

**The Inscrutable Question: The Original Sin: Lucifer Invents the Prototype of the Arrogance Complex, Ezk 28:17a**

42. Although God's omniscience knew Lucifer would fall He created him anyhow and imputed to his soul the free will that Lucifer would use to rebel against Him.
43. At no point did the love of God for Lucifer diminish. In fact, the love of God made it possible for Lucifer to have the ultimate opportunity to serve God.
44. When one third of the angels chose to follow Lucifer instead of God they used the free will God imputed to their souls to do so.
45. God knew they would so choose in eternity past and His love permitted it. Why? Because the same free will used by the fallen angels to rebel was used by the elect angels to remain loyal to God.
46. And so we find Lucifer at the moment of his first fall submitting to the temptation to follow the tragic course of rebellion against the God of the universe.
47. Ezekiel 28:17 informs us that Lucifer's heart, the division of his soul's mentality containing his stream of consciousness, was "lifted up," the Qal stem of the verb:

***gabah / ga-BAH /*** - "to be high, elevated; to raise"

1. The figurative use of this verb is the application here. It refers to a person who is haughty, arrogant, and proud with inordinate ambition to seek a higher station than he presently possesses.
2. This figurative definition of ***gabah / ga-BAH /*** is in view in the following passages, which illustrate the mental attitude of arrogance that was Lucifer's at his fall.

**Psalm 101:5b** - No one who has a haughty look [ ***gabah / ga-BAH /*** ] and an arrogant heart [ ***rum / room /*** ]: **figurative for negative emotions of arrogance and pride** ] will I endure.

**Proverbs 16:5** - Everyone who is proud in heart [ ***gabah plus leb: the mental attitude of arrogance circulating in the stream of consciousness*** ] is an abomination to the Lord; assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

**Isaiah 2:11** - The proud [ ***gabhut / gab-HOOTH*** ] look of a man will be abased and the loftiness of man [ ***rum*** ] will be humbled.

**2 Chronicles 32:26a** - Hezekiah humbled the pride of his heart [ ***gobah / go-BAH / plus leb*** ], both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah.

**Proverbs 16:18** - Pride [ ***ga'on / gah-OHN /*** ]: **self-exaltation in defiance of divine will or directive** ] goes before destruction and a haughty spirit [ ***gobah*** ] before stumbling.

NOTE: There are quite a number of synonyms to the word ***gabah / ga-BAH /*** all of which relate to arrogance in the stream of consciousness. This is pointed out by:

Jenni, Ernst and Claus Westermann. *Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Vol. 1. (Peabody: Hendrickson Publishers, 1997), 298:

It becomes apparent that *gabah* / *ga-BAH* / is closely related to *ga'a* / *ga-AH* / and *rum* / *room* / in the semantic field of arrogance; a distinction in meaning is hardly perceptible; the terms often seem interchangeable.

There is a passage in Jeremiah that brings most of these synonyms together into one verse:

**Jeremiah 48:29** - [NASV] "We have heard of the pride of Moab—he is very proud—of his haughtiness, his pride, his arrogance and his self-exaltation in his heart.

- 1) "pride": *ga'on* / *gah-OHN* /
  - 2) "proud": *ge'eh* / *gay-EH* /
  - 3) "haughtiness": *gobah* / **GO-bah** /
  - 4) "pride: *ga'awa* / *gah-av-AH* /
  - 5) "arrogance": *ga'on* / *gah-OHN* /
  - 6) "self-exaltation": *rum* / **room** /
3. All of these words taken together represent the arrogance complex. There is an arrogance complex that entails ten different categories of expression that we will note after we complete the verse.
  4. However, we should note that arrogance includes at least four different concepts:
    - 1) **Egotism**: An excessive preoccupation with self.
    - 2) **Vanity**: Self-admiration and an excessive desire to be admired by others.
    - 3) **Pride**: A lofty and haughty assumption of superiority.
    - 4) **Conceit**: An exaggerated estimate of one's abilities and attainments.
  5. Satan's original sin was arrogance and it was expressed in all four of these ways. Further, he invented the prototype for the arrogance complex, which the human race develops under the dictatorship of the sinful nature.
  6. The arrogance complex is made up of ten gates of sin-nature function:
    - 1) Attitude Arrogance
    - 2) Negative volition or preoccupation with self
    - 3) Authority arrogance
    - 4) Self-righteous arrogance (Includes crusader arrogance)
    - 5) Sexual arrogance
    - 6) Criminal arrogance
    - 7) Psychotic arrogance
    - 8) Arrogance of unhappiness
    - 9) Iconoclastic arrogance
    - 10) Rational and irrational arrogance

11) Arrogance of Christian service

12) Client nation arrogance.

**Ezekiel 28:17a** - "Your stream of consciousness circulated attitudes of arrogance resulting in a haughty self-exaltation and inordinate ambition ..."