James #50

Lucifer desires to exalt his throne above GOD.

We are currently looking into the *5 I WILL’S of Satan,* written in Isaiah chapter 14. This is where we will pick it pick up again today.

These five statements reveal the true heart and desires of Satan.

We looked into the first two I WILL’S noting that this is the height of blind arrogance.

[/Isa 14:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/14/13/s_693013) “But you said in your heart, **‘I will** ascend to heaven; **I will** raise my throne above the stars of God,And **I will** sit on the mount of assemblyIn the recesses of the north. 14 ‘**I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** make myself like the Most High.’\

The first “I will” is pure power lust — “*I will ascend into heaven”* — expressing a desire to rule over God, overthrow the throne room.Also blatantly defying the power and plan of GOD already established in eternity past.

The second *“I will”* expresses power lust in a desire to rule over all the angels.

The word “*angel”* can be seen in the term *“the stars of God*”.

Lucifer proclaims: *“I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.”*

/Job 38:7 When **the morning stars sang together** And all **the sons of God** shouted for joy?

(Sons of God) *bēn 'ĕlōhîm –*angels, same term used for the fallen angels Genesis 6. The *singing stars of the morning* are pointing to angels celebrating and worshipping.

 (Rev 12:3-4, Jude 1:13-15)\

The word stars, is used in two ways in the Bible depending upon the original language and the terminology it is connected too. Stars can be the stars in the night skies or the stars of GOD as in angels.

Satan’s deep desire is to have complete and absolute power over angels and also humanity.

Truthfully he wants humanity used as cannon fodder and slavery.

Again, this is the height of power lust.

 REPEAT

Always with power lust, its accompanied by its wicked little cousin, a bloated ego, called - unbridled narcissism.

/Isa 14:13- ***I will*** *sit on the mount of assembly**In the recesses of the north*.

To sit on this mount means to rule the whole angelic army and the earth. He is pointing backward to a time when the first fall of angels happened and Satan was in position as leader and authority over the earth.\

There may be a north side of assembling for the angels of heaven.

So, this may well speak to a prehistoric period of possibly millions of years ago, when the rock we know as earth was fully occupied by angelic creatures. I believe they built cities, temples and perhaps even attempted creating creatures, because Satan wants to be just like GOD.

 REPEAT

That may explain the bizarre looking dinosaurs of old as well as many archologists who have found ruined temples or advanced cities. (Atlantis).

It is believed this was a replica built upon the area we call Isreal today.

A heavenly replica of a place in the third or second heaven that angels gathered.

/3rd I WILL -“*I will sit*” means I will sit on the throne. This was his headquarters thousands (millions) of years ago. He wants to rule - “*upon the mount of the congregation, on the sides of the north*.”

Psa 48:1 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised **In the city of our God**, His holy mountain. 2 **Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion *in* the far north,** The city of the great King. 3 **In its palaces,** God has made Himself known as a stronghold.\

This gives us a hint that the earth may have been originally designed for a planet of worship and glory where angels would gather to praise GOD. I guess a question for the heavenly classroom in eternity is, was this a replica built from a heavenly original gathering place?

It also points out the fact that on the earth, ZION which has to be in and around Israel was perhaps a designated place for angels to gather? There are specific reasons Jesus will return to rule the earth from Jerusalem.

The mount of the assembly was perhaps a re-creation of the northern side of the second heaven where angels gathered.

Here is what I believe makes the most sense of this statement;

/Satan wants to rule over the angels that lived on the earth, he may well have been the leader of all angels on earth at one point, because all angels fell. So the mount of the assembly of the congregation of the north is associated with angels. His desire is to rule and control all created creatures.\

The fourth “I will” now takes his arrogance into overdrive.

*“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.”* There are 150 references to clouds in the Bible and out of the 150, 100 of these references indicate the divine presence or power of GOD.

The other fifty refer to clouds as simply clouds.

This is really pointing to a bold statement of power equal to GOD, or above God’s authority and power;

/Exo 16:10 And it came about, as Aaron spoke to the entire congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and **behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud**.

Exo 40:38 For throughout their journeys, **the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day,** and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel. (1Ki 8:10, Psa 104:3, Isa 19:1, Mat 24:30, Act 1:9, Rev 1:7…etc. etc.) \

Since clouds refer to the divine power, presence and even protection of GOD, the fourth “I will” indicates Satan’s ambition to take over these functions of God.

/Satan has a desire to be able to appear like he has power and divine protection abilitiessimilar to GOD. This is why human good, religion and certain aspects of promoting working for the *GREATER GOOD of humanity* is nothing more than satanic counterfeits. Satan tries to mimic many aspects of God’s sovereignty over mankind.\

These five I WILL’S increase in blind arrogance and dive deeper into true evil with each statement. Satan has neither the divine essence or powers of GOD, he is not a deity - he is created. Therefore, he is incapable of producing anything close to God’s divine power, protection and presence.

 REPEAT

/Satan wants the glory but he doesn’t have the ability! This is manifested in the human race in many aspects of our lives, especially with those who do not rely upon TLJC. People always want the glory, the authority or power yet they have neither the ability nor the sense of responsibility.\

Only God has the ability to operate within divine principles. God’s principle in dealing with the human race is grace.

Mankind and Satan both lack the true ability for divine grace, which means that man can never earn it or deserve it. Man cannot of his own ability or of his own fleshly talent do anything to glorify his God. REPEAT

Satan has a counterfeit grace …a worldly grace, that is shallow and conditional in the end. Satan hates true grace!

/The fifth *“I WILL.”*; becomes the final and definitive proof of a counterfeit system; this is where religion was born. *“I will be like the Most High”* - Satan’s main ambition is to be like God; yet the very nature of his sin frustrated any possibility of reproducing any part of the character of God. Therefore, clever counterfeits are his modus operandi. Satan does more to obscure the doctrine of spirituality than anything else except the Gospel of Christ.\

Only the filling power of the HS produces the character of God, true spirituality.

Satan with all of his activity, talents and angelic superior powers cannot produce it. Another reason he hates humanity so much, especially born-again Bels with accurate doctrine evident in their life.

We can walk by means of the HS – we can be spiritual, he cannot!

Now you understand Satan’s personality and desires more so than you did yesterday. Back in Isaiah 14;

[Isa 14:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/14/15/s_693015) “Nevertheless you will be brought down to Sheol, To the recessesof the pit.

This speaks to beyond the grave. As in the final depth of the Lake of FIRE, which as of today it is still empty.

[/Isa 14:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/14/16/s_693016) “Those who see you will stare at you,They will closely examine you, *saying,*‘**Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms**,

This speaks to the third and final fall of Satan. He will be on display at the Great White Throne judgment and in then in the Lake of Fire, where he will have no authority.\

[Isa 14:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/14/17/s_693017) Who made the world like a wildernessAnd overthrew its cities,Who did not allow his prisoners to *go* home?’

This gives you a clue what damage will happen by the end of the 7 years of Tribualtion.

Our LORD set the captives free; you see Satan and his army have no mercy and no grace even though they often appear as angels of light. They promise wisdom wealth and great power, yet in the end he truly desires slaves and death for all of mankind.

Not only are all BELIEVERS set free from his grip, our LORD stepped into the very bowels of the earth and had a victory parade in front of all the fallen angels on lock down during the 3 days in the tomb.

/1Pet 3:18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all *time, the* just for theunjust, **so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh**, but made alive in the spirit; 19 in which **He also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison**,

 (Eph 4:8-10, Col 2:15) \

Jump over to Ezekiel chapter 28 RF - we will at least read the first few verses there that we need to tear into next.

Now this region of Tyre was a popular seaport right on the Mediterranean seashore. In fact, on our map today it is located near modern day Beirut (southern Lebanon).

About 70 miles south of Beirut on a map.

Israel is not very far away and you can research Tyre, and find them as a good trade partner for early Israel. Even King David had a good relationship with one of its leaders.

The problem arose over the years when certain bloodline families took over and realized the potential of power, wealth and military advantage of their strategic location. Each new dynasty grew more arrogant and demanding as well as greedy.

The Phoenicians started out as a blend of nomads of Greek, Italian and a few other Island descendants who dominated this region for a very long time.

/According to Phoenician records the king of this time period may have been Ithobal II (called Ithobalus II by historian Josephus). The prophecy has been dated shortly before the siege of Tyre by Nebuchadnezzar (585-573 b.c.) during the reign of Ithobal II. Meaning the BAAL system was in full effect during this period of Phoenician history.\

The name Ithobal sometimes spelled with an ***- E*** at the beginning, was a type of tribute to BAAL.

This time period Ezekiel is prophesizing to the leadership at Tyre, as it appears several of the kings had been demonically possessed and this one in particular was possessed by Satan himself.

They were no longer treating Israel as a good trade partner over the years and this one particular king, had proclaimed himself as a god over his own people.

The first part of the chapter is directed at this king who is possessed by Satan. Now we see a pivot toward SATAN, just as we did in Isaiah 14.

I believe the strategic location and the wealth of that city was a perfect perch to sit on top of the border of Israel for Satan.

Ezk 28:11 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

/[Eze 28:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/12/s_830012)“Son of man, take up a song of mourning over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says:“**You had the seal of perfection**, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

Past tense - *ḥāṯam tāḵnîṯ;* a unique marking - first and only of his kind, perfectly designed to exact measurement and power or abilities. It was a symbolic marking of perfection.\

*HATH-AM TUK-NEATH* a unique marking or measurement that was seen and respected throughout the heavens.

This Hebrew combination is not seen in any other place in the OT.

Satan was created perfect and within that creation, he was given a supreme amount of knowledge and power.

/God created Adam in perfection and HE created Satan in perfection. Our Lord Jesus Christ was born in perfect humanity, all three had the ability to choose for or against sin, all three had free will. ONE is always true impeccability and pure righteousness;

 Rom 3:10 as it is written: “THERE IS NO RIGHTEOUS PERSON, NOT EVEN ONE;

(Psa 14:1-3, Psa 53:3, Rom 3:23, Job 15:14, Job 25:4…etc.) \

We know this is pointed directly at Satan. We also can see he is absolutely a unique, but yet still CREATED creature.

[Eze 28:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/13/s_830013) “You were in Eden, the garden of God;Every precious stone was your covering:The ruby, the topaz and the diamond;The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets,Was in you.On the day that you were createdThey were prepared.

[Eze 28:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/14/s_830014) “You were the anointed cherub who covers,And I placed you *there.*You were on the holy mountain of God;You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

[Eze 28:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/15/s_830015) “You were blameless in your waysFrom the day you were createdUntil unrighteousness was found in you.