

Tyre Is No More!

Ezekiel 26:1–21

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Preamble (vv. 1–2)

¹Now in the twelfth year, in the eleventh month on the first day of the month, the following message of YHWH came to me:

²Human, because Tyre exclaims against Jerusalem, “Aha! She is broken! The gateway of the peoples! She has been turned over to me! I will be satisfied! She has been laid waste!”

The Announcement of Tyre’s Demise (vv. 3–6)

³Therefore, thus has the Lord YHWH declared:

I am against you, O Tyre! As the sea hurls its waves, so I will hurl against you many nations. ⁴They will destroy the walls of Tyre and tear down her towers. I will scrape her soil off her and transform her into a bare rock. ⁵She will be a place where nets are spread, in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken—*the declaration of the Lord YHWH*. She will become plunder for the nations, ⁶while her daughters who are on the mainland will be slaughtered with the sword. Then they will know that I am YHWH.

The Agent of Tyre’s Demise (vv. 7–14)

⁷For thus has the Lord YHWH declared:

I am bringing against Tyre from the north Nebuchadrezzar, the king of Babylon, the king of kings, with cavalry, chariots, and teams of horses, and with a vast assembly of troops. ⁸Your daughters on the mainland he will slaughter with the sword. He will set up siege walls against you, heap up a mound against you, and raise a protective shield against you. ⁹He will direct the force of his battering ram against your walls, and your towers he will demolish with his axes. ¹⁰The dust raised by his hordes of horses will cover you, while your walls shake from the clatter of teams of horses, wheels, and chariots when he enters your gates like people enter a breached city. ¹¹He will trample all your streets with the hooves of his horses, slaughter your people with the sword, and your strong pillars will topple to the ground. ¹²They will plunder your wealth and despoil your merchandise. They will demolish your walls and tear down your luxurious mansions. Your stones, your timbers, and your rubble they will hurl into the water. ¹³I will put an end to the noise of your songs, so the sound of the lyre will no longer be heard. ¹⁴I will transform you into a bare rock! She will be a place where they spread out nets, never to be rebuilt, for I am YHWH; I have spoken. *The declaration of the Lord YHWH.*

The International Impact of Tyre’s Demise (vv. 15–18)

¹⁵Thus has the Lord YHWH declared to Tyre:

How the coastlands will shake at the sound of your downfall, when the victims groan and the slain are slaughtered in your midst! ¹⁶All the rulers of the sea will descend from their thrones. They will remove their robes, and strip off their finely embroidered garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling; they will sit on the ground, and tremble horror-struck and appalled over you. ¹⁷They will raise a dirge over you, saying to you:

How you have perished, been wiped out from the seas!

O city of renown, once ruler on the sea—

She and her inhabitants, who spread their terror—
 All her inhabitants.
¹⁸Now the coastlands will tremble,
 on the day of your downfall.
 And the coastlands by the sea
 will be shocked at your demise.

The Role of YHWH in Tyre's Demise (vv. 19–21)

¹⁹For thus has the Lord YHWH declared:

When I make you into a desolate city, like cities that are uninhabited; when I bring up the great deep over you, and the mighty waters cover you, ²⁰then I will bring you down to be with those who go down to the Pit—to the people of old. I will make you dwell in the netherworld—like the ancient waste places with those who go down to the Pit, so you will not be inhabited, nor radiate splendor in the land of the living. ²¹I will make you a horror, and you will be no more. You will be sought, but you will never be found again. *The declaration of the Lord YHWH.*

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