Ezekiel 26,27

“Tyre the Sinking Ship!”

1. **Intro:**
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   1.2. Ch.26-28 deal with the judgment of more gentile nations…Tyre & Sidon.

   1.2.1. Ezekiel paints 3 pictures of these proud & wealthy cities.


2. **TYRE THE SINKING SHIP! (26)**

   2.1. Tyre – “a rock” (tsor). [20m north of Acre/Aco. Sidon is another 20 north]

   2.1.1. It was a prominent commercial center & seaport with 2 harbors.

   2.1.1.1. [One on the mainland & one on an island 1 ½ m. off shore]

   2.1.2. They were 1st to navigate the Mediterranean waters.

   2.1.3. Their god was Melkart, whom the Greeks called Hercules.

   2.1.4. The city of Tyre seemed impregnable, but Nebuchadnezzar would besiege it (13 yrs); & Alexander the Great would bring it to ruins (in 7 months; in 322bc).

   2.1.4.1. Alexander built a land bridge to the city & attacked it from both the land bridge & sea.

   2.2. (2) Tyre sin? – It gloated over Jerusalem’s devastation.

   2.2.1. Tyre viewed Jerusalem as a rival in trade. So rejoiced at her fall.

   2.3. (4) Top of a rock – all that would be left would be bare rock where fishermen would dry their nets.

   2.4. (11) Pillars – Obelisk (stone, square base, tapers to top, like pyramid)

   2.4.1. Tyre had 2 as you entered harbor.

   2.5. Such a mighty City, but great was its fall. What can we learn from Tyre?

   2.5.1. Read Jer.9:23,24.

   2.6. The city that was exulted over the sea would now be submerged beneath it.

   2.7. What did Jesus have to say about Tyre & Sidon?

   2.7.1. Mt.11:21,22 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.
3. **A MAJESTIC SHIP!** (27)

3.1. Tyre is pictured here as a *majestic ship!*

3.2. (1-3) Her description of herself? – Sounds like the Laodicean church in Rev.3:17.
   3.2.1. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’ - and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.

3.3. **DESCRIPTION OF THE SHIP!** (4-11)

3.4. Defense – a large shield(Buckler) [רַכַּף] *tsinah* {shield & buckler Ps.91:4}
   3.4.1. Large shield, rectangular *(4' x 2 ½')* made of a thick plank of wood.
      3.4.1.1. Covered with leather soaked w/water (treated to extinguish the fiery pitch on the arrows)
      3.4.1.2. These were also able to **interlink** so as to make a **phalanx**, a wall of protection.
   3.4.2. **Phillip of Macedon**, who was hostage in Thebes, paid attention to this Egyptian style of fighting sought to perfect it.
      3.4.2.1. Passed it onto his son…Alexander.
   3.4.3. Many analogies from this:

3.5. **CARGO ON THE SHIP!** (12-25)

3.6. She was loaded with *riches* & growing wealthy as it did business w/all the nations.

3.7. **SHIPWRECK!** (26-36)

3.8. Though majestic  loaded with riches…she was going down.
   3.8.1. The ship would be broken & would sink.
   3.8.2. All the merchants would lament the loss of their great wealth.
      3.8.2.1. Remember right after 9-11 & they wouldn’t let any freighters dock in LA Harbor? – We were all affected by it.

3.9. **End:**

3.9.1. Ps.107:23-32

3.10. Q: Whose Waves are these? “The Lord’s Waves!”
   3.10.1. Here is Gods Providence, ruling in what appears the most ungovernable province of nature.
   3.10.2. It is **God** who raises the storm (25) & **God** who stills it (29).

3.11. Q: What waves does He use today to drive *us* to our knees?
   3.11.1. **Waves** at Work? - High Tide Teenagers?
      **Billows** of Bills? - Wedlock Whitecaps?

3.12. He guides us into our desired haven!

3.13. **Very end:**