David C. Mills Major Prophets May 4, 2004 The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; this is the general theme throughout scripture (from the fall of man to the unrepentant sinner, from the backslidden saint the satan himself) that leads to utter destruction.

It is here in Ezekiel chapter 28 that we see a conversation between satan and the Lord himself, which typifies the cause and effect of such actions.

In verses 1 through 10 we see a admonishment as to the pride that was built up in lucifer's heart. Even in verse 2 we see that it was in his heart, that he was lifted up to the place that is reserved only for Jehovah God. It was here that was the beginning point, as we see that he set his heart as the heart of God. God continues on to describe at length how he used the power that was given him by God he used it to his own benefit. Whereby God declares that for this cause, punishment would come.

In verse 11 and following God point out what great and wonderful things were give him. Such beauty, wisdom, riches and perfection were unmatched, and yet the iniquity that was found in his heart was the driving force in the fall. It was this trigger which lead to a multitude of sins and great wickedness. It is this that has determined satan's ultimate destruction. A destruction that began with the three basic worldly influences, that began with lucifer and his continues to be his basic tool to corrupt the world and blind the lost from seeing the truth.

I believe that verse 20 and following gives the idea that satan should not be mistaken, the Lord God will prevail, and indeed has through the work of Jesus Christ, and when it is all said and done, they will know that, I am is the Lord.

"...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Mathew 16:18

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