

Tyre was a trading city, situated on the Mediterranean seacoast.

Because of its ports, which lay partially in the sea, it was a very prosperous city, as also appears from the description in Ezekiel chapter 27.

Chapter 28 of Ezekiel begins as follows:

- *The word of the LORD came to me: “Son of man, say to the **ruler of Tyre**, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: “In the pride of your heart you say, “I am a god; sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas.” **But you are a mere mortal and not a god**, ... By your wisdom and understanding you have gained wealth for yourself and amassed gold and silver in your treasuries. By your great skill in trading you have increased your wealth, **and because of your wealth your heart has grown proud.** (Ezekiel 28:1-5)*

As a result of the city’s prosperity the prince, the ruler of the city of Tyre, fell into the trap of riches and become proud. He saw himself as a god.

That is why Ezekiel had to pronounce God’s judgement on the city.

According to verse 8 the city will be destroyed and the ruler of Tyre ‘will die a violent death’.

It is clear to whom ‘the ruler of Tyre’ refers: the worldly ruler of the city of Tyre.

It appears, however, that this **ruler of Tyre** in the heavenly realms was lead on by the ‘**king of Tyre**’.

This ‘king’ appears to be Satan himself according to Ezekiel 28:11-13.

- *The word of the LORD came to me: “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. **You were in Eden, the garden of God**; ... (Ezekiel 28:11-13)*

It was in the Garden of Eden that Satan, disguised as a serpent, seduced Eve, as is described in Genesis chapter 3.

Conclusion:

If the **king** van Tyre was present in the Garden van Eden, the logical conclusion is that this ‘king’ refers to Satan himself and that Satan was the spiritual might in the heavenly realms that inspired the **ruler** of Tyre.

See also: SATAN - an angel who rebelled.¹

¹ Study: SATAN – an angel who rebelled.