

~MERCHANT (300)

- **One who buys and sells or barterers with expectation of making a profit, a tradesman or a tradeswoman.** The **Hebrew** term rendered merchant literally refers to one who travels about for commercial purposes.
- And with us you may dwell, and the land will become available for you. Dwell and **carry on business** in it and get settled in it. (**Genesis 34:10**) Footnote
- Very early in man's history people became skilled in certain fields of endeavor, specializing in their occupation.
- In time Adah gave birth to Jabal. He proved to be the founder of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. (**Genesis 4:20**)
- And the name of his brother was Jubal. He proved to be the founder of all those who handle the harp and the pipe. (**Genesis 4:21**)
- As for Zillah, she too gave birth to Tubalcain, the forger of every sort of tool of copper and iron. And the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. (**Genesis 4:22**)
- Commerce and trade between them naturally followed, and in the course of events, many individuals, both men and women.
- And you must say to Tyre, O you who are dwelling at the entrances of the sea, the tradeswoman of the peoples for many islands, this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said, O Tyre, you yourself have said; I am perfect in prettiness. (**Ezekiel 27:3**)
- Worked exclusively as **merchants** and traders handling a great variety of commodities. By the time Abraham reached Canaan early in the **Second Millennium B.C.E**, certain mercantile weights and measures were used and recognized.
- Accordingly Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out to Ephron the amount of silver that he had spoken in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred silver shekels current

with the **merchants**. (Genesis 23:16)

- The Mosaic Law commanded that the **merchants** measurements be standardized and just.
- You must not come to have in your bag two sorts of weights, a great one and a small one. (Deuteronomy 25:13)
- You must not come to have in your house two sorts of ephahs, a great one and a small one. (Deuteronomy 25:14)
- A weight accurate and just you should continue to have. An ephah accurate and just you should continue to have, in order, that your days may become long on the soil that Yehowah your God is giving you. (Deuteronomy 25:15)
- For everyone doing these things, every doer of injustice, is something detestable to Yehowah your God. (Deuteronomy 25:16)
- A cheating pair of scales is something detestable to Yehowah, but a complete stone-weight is a pleasure to him. (Proverbs 11:1)
- Two sorts of weights and two sorts of ephah measures, they are both of them together something detestable to Yehowah. (Proverbs 20:10)
- Can I be morally clean with wicked scales and with a bag of deceptive stone weights? (Micah 6:11)
- Some **merchants** were shopkeepers, others did business in the cities in marketplaces and bazaars.
- Consequently the **traders** and the **sellers** of every sort of **merchandise** spent the night outside Jerusalem once and a second time. (Nehemiah 13:20)
- Some owned fleets of ships that plied the high seas to bring back valuable cargoes of **merchandise** from distant lands.
- Those going down to the sea in the ships, doing **business** on vast waters. (Psalms 107:23)

- She has proved to be like the ships of a **merchant**. From far away she brings in her food. (**Proverbs 31:14**)
- Other **traders** were travelers who followed the extensive overland **trade routes** of the ancient world.
- And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year amounted up to six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold. (**1 Kings 10:14**)
- Apart from the men of **travel** and the **profit** from the **traders** and all the kings of the Arabs and the governor's of the land. (**1 Kings 10:15**)
- And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year amounted to six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold. (**2 Chronicles 9:13**)
- Aside from the men of **travel** and the **merchants** who were bringing in and all the kings of the Arabs and the governor's of the land who were bringing in gold and silver to Solomon. (**2 Chronicles 9:14**)
- Joseph was sold by his brothers to such **traveling merchants** headed for Egypt.
- Then they sat down to eat bread. When they raised their eyes and took a look, why, here was a caravan of Ishmaelites that was coming from Gilead, and their camels were carrying labdanum and balsam and resinous bark, on their way to take it down to Egypt. (**Genesis 37:25**)
- Now men, Midianite **merchants**, went passing by. Hence they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the water-pit and then sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty silver pieces. Eventually these brought Joseph into Egypt. (**Genesis 37:28**)
- All the nations, small and great, had their **merchants**, and through their activity many were made rich. There were the **merchants** of Ethiopia.
- This is what Yehowah has said; The unpaid laborers of Egypt and the **merchants** of Ethiopia and the Sabeans, tall men, will themselves come over even to you, and yours they will become.

Behind you they will walk, in fetters they will come over, and to you they will bow down. To you they will pray, saying; Indeed God is in union with you, and there is no one else, there is no other God. (**Isaiah 45:14**)

- **Assyria**
- The pronouncement against Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. (**Nahum 1:1**)
- You have multiplied your tradesmen more than the stars of the heavens. As for the locust species, it actually strips off its skin, then it flies away. (**Nahum 3:16**)
- **Kingdom of Solomon**
- And there was the export of the horses that Solomon had from Egypt, and the company of the kings **merchants** would themselves take the horse drove for a price. (**1 Kings 10:28**)
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- **Sidon and Tyre**
- Be silent, you inhabitants of the coastland. The **merchants** from Sidon, the ones crossing over the sea, they have filled you. (**Isaiah 23:2**)
- Who is it that has given this counsel against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose **merchants** were princes, whose **tradesmen were the honorable ones of the earth?** (**Isaiah 23:8**)
- Ezekiel's prophecy describes the city of Tyre as a great **commercial center** to which the ships and caravans from all parts of the world came and did business. This same prophecy also describes the great variety of **merchandise** these **merchants** handled, which enriched this port city, such things as silver, iron, tin, lead, copper articles, horses, mules, ivory, ebony, turquoise, wool, dyed fabrics, corals, rubies, wheat, special foodstuffs, honey, oil, balsam, wine, cassia, cane, garments of woven material, perfumes, precious stones, and gold.
- And as for you, O son of man, raise up concerning Tyre a dirge.

(Ezekiel 27:2)

- Tarshish was your **merchant** because of the abundance of all sorts of valuable things. For its silver, iron, tin and lead, your stores were given. **(Ezekiel 27:12)**
- Javan, Tubal and Meshech themselves were your traders. For the souls of mankind and articles of copper your articles of exchange were given. **(Ezekiel 27:13)**
- From the house of Togarmah there were horses and steeds and mules, for which your stores were given. **(Ezekiel 27:14)**
- The sons of Dedan were your traders, many islands were **merchants** in your employ, horns of ivory and ebony they have paid back as gift to you. **(Ezekiel 27:15)**
- Edom was your **merchant** because of the abundance of your works. For turquoise, wool dyed reddish purple and material of various colors and fine fabric and corals and rubies, your stores were given in exchange. **(Ezekiel 27:16)**
- Judah and the land of Israel themselves were your **traders**. For the wheat of Minnith and special foodstuff and honey and oil and balsam, your articles of exchange were given. **(Ezekiel 27:17)**
- Damascus was your **merchant** in the abundance of your works, because of the abundance of all your valuable things, with the wine of Helbon and the wool of reddish gray. **(Ezekiel 27:18)**
- Vedan and Javan from Uzal, for your stores they gave. Iron in wrought works, cassia and cane, for your articles of exchange they proved to be. **(Ezekiel 27:19)**
- Dedan was your **trader** in garments of woven material for riding. **(Ezekiel 27:20)**
- The Arabs and all the chieftains of Kedar themselves were **merchants** in your employ. In male lambs and rams and he-goats, in them they were your **merchants**. **(Ezekiel 27:21)**
- The traders of Sheba and Raamah themselves were your traders, for the finest of all sorts of perfumes and for all sorts of precious stones and gold, your stores were given. **(Ezekiel 27:22)**

- Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad were your **traders**. (**Ezekiel 27:23**)
- They were your **traders** in gorgeous garments, in wraps of blue material and material of various colors and in carpets of two-colored stuff, in ropes twined and solidly made, in your trading center. (**Ezekiel 27:24**)
- The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your articles of exchange, so that you get filled and become very glorious in the heart of the open sea. (**Ezekiel 27:25**)
- The **Greek** word *em'po-ros, po'ros* meaning, **journey**, refers to a traveling **merchant**, or one **on a journey**. An example is the **traveling merchant** in Jesus illustration who searched for fine pearls of great price.
- Again the kingdom of the heavens is like a **traveling merchant** seeking fine pearls. (**Matthew 13:45**)
- It is the **traveling merchants** that the symbolic book of Revelation says are made rich by the great harlot Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots, and who weep and mourn over her downfall and destruction.
- And one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying; Come, I will show you the judgment upon the great harlot who sits on many waters. (**Revelation 17:1**)
- And upon her forehead was written a name, a mystery. Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots and of the disgusting things of the earth. (**Revelation 17:5**)
- For because of the wine of the anger of her fornication all the nations have fallen victim, and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the **traveling merchants** of the earth became rich due to the power of her shameless luxury. (**Revelation 18:3**)
- Also, the **traveling merchants** of the earth are weeping and mourning over her, because there is no one to buy their full stock anymore. (**Revelation 18:11**)

- A full stock of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and everything in scented wood and every sort of ivory object and every sort of object out of most precious wood and of copper and of iron and of marble. ([Revelation 18:12](#))
- Also cinnamon and Indian spice and incense and perfumed oil and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and horses and coaches and slaves and human souls. ([Revelation 18:13](#))
- Yes, the fine fruit that your soul desired has departed from you, and all the dainty things and the gorgeous things have perished from you, and never again will people find them. ([Revelation 18:14](#))
- The **traveling merchants** of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of their fear of her torment and will weep and mourn. ([Revelation 18:15](#))
- Babylon the Great also has her own **traveling merchants**, the top-ranking men of the earth.
- And no light of a lamp will ever shine in you again, and no voice of a bridegroom and of a bride will ever be heard in you again, because your **traveling merchants** were the top-ranking men of the earth, for by your spiritistic practice all the nations were misled. ([Revelation 18:23](#))