious idolatry and sexual immorality. The biblical prophets rebuked Tyre for its pride brought on by its great wealth and strategic location. **Ezekiel 28:11–19** seems to be a particularly strong indictment against the king of Tyre in the prophet Ezekiel’s day, rebuking the king for his insatiable pride and greed.

However, some of the descriptions in **Ezekiel 28:11–19** go beyond any mere human king. In no sense could an earthly king claim to be “in Eden” or to be “the anointed cherub who covers” or to be “on the holy mountain of God.” Therefore, most Bible interpreters believe that **Ezekiel 28:11–19** is a dual prophecy, comparing the pride of the king of Tyre to the pride of Satan. Some propose that the king of Tyre was actually possessed by Satan, making the link between the two even more powerful and applicable.

There is another prophecy that is seen the same way. It’s in Isaiah 14. It begins as a taunt to the “king of Babylon” in verse 4. Then it seems to lift in meaning to the force behind the king of Babylon, Satan himself.

12 How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn!
You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!
13 You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.^[b] 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.” 15 But you are brought down to the realm of the dead,
to the depths of the pit.

In this more explicit description, Satan is shown losing his place in heaven.

Revelation 12

⁷ Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Indications that one third of all created angels went with him!

Revelation 12

3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. 4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.

Again, prophecies seem to shift in “dreamlike” states from one scene meaning one thing to the next! How fascinating our God’s word is!