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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Ezekiel 28:8
 - i) This Scripture refers to the king of Tyre, who went from the palace to the pit.
- b) All of the terrorists in this world, including the king of ancient Tyre and Hitler, are but tools of Satan.
- c) Satan himself has gone from the palace and is headed toward the pit.
- d) We are at war, and it is a bigger war than we realize.
 - i) Our war is not only against terrorism.
 - ii) Our war is not a political war.
 - iii) Our war is not philosophical or a cultural war.
 - iv) Our great enemy is not terrorism, pornography, alcohol, drugs, violence, sexual perversion or abortion.
 - (1) All of these things are wicked; but unless we see the power behind all of these things, we will not win the war.
 - v) There is a kingdom of evil that is led by Satan, and he is the power behind the throne.
- e) As children of God, we are citizens of another kingdom and have victory day-by-day if we will appropriate it.
- f) Revelation 2:13
 - i) "Satan's seat" in this passage literally means "Satan's throne."
 - ii) We live in a world that is dominated by a kingdom of evil that has a king.
 - (1) John 14:30
 - (2) The Bible calls him "the prince of this world."
- g) The king of ancient Tyre, described in Ezekiel 28, is used in the Bible as an illustration of Satan himself.
 - i) As we see God speaking to the king of Tyre in this chapter, God goes right on through the king of Tyre and addresses Satan himself, who is the power behind the throne.
 - ii) In the Bible, we often see God speaking through something or someone to the devil.
 - (1) Genesis 3:14
 - (a) God spoke to the serpent, but He was really speaking to Satan.
 - (2) Matthew 16:23
 - (a) Jesus spoke to Simon Peter, but He was really speaking to Satan.
- h) There is a system of iniquity that the Bible calls a "mystery of iniquity."
 - i) 2 Thessalonians 2:7
- i) In today's message, we will look at four specific things from Ezekiel 28 about the devil himself.
 - i) We are a target of this sinister enemy.
 - (1) He is our personal enemy, and we cannot afford to be neutral; and ignorance is dangerous.

2) SATAN WAS CREATED IN PERFECTION (EZEKIEL 28:11-15)

- a) God did not create a devil.
 - i) Satan, who became the devil, was created in perfection.
 - b) Ezekiel 28:11-15
 - i) We know that God was not talking about the literal king of Tyre.
 - (1) The king of Tyre was not full of wisdom or perfect in beauty, and he had never been in Eden.
 - ii) Ezekiel 28:13 tells us that Satan was a created being.
 - iii) Ezekiel 28:15 tells us that Satan was the most beautiful of angelic creation.
 - (1) Originally, his name was Lucifer, which means “light bearer.”
 - iv) Ezekiel 28:13 also tells us that when Satan spoke, it was like music.
 - (1) This verse also tells us that there was a time when this created being dwelt in Heaven.
 - v) Ezekiel 28:14
 - (1) The mountain in this passage speaks of God’s government.
 - (2) The mountain of God speaks of the administrative authority this one had.
 - (a) Satan was chief of the chief; the prime minister of Heaven, if you will.
 - (3) The cherubim were the highest of the created angels.
 - (a) Satan was in the highest class of angels, and he was chief among them.
 - (i) He was the anointed cherub who was the leader of the leaders.
 - c) Ezekiel 28:18
 - i) A sanctuary is a place of praise.
 - ii) This anointed cherub would receive and offer praise to Almighty God.
 - (1) He was like the high priest of Heaven.
 - (2) It was his responsibility to orchestrate the worship and the praise to God the Father.
 - d) Remember that Satan was a created being.
 - i) He was not co-equal or co-eternal with God.
 - ii) He was created by Almighty God.
 - (1) God did not create a devil; God created a perfect being.
- 3) SATAN WAS CORRUPTED THROUGH PRIDE (EZEKIEL 28:15-18)
- a) Lucifer, the Son of the Morning, had all of the attributes and accouterments that God could give him, but he became infected with pride.
 - i) He came to believe that he was too good, too wise and too great to be anything less than God.
 - ii) Isaiah 14:14
 - b) Ezekiel 28:16
 - i) Merchandise is that which passes through our hands.
 - (1) Satan made merchandise of his office.
 - (a) All of the praise was coming only to him that it might go through him to God Himself.

- (b) Satan began to put his hands on that merchandise and try to let that merchandise stick to his own fingers.
 - (i) Because of this, he fell from his exalted position.
- c) Ezekiel 28:17
 - i) God did not create a devil; God created a holy angel.
 - ii) God gave that angel the power of choice between good and evil, and this angel chose to do evil.
 - (1) Had he not had the ability to choose to do evil, he could not have chosen to do good.
 - (2) God gives each of us the power of choice.
 - iii) Because of his pride, Satan chose wrong.
 - (1) Lucifer, the Son of the Morning, became Satan, the Father of the Night.
 - iv) Satan's beauty and wisdom are corrupted.
 - (1) Even so, traces of them still remain.
 - (a) So, do not think of him as some repulsive monster.
- d) The Bible tells us that he is a master of camouflage and has been transformed as an angel of light.
 - i) 2 Corinthians 11:14-15
 - ii) Satan has his emissaries, his ministers.
 - (1) When you look for the devil, never fail to look in the pulpit.
 - (a) The apostle Paul in this passage in 2 Corinthians is talking about false prophets.
 - iii) It is not unusual for Satan's ministers to be transformed as ministers of righteousness.
 - (1) The devil is not against religion; he is up to his ears in religion.
 - (a) He is the master of camouflage and works through music, art, literature, etc.
- e) The devil is brilliantly stupid and hideously beautiful.
 - i) He has blemished beauty and warped wisdom.
 - (1) Genesis 3:1
 - (2) 2 Corinthians 11:14
 - (a) The apostle Paul spoke of his wiles, snares and devices.
- f) Sometimes a person may be very religious and very sinful at the same time.
 - i) Genesis 3:1-5
 - (1) The first temptation was in the Garden of Eden.
 - (2) The devil, in the form of a serpent, tempted Eve to sin.
 - (a) The crux of the temptation was to be like God.
 - (b) It wasn't a temptation to fall down but to rise up.
 - (i) It was a temptation to forsake what God the Father had said and to listen to the devil.
 - ii) The devil wanted the Lord Jesus to worship him.
 - (1) Luke 4:1-8
 - iii) The world is full of religious deception.
 - (1) This proves the Bible to be true.

- (a) 1 Timothy 4:1
 - (i) The devil transforms himself as an angel of light.
 - g) Nothing will put us further out of the devil's reach than genuine humility.
 - i) When we ordain a new minister, we should be careful that he's not a novice.
 - (1) 1 Timothy 3:6
 - (a) Nothing will put a preacher more out of the reach of Satan than genuine humility.
- 4) SATAN CONTINUES WITH POWER (EZEKIEL 28:17)
- a) Satan was cast out of Heaven.
 - i) Luke 10:18
 - (1) Jesus was there when it happened.
 - b) Even though he has been cast out of Heaven, Satan continues with power by the permission of God.
 - i) Ezekiel 28:16-18
 - (1) In this passage, God is speaking of a process that begins with Satan being cast out of Heaven and finally brought down to Hell; but in the meanwhile, Satan still has power.
 - ii) God gave Adam and Eve dominion of the Earth.
 - iii) Satan came as a con artist and conned Adam and Eve out of that dominion.
 - (1) Adam and Eve became slaves to Satan.
 - (2) All of the offspring of Adam and Eve have become slaves to Satan.
 - (a) 1 John 5:19
 - iv) Adam and Eve turned over the power and authority on Earth to Satan.
 - (1) John 14:30
 - (2) 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - (3) Ephesians 6:12
 - (a) Satan commands a vast number of spirit beings, angels who rebelled with him and do his bidding.
 - (4) Matthew 4:9
 - (a) Jesus did not say that the kingdoms of the Earth were not Satan's to give.
 - (b) Jesus denied to worship him but did not deny the power that Satan has.
 - c) Satan is known for a multitude of iniquities.
 - i) Ezekiel 28:18
 - d) Satan today has a reign of terror.
 - i) Acts 10:38
 - ii) 2 Corinthians 12:7
 - iii) Satan is the chief terrorist.
 - (1) He is behind subversion, perversion and diversion.
 - iv) He wants to divide, depress and destroy.

- v) Satan is behind the war on little babies.
 - (1) In the Bible, we read of the ancient god Molek.
 - (a) Mothers would sacrifice their little babies in a fire to please Molek.
 - (2) Ancient people worshipped Baal, the fertility god or the god of sex, by sacrificing little babies.
 - (3) Pharaoh killed the babies.
 - (4) Herod killed the babies.
 - (5) Abortion is a blood sacrifice to Satan.
- e) But things are not hopeless and helpless because Jesus came.
 - i) Hebrews 2:14
 - (1) Jesus came to this Earth to die in our place and, through His death, destroy him who had the power of death, the devil.
 - (2) The word “destroy” does not mean “to obliterate;” it means “to make of non-effect.”
 - ii) Jesus has taken away the authority of the devil.
 - (1) What Adam gave to Satan legally, Jesus has legally taken back by His death, burial and resurrection.
 - (2) When the Lord Jesus was on the cross, the power of Satan was finished.
 - iii) Colossians 2:15
 - (1) In His death, Jesus spoiled principalities and powers.
 - iv) Ephesians 6:12
 - (1) Those principalities and powers, headed up by the devil, have been decimated by the death of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - v) Satan has been stripped and shamed.
 - (1) Satan has spoiled principalities and powers, and his authority has been taken from him.
 - (2) He has been subdued.
 - (3) This is the way Satan is to the child of God.
 - vi) Satan has been defeated.
 - vii) Satan has been vanquished, even if he has not vanished.
 - (1) He is present but powerless.
 - (2) Satan has no power over believers in Christ.
 - (a) Satan doesn’t want us to understand this.
 - (i) He sails a sinking ship; he rules a doomed domain.
 - (3) Luke 10:19
 - (4) Philippians 1:28
 - (5) Revelation 12:11
 - (6) In Jesus, we have conquered.
 - (a) 2 Corinthians 2:14
 - (b) We are not helpless victims; the devil cannot make us do anything.
 - (c) We can fail to use the authority that God has given us; and if we do, then we will find ourselves with a big problem.
- f) We are not bigger, stronger, wiser or greater than Satan; but Jesus is.

- i) 1 John 4:4
- 5) SATAN IS CONSIGNED TO THE PIT (EZEKIEL 28:8, 18-19)
- a) These verses in Ezekiel 28 do not mean that Satan won't exist anymore, but he will never terrorize people anymore.
 - b) There is coming a time when we will see Satan and say, "That worm? That's the one that made nations tremble?"
 - c) Choose sides carefully.
 - i) If you follow Satan, then you will end up with him.
 - ii) Matthew 25:41
 - iii) Hell was not prepared for you; if you go to Hell, you'll be an intruder.
 - (1) But all who follow Satan will end up with him in Hell.
 - d) Don't be terrified by Satan.
 - i) This does not mean to be arrogant or careless.
 - (1) 1 Peter 5:8
 - ii) Remember that in Jesus, we have authority if we will use it.
 - e) Understand where the real war is.
 - i) Our battle is not with flesh and blood but with principalities and powers.
 - ii) Ephesians 6:12
 - iii) Many times, we lose the war because we do not show up for the battle.
- 6) CONCLUSION
- a) Are you saved? Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ?
 - b) Those who do not follow Christ will one day join the devil in Hell.
 - i) The devil doesn't rule in Hell; he is going to Hell to suffer.
 - ii) For a while, he is a usurper here on Earth, but his back has been broken with Jesus' death on the cross and Jesus' resurrection; and the devil has no power over you if you will trust Jesus.
 - c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
 - d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16