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Ezekiel 28

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- In Eden
- Anointed as a guardian cherub
- On the holy Mount of God
- Blameless from the moment of creation till "wickedness was found in you"
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I hope this is helpful!

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Thank you so much for your additional thoughts, Charlie!

I'll be studying this as I get time, so do my part and show appreciation for your time and effort. Two separate prophecies does make sense (even tho I hadn't initially thought of it that way).

Just one question question, though, if I may:

Is it accurate in hermeneutic analysis to be open to the possibility of dual fulfillment aka 2 or more valid meanings? And, if so, is the very rare? Thank you again.

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