

## ~TYRE (90)

- **Condemned By God**
- **Destruction Of City**
- **Mentioned In The Greek Scriptures**

• The history of Tyre provides a striking example of the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. First the mainland city fell, then the island city was destroyed. Both events were foretold.

• In the days of David and of Solomon, friendly relations had existed between Israel and Tyre.

• And Hiram the king of **Tyre** proceeded to send messengers to David and cedar timbers and builders of walls and workers in wood to build him a house. (**1 Chronicles 14:1**)

• And it came about at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon built the two houses, the house of Yehowah and the house of the king. (**1 Kings 9:10**)

• Hiram the king of **Tyre** had himself assisted Solomon with timbers of cedar trees and timbers of juniper trees and with gold as much as he delighted in, that at that time King Solomon proceeded to give to Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. (**1 Kings 9:11**)

• But the **Tyrians** were worshipers of Melkart and Astarte. **Tyre** was devoted to commerce. As she prospered, she became proud. She became defiant toward Yehowah, and Yehowah's prophets foretold calamity for Tyre.

• Nebuchadnezzar II besieged the city. From a military standpoint, after many years it might have seemed futile to continue. But he persevered until **Tyre** fell at the end of 13 years, thus fulfilling the Bible prophecy that had named him as its conqueror.

• For this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am bringing against **Tyre** Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon from the north, a king of kings, with horses and war chariots and cavalymen and a congregation, even a multitudinous people. (**Ezekiel 26:7**)

- Your dependent towns in the field he will kill even with the sword, and he must make against you a siege wall and throw up against you a siege rampart and raise up against you a large shield. (**Ezekiel 26:8**)
- And the strike of his attack engine he will direct against your walls, and your towers he will pull down, with his swords. (**Ezekiel 26:9**)
- Owing to the heaving mass of his horses their dust will cover you. Owing to the sound of cavalryman and wheel and war chariot your walls will rock, when he comes in through your gates, as in the cases of entering into a city opened by breaches. (**Ezekiel 26:10**)
- With the hoofs of his horses he will trample down all your streets. Your people he will kill even with the sword, and to the earth your own pillars of strength will go down. (**Ezekiel 26:11**)
- And they will certainly spoil your resources and plunder your sales goods, and tear down your walls, and your desirable houses they will pull down. And your stones and your woodwork and your dust they will place in the very midst of the water. (**Ezekiel 26:12**)
- Later, Zechariah again foretold ruin for **Tyre**, but this time it was for the island city. To reach it, Alexander the Great scraped up the ruins of the mainland city to construct a causeway, he built huge siege towers. Though **Tyre** had built its walls 46 meters high (150 feet), the prophecy was fulfilled.
- And **Tyre** proceeded to build a rampart for herself, and to pile up silver like dust and gold like the mire of the streets. (**Zechariah 9:3**)
- Look! Yehowah himself will dispossess her, and into the sea he will certainly strike down her military force, and in the fire she herself will be devoured. (**Zechariah 9:4**)
- And they will certainly bring the walls of **Tyre** to ruin and tear down her towers, and I will scrape her dust away from her and make her a shining, bare surface of a crag. (**Ezekiel 26:4**)
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