

## **Redeemer C S I Bible Study Ezekiel 27, October 31, 2024,**

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Ezekiel 27 is a poetic lament for the city of Tyre, personified as a magnificent ship. In this chapter, Ezekiel describes Tyre's grandeur and subsequent downfall. Tyre was a prosperous, seafaring city known for its trade. Each verse captures the beauty of Tyre, its strong trade network, and ultimately, its tragic end.

### **Ezekiel 27:1-3 - Introduction to the Lament**

1. "The word of the Lord came to me:" Ezekiel introduces the prophecy, emphasizing that it is a message directly from God.
2. "Son of man, take up a lament concerning Tyre." God instructs Ezekiel to mourn Tyre, using poetic language to foreshadow its coming demise.
3. "You say to Tyre..." Ezekiel addresses Tyre directly, speaking on behalf of God and highlighting Tyre's former glory.

### **Ezekiel 27:4-7 - Tyre's Beauty and Craftsmanship**

4. "Your domain was on the high seas;" Tyre's power and influence reached far across the sea.
5. "They made all your timbers of juniper from Senir;" Tyre's ships are crafted from fine materials, like juniper, symbolizing strength and wealth.
6. "Of oaks from Bashan they made your oars;" Bashan, known for strong oaks, supplied materials that highlight Tyre's prosperity and durability.
7. "Fine embroidered linen from Egypt was your sail..." Tyre used luxurious goods, like Egyptian linen, enhancing its ships' opulence.

### **Ezekiel 27:8-11 - The Skilled Crew of Tyre**

8. “Men of Sidon and Arvad were your oarsmen;” Skilled seafarers from neighboring cities, Sidon and Arvad, manned Tyre’s ships, showing its regional importance.

9. “Veteran craftsmen of Byblos were on board as shipwrights;” Tyre employed the best artisans from Byblos, indicating collaboration and craftsmanship.

10. “Men of Persia, Lydia, and Put served as soldiers in your army.” Tyre was defended by foreign mercenaries, highlighting its international connections.

11. “Men of Arvad and Helek were on your walls...” Foreign guards protected Tyre, showing both wealth and dependence on others for security.

### **Ezekiel 27:12-25 - Trade Network and Wealth of Tyre**

12. “Tarshish did business with you...” Tyre’s trading partners were far-reaching, spanning regions like Tarshish (likely Spain) to Mesopotamia.

13. “Javan, Tubal, and Meshek traded with you;” Tyre’s trade extended to distant nations, such as Greece and Asia Minor.

14. “Men of Beth Togarmah exchanged chariot horses.” Tyre’s wealth extended into luxury goods, including horses and chariots.

15. “The men of Rhodes traded with you;” Tyre’s reach even included islands, illustrating its dominance in maritime trade.

16. “Damascus did business with you...” Tyre’s connections included powerful cities like Damascus, illustrating its regional importance.

17. “Judah and Israel traded with you;” Even Judah and Israel, neighbors and rivals, engaged in commerce with Tyre.

18-25. Other nations exchanged goods like wine, wool, and precious stones. Each verse illustrates the immense wealth and goods flowing through Tyre, revealing it as a center of prosperity.

### **Ezekiel 27:26-36 - The Fall of Tyre**

26. “Your oarsmen take you out to the high seas. But the east wind will break you to pieces.” The east wind, symbolizing judgment from God, will bring destruction.

27. “Your wealth, merchandise, and wares...will sink into the heart of the sea.” Everything that once defined Tyre’s greatness is doomed to be lost in the sea.

28. “The shorelands will quake when your sailors cry out.” Tyre’s fall will send shockwaves throughout the nations.

29-32. “All who handle the oars will abandon their ships.” Tyre’s sailors and merchants will mourn, lamenting the loss of their home.

29. “When your wares went out on the seas, you satisfied many nations.” Tyre once fulfilled the needs of the world, but now, its abundance is lost.

30. “Now you are shattered by the sea in the depths of the waters.” The sea, once Tyre’s source of wealth, becomes its grave.

31. “All who live in the coastlands are appalled at you.” Tyre’s fall will shock and sadden its allies and trading partners.

32. “You have come to a horrible end and will be no more.” The final verdict on Tyre’s fate—a complete and utter end.

This lament highlights Tyre’s former glory and tragic fall. The city’s vast network, luxurious goods, and international allies are all rendered meaningless by God’s judgment. Tyre’s beauty, power, and riches ultimately become the very things that drown it.