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Ezekiel

Chapter 28

The Fall of the Proud King

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 28:26

"They will live in it securely; and they will build houses, plant vineyards and live securely when I execute judgments upon all who scorn them round about them. Then they will know that I am the LORD their God."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 28

This week God confronts a man who thought he was a god, and pulls back the curtain on the pride behind him. Pride can grow in any man's heart, especially when things start going well. Let God humble you this week, and then hear His promise to gather and plant His people safely.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Ezekiel study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

“I Am a God”

READ · EZEKIEL 28:1–5

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the leader of Tyre say about himself (v2), and what does God answer him in the same verse? What lifted his heart up (v5)?

REFLECT

The prince's wisdom and trade made him rich, and then his heart was “lifted up because of your riches” (v5). What good thing in your life — a job, a ministry, clean time — could start to lift your heart up?

REFLECT

God says, “Yet you are a man and not God” (v2). Where are you trying to control things only God can control?

RESPOND — TODAY

Say out loud today, ‘I am a man and not God,’ and hand one thing you have been trying to control over to Him in prayer.

❒ READ IT ❒ PRAYED IT ❒ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 28:26)

DAY 2 OF 5

A God Who Bleeds

READ · EZEKIEL 28:6–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Who does God bring against the prince (v7), and what question does God ask him in verse 9?

REFLECT

"Will you still say, 'I am a god,' In the presence of your slayer" (v9)? When did life show you that you were not as strong or in control as you thought?

REFLECT

The strangers would "defile your splendor" (v7) — the very thing he was proud of. What were you proudest of that got taken away, and what did you learn about God through it?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down the moment you found out you were only a man. Thank God for using it to bring you toward Him.

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DAY 3 OF 5

The Anointed Cherub

READ · EZEKIEL 28:11–15

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List the places and descriptions in verses 13–14: where he was, what covered him, what he was. When was unrighteousness found in him (v15)?

REFLECT

He was “blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you” (v15). How does sin start in a heart that once seemed right with God?

REFLECT

Whether this lament points to the human king or to Satan behind him, pride is the root. Where do you see the first proud rebel's voice in your own thoughts?

RESPOND — TODAY

Ask God to show you one place pride has taken root in you this month, and confess it to Him and to one trusted brother.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Fire from Within

READ · EZEKIEL 28:16–19

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What filled him because of his trade (v16), what lifted his heart up (v17), and where did the fire come from (v18)?

REFLECT

“I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you” (v18). How has sin burned your life from the inside, without any outside enemy?

REFLECT

His heart was lifted up and God cast him to the ground (v17). What does it look like to humble yourself before God has to bring you down?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one ‘fire’ you are playing with — a habit, a secret, a resentment — and take one concrete step today to put it out, with help.

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DAY 5 OF 5

No More Thorns — Living Securely

READ · EZEKIEL 28:20–26

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What will Israel no longer have from its neighbors (v24), and what will God's gathered people do in the land (v26)?

REFLECT

God promises no more "prickling brier or a painful thorn" (v24). Who are the briers and thorns in your life — people who mock your faith or your past — and how does this promise help you face them?

REFLECT

God's people will "build houses, plant vineyards and live securely" (v26). What would it look like for you to plant something long-term — family, work, church — and trust God with it?

RESPOND — TODAY

Plant one thing this week that takes patience: a weekly call to your family, a savings habit, a commitment to a church. Ask God to make it grow.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

The prince was "wiser than Daniel" in his own eyes (v3), but Daniel was the humble one. What does a gifted man who stays humble look like in real life?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Pride lifted up both the prince (v2) and the cherub (v17). Why is pride so often the sin behind other sins in our lives?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

God judges Sidon and then gathers Israel (vv22–26). How does knowing God will gather and plant His people change the way you face this coming week?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, I am a man and not God, so I lay down my pride over…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 28:26

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