

“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.

1.2.1.1. [1] The scraping of a rock [2] the sinking of a ship
[3] The dethroning of a king.

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) [תָּשִׁיחַ] *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:**
- 3.13.1. Haiti Team: Irv, Todd, Stephanie, & Frances here tonight.