

Three Panels Concerning Tyre

In the 11th year, on the 1st day of the month,

<p>Ezekiel 26:1-21 <u>ORACLE AGAINST TYRE</u> <i>The word of YHWH came to me: Son of man</i> because Tyre said concerning Jerusalem, 'Aha...' therefore thus says the Lord YHWH: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre and will bring up many nations against you, as the sea brings up its waves...break down her towers...she shall be in the midst of the sea a place for the spreading of nets, <u>Part 2:</u> (26:7-14) For Thus says the Lord YHWH: [Interpretation of Part 1 – the many nations are led by Nebuchadnezzar] You shall never be rebuilt <u>Part 3 [Lamentation]</u> (26:15-18) Thus says the Lord YHWH to Tyre: [Princes of the sea will step down from their thrones, strip off their fancy garments, clothe themselves with trembling and be appalled at Tyre, they will raise a lamentation over Tyre and say, 'How you have perished...' the coastlands that are on the sea are dismayed at your passing] <u>Part 4:</u> (26:19-21) For Thus says the Lord YHWH When I bring up the deep over you and the great waters cover you, then I will make you go down with those who go down to the pit...to dwell in the world below...so that you will not be inhabited, but I will set beauty in the land of the living. I will bring you to a dreadful end, and you shall be no more...never be found again, declares the Lord YHWH.</p>	<p>Ezekiel 27:1-36 <u>LAMENTATION OVER TYRE</u> (27:1-31) <i>The word of YHWH came to me: Now you, son of man,</i> raise a lamentation over Tyre... O Tyre, you have said, 'I am perfect in beauty' ... [Discusses trade and exaltation over surrounding nations “they gave you splendor,” “they made perfect your beauty” also mentions all kinds of wealth including precious stones and gold] ...the east wind has wrecked you in the heart of the seas...all your crew that is in your midst, sink into the heart of the seas on the day of your fall... Part 2: (27:32-36) [Lamentation Afterwave] 'Who is like Tyre, like one destroyed in the midst of the sea? ... Now you are wrecked by the seas, in the depths of the waters; your merchandise and all your crew in your midst have sunk with you. All the inhabitants of the coastlands are appalled at you... You have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever.</p>	<p>Ezekiel 28:1-19 <u>ORACLE AGAINST THE PRINCE OF TYRE:</u> (28:1-10) <i>The word of YHWH came to me: Son of man,</i> say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord YHWH: Because your heart is proud and you have said, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of the gods, in the heart of the seas'... therefore thus says the Lord YHWH: Because you make your heart like the heart of a god, therefore, behold, I will bring foreigners upon you, the most ruthless of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom and defile your splendor. They shall thrust you down into the pit... <u>Part 2: [Lamentation]</u> (28:11-19) <i>Moreover, the word of YHWH came to me: Son of man</i> raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering... In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned, so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian of wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground... All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; You have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever.</p>
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The Chiastic Structure of Ezekiel 28:12-19 According to Davidson

- A. CONDITION BEFORE EXPULSION (v.12b-13)
 - B. GUARDIAN CHERUB (v.14)
 - C. "I PLACED YOU" (v.14)
 - D. "ON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN OF GOD" (v.14)
 - E. "IN THE MIDST OF THE STONES OF FIRE" (v.14)
 - F. "BLAMELESS IN YOUR WAYS FROM THE DAY YOU WERE CREATED (v.15a)
 - F' "TILL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS WAS FOUND IN YOU...AND YOU SINNED" (v.15b-16)
 - E' "FROM THE MIDST OF THE STONES OF FIRE" (v.16)
 - D' "FROM THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD," "A PROFANE THING" (v.16)
 - C' "I DESTROYED YOU" (v.16)
 - B' GUARDIAN CHERUB (v.16)
 - A' CONDITION AFTER EXPULSION (v.17-19)

Some vocabulary has been modified to reflect the ESV translation.

He labels A and A' as "Inclusio" and gives the following:

"Condition before expulsion:

Perfection/proportion
Wisdom/beauty (perfect)
In Eden, garden of God
Covering is prepared
Fiery precious stones
Origin: 'On the day you were created'

Condition after expulsion:

Pride (heart lifted up)
Beauty/wisdom (corrupted)
Defiled sanctuaries
Exposed as gazing stock
Fire devours into ashes
Destiny: 'No more forever.'"¹

¹ Richard M. Davidson, "The Chiastic Literary Structure of the Book of Ezekiel," *To Understand the Scriptures*, p.88 [article available online].

The Rest of Ezekiel 28:

ORACLE AGAINST SIDON (28:20-23)

The word of YHWH came to me: Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against her and say, Thus says the Lord YHWH: Behold, I am against you, O Sidon...

And they shall know that I am YHWH when I execute judgments in her and manifest my holiness in her...

Then they will know that I am YHWH.

NO MORE THORNS TO PRICK ISRAEL / No more neighbors who have treated them with contempt

And for the house of Israel there shall be no more a brier to prick or a thorn to hurt them among all their neighbors who have treated them with contempt. (28:24)

Then they will know that I am the Lord YHWH.

ISRAEL SHALL DWELL SECURELY / No more neighbors who have treated them with contempt

Thus says the Lord YHWH: When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples...and manifest my holiness in them in the sight of the nations...they shall dwell securely [in their own land], when I execute judgments upon all their neighbors who have treated them with contempt. (28:25-26)

Then they will know that I am YHWH their God.