

The Stones of Fire

There are some mysteries in the Bible that do not have answers. At times the Bible will mention something astonishing in passing and then simply move on without providing any more details. All we are given is a tantalizing glimpse.

A great example of this are the stones of fire, which are mentioned in Ezekiel 28. That chapter has a lot to say about the devil, who is referred to as the king of Tyre. (Why Satan is referred to this way and not simply as “Lucifer” is beyond the scope of this book.) At first the discussion is easy to follow. When Satan was created he was full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. He was in the garden of Eden and was covered in precious stones:

Ezekiel 28:12: “Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; **Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.**

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; **every precious stone was thy covering**, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.”

So far the passage is a bit surprising, but it's easy enough to understand. Satan was not created as an evil being; instead he became the devil by choosing to sin. Satan became proud and that pride led to his downfall.

Then we come to this:

Ezekiel 28:14: “Thou art the anointed cherub

that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; **thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.**"

As God describes the glory that once belonged to Satan, one of the key things that's mentioned is that he "walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire". It seems that in Heaven, in the holy mountain of God, there is something awe-inspiring called the stones of fire. These stones are mentioned again a few verses later:

Ezekiel 28:15: "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and **I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.**"

When God pronounced judgment upon the devil He says that He will cast him out of the mountain of God and destroy him from the midst of the stones of fire. Satan's access to them is going to be revoked.

Sadly, the stones of fire are never mentioned again in the Bible. We know where they are located and we know that they exist, but that is all that we are told about them. They are one of the many mysteries of the Bible – but that does not mean they will remain a mystery forever. One day all those who are saved will reach Heaven and gain access to the mountain of God. When that happens we will have access the stones of fire and will be able to see them for ourselves. I suspect they will be quite a sight!