

## Ezekiel's Prophecy to the Exiles—Oracle against Tyre (September 18, 587 BC)

Ezekiel 26:1–28:19

### The Announcement of Tyre's Demise

26:1 And it was in the eleventh year, on the first *day* of the month, the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, because Tyre said concerning Jerusalem, 'Ah! The gates of the peoples are broken; it has swung *open* to me; I shall be filled, *for* it lies in ruins!'

3 Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Look! I *am* against you, Tyre, and I will bring up against you many nations like the stirring up of the sea stirring up its waves.

4 And I will destroy the walls of Tyre, and they will demolish its towers, and I will scrape away its earthen dirt from it, and I will make it into a bare rock.

5 It will become a place for spreading out dragnets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken,' declares the Lord Yahweh. 'And it will become as plunder for the nations,

6 and its daughters who *are* in the field with the sword, they will be killed; and they will know that I *am* Yahweh.'"

### The Agent of God's Judgment

7 For thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Look! I *am* bringing to Tyre Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, from *the* north, *the* king of kings, with horse and with chariot and with horsemen and *his* assembly and many people.

8 Your daughters he will kill in the field with the sword, and he will place against you siege works, and he will build against you a siege ramp, and he will raise against you a shield,

9 and the thrust of his battering ram he will direct against your walls, and your towers he will break down with his weapons.

10 From the abundance of his horses he will cover you *with* their fine dust; at *the* sound of horseman and wheel and chariot your walls will shake, at his coming into your gates like the entrance of a city *that is* being broken through.

11 With the hooves of his horses he will trample all of your streets. He will kill your people with the sword, and your strong stone pillars will tumble down to the earth.

12 And they will plunder your wealth, and they will loot your merchandise, and they will break down your walls, and the houses of your delight they will break down, and your stones and your timbers and your earthen dirt they will cast into the midst of *the* water.

13 And, I will put an end to the noise of your songs, and the sound of your lyres will not be heard any longer.

14 And I will make you into a bare rock, a place for *the* spreading out of dragnets. You will not be built again, for I, Yahweh, I have spoken," declares the Lord Yahweh.

### The International Impact of Tyre's Demise

15 Thus says the Lord Yahweh to Tyre, "Will not the coastlands shake from the sound of your downfall, at *the* groaning of the wounded, at people being killed in the midst of you?

16 And all the princes of the sea will go down from their thrones, and they will remove their robes, and their beautiful garments of finished cloth they will take off. With terror they will be clothed, and on the ground they will sit, and they will tremble continually, and they will be appalled over you.

17 And they will raise a lament over you, and they will say to you,

'How you have been lost *who was* inhabited from *the* seas;  
the city that was praised, that was strong.  
It *is located* on the sea,  
and its inhabitants imposed their terror on all of its inhabitants.

18 Now the coastlands will tremble  
*at* the day of your downfall,  
and the islands that *are* in the sea  
will be horrified because of your departure.'"

### The Role of Yahweh in Tyre's Demise

19 For thus says the Lord Yahweh: "When I make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited, when bringing up over you the deep, the great surging waters will cover you.

20 And I will bring you down with *those who are* going down to the grave, an ancient people, and I will cause you to dwell in the world of *the* depths, in the ruins from of old with *those who are* going down to *the* grave, so that you will not be inhabited and have a place in *the* land of *the* living.

21 Sudden terrors I will bring *on* you, and you shall no *longer exist*; and you will be sought, and you will not be found again forever," declares the Lord Yahweh.

### Lament over the Shipwreck of Tyre

27:1 And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

2 “And you, son of man, raise a lament against Tyre.

3 And you must say to Tyre, the one who sits at *the* entrance of the sea *as* the merchant of the peoples to the many coastlands,  
‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

Tyre, you yourself said  
“I *am* perfect in beauty!”

4 In *the* heart of *the* seas *are* your boundaries;  
your builders perfected your beauty.

5 They built *with* pine trees from Senir  
all of your boards for you;  
they took cedars from Lebanon  
to make a sailing mast for you.

6 They made your oars  
*with* oaks from Bashan;  
your deck they made *with* inlaid ivory,  
with cypress trees from the coastlands of Cyprus.

7 Your sail was fine linen with colorful weaving from Egypt  
to serve as a banner for you;  
blue and purple cloth from the coastlands of Cyprus  
was your awning.

8 The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvan  
were your rowers;  
your skilled men, O Tyre, were from your own people,  
*and* they *were* your seamen.

9 The elders of Gebal and its skilled men were among you  
*as* the repairers of *the* seam of your boat;  
all of the ships of the sea and their mariners were among you  
to barter your wares.

10 Persia and Lud and Put  
were among your soldiers;  
small shield and helmet hung among you  
*and* gave *to you* your adornment.

11 The people of Arvan and Helech  
*were* on your walls all around,  
and Gammadites  
were in your towers.  
They hung their quivers on your walls all around;  
they perfected your beauty.

12 “ ‘Tarshish *was* your trader; from *the* abundance of all of *their* wealth, with silver, iron, tin, and lead they exchanged for your merchandise.

13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech were your traders; in exchange for people and an object of bronze they gave *you* your wares.

14 From Beth Togarmah they exchanged horses and war horses and mules for your wares.

15 The people of Dedan *were* trading *with* you, many coastlands *composed* the region of your influence; they brought back horns of ivory and ebony *as* your payment.

16 Edom *was* trading *with* you because of the abundance of your products, *trading* with malachite, purple wool yarn and colorful weaving, and fine white fabric and black corals and rubies; *all these* they exchange for your merchandise.

17 Judah and the land of Israel *were* trading *with* you with wheat from Minnith and millet and honey and olive oil and balm; *all these* they gave *for* your wares.

18 Damascus *was* trading *with* you because of the abundance of your products, because of the abundance of all of *your* wealth, *trading* with the wine of Helbon and white wool.

19 Vedan and Javan from Uzal, they exchanged wrought iron, cinnamon, and reed spice for your merchandise; *all this* was for your wares.

20 Dedan *was* trading *with* you, with garments of woven material for riding.

21 Arabia and all of the leaders of Kedar *were* your customers; with young rams and *adult* rams and goats *they were* trading with them with you.

22 The traders of Sheba and Raamah *were* trading *with* you, with the finest of every spice and with every precious stone and gold; they exchanged *all these* for your merchandise.

- 23 Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traders of Sheba, Assyria, and Kilmad were trading *with* you.  
24 They were trading *with* you in finery, in mantles of blue cloth and colorful embroidered work and with rugs of variegated cloth in twisted cords and knotted tightly; these were among your merchandise.  
25 The ships of Tarshish were carrying *for* you your wares, and you were filled, and you became very heavy in *the* heart of *the* seas.
- 26 “ ‘Into many waters  
the rowers brought you;  
*but* the east wind wrecked you  
in *the* heart of *the* seas.
- 27 Your wealth and your merchandise, your wares,  
your mariners, and your seamen,  
your shipwrights and the barterers of your wares  
and all of your soldiers who *are* in you,  
along with all of your crew who are in the midst of you,  
they will fall in *the* heart of *the* seas on the day of your downfall.
- 28 At the sound of the shout of your seamen,  
*the* pasturelands will shake.
- 29 And they will go down from their ships,  
all of *those* holding an oar,  
mariners, all of the seamen of the sea  
will stand on the land,
- 30 and they will lament over you with their voice,  
and they will cry out bitterly,  
and they will throw dust on their heads,  
*and* they will roll in the dust.
- 31 They will shave themselves bald for your sake,  
and they will dress themselves *in* sackcloth,  
and they will weep over you with *a* bitterness of soul  
*and* with bitter wailing.
- 32 And they will raise over you with their wailing a lament,  
and they will chant a lament over you:  
‘Who is like Tyre,  
like *this* destruction in the midst of the sea?’
- 33 When your merchandise went out from *the* seas,  
you satisfied many peoples with the abundance of your wealth,  
and *by* your wares  
you made rich *the* kings of *the* world.
- 34 Now you are broken by seas  
in *the* depths of waters;  
your wares and all of your crew  
in the midst of you have sunk.
- 35 All of the inhabitants of the coastlands  
are appalled over you,  
and their kings shudder *in* horror;  
they distort their faces!
- 36 The traders among the peoples hiss over you;  
you have become *a* horror,  
and you shall be no more forever!’”

#### **Doom for the Prince of Tyre**

- 28:1 And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,  
2 “Son of man, say to the leader of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

“Because your heart was haughty,  
and you said, ‘I *am* a god;  
I sit *in the* seat of *the* gods,  
I sit in *the* heart of *the* seas!’  
But you are a human, not a god,

and you gave your heart to be like *the* heart of a god.

- 3 Look, are you wiser than Daniel,  
so *that* no secret is hidden *from* you?  
4 By your wisdom and by your understanding  
you have gained for yourself wealth,  
and you have amassed gold and silver  
in your treasuries.  
5 By the abundance of your wisdom in your trading  
you *have* increased your wealth  
and your heart was proud in your wealth.” ””

6 Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh:

- “Because of your regarding your mind  
like *the* mind of a god,  
7 therefore look! I *am* bringing strangers over you,  
*the most* ruthless of *the* peoples,  
and they will draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom,  
and they will defile your splendor.  
8 They will thrust you down to the pit,  
and you will die a violent death  
in *the* heart of *the* seas.  
9 Will you indeed still say “I *am* a god!”  
before the face of your killers?  
And *in fact* you *are* a human and not a god  
in the hand of those who pierce you.  
10 You will die *the* death of *the* uncircumcised  
by the hand of strangers,

for I myself have spoken!” declares the Lord Yahweh.

#### **Lament for the King of Tyre (a type of Satan)**

- 11 And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,  
12 “Son of man, raise a lament over the king of Tyre, and you must say to him, ‘thus says the Lord Yahweh:

- “You were a perfect model of an example,  
full of wisdom and perfect of beauty.  
13 You were in Eden, the garden of God,  
and every precious stone *was* your adornment:  
carneian, topaz and moonstone,  
turquoise, onyx and jasper,  
sapphire, malachite and emerald.  
And gold *was* the craftsmanship of your settings  
and your mountings in you;  
on the day when you were created they were prepared.  
14 You were *an* anointed guardian cherub,  
and I placed you on God’s holy mountain;  
you walked in the midst of stones of fire.  
15 You *were* blameless in your ways  
from the day when you were created,  
until wickedness was found in you.  
16 In the abundance of your trading,  
they filled the midst of you *with* violence, and you sinned;  
and I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God,  
and I expelled you, *the* guardian cherub,  
from the midst of *the* stones of fire.  
17 Your heart was proud because of your beauty;  
you ruined your wisdom because of your splendor.

- I threw you on the ground before kings;  
I have exposed you for viewing.
- 18 From the abundance of your iniquities  
in the dishonesty of your trading,  
I profaned your sanctuaries  
and I brought fire from your midst;  
it consumed you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth  
before the eyes of everyone who sees you.
- 19 All who know you among the peoples  
are appalled over you;  
you have become *as* horrors,  
and you shall cease to exist forever.” ”

### Ezekiel's Prophecy to the Exiles—Oracle against Sidon (September 18, 587 BC)

Ezekiel 28:20–26

- 20 And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,  
21 “Son of man, set your face toward Sidon and prophesy against it,  
22 and you must say, ‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh:
- “Look! I *am* against you, Sidon,  
and I display my glory in the midst of you,  
and they will know that I *am* Yahweh  
when I execute my judgments,  
and I will show myself holy within it.
- 23 And I will send into it a plague,  
and blood will *be* in its streets.  
And *the* dead will fall in the midst of her  
by *the* sword *that is* against it from all around;  
and they will know that I *am* Yahweh.
- 24 And there will not be any longer *a* painful thorn and a sharp thornbush for the house of Israel from anywhere around them *from those* who are despising them, and they will know that I *am* the Lord Yahweh.” ”
- 25 Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples to which they were scattered *about* in them, and I show myself holy in them before the eyes of the nations, then they will live on their soil, which I gave to my servant Jacob.  
26 And they will live on it in safety, and they will build houses, and they will plant vineyards, and they will live in safety when I execute my judgments on all those who despise them from all around them, and *then* they will know that I *am* Yahweh their God.”

Scripture quotations are from the [Lexham English Bible](#) (LEB). Copyright 2012 [Logos Bible Software](#). Lexham is a registered trademark of [Logos Bible Software](#).