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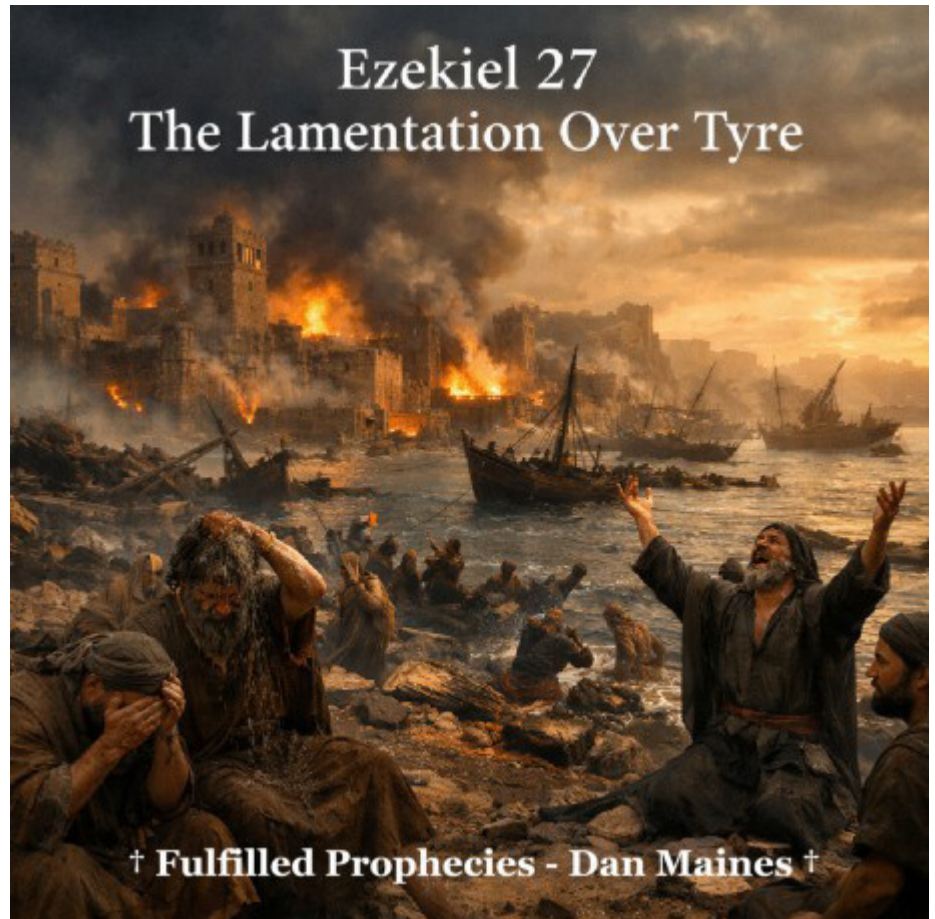
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## Ezekiel 27 The Lamentation Over Tyre



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### Introduction

† Ezekiel 27 is a full lament over Tyre, showing its rise, its wealth, and its total collapse. God lays out every detail so nothing is hidden, what looked strong was already marked for destruction.

† From the fulfilled perspective, Tyre is a pattern. Just like Tyre trusted in wealth and global influence, Jerusalem trusted in its

temple and status, and both fell under God's judgment.

† This chapter walks through the entire system, how it was built, how it prospered, and how it collapsed completely.

### **Ezekiel 27:1-2**

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, And you, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre;

† God initiates the lament, showing the judgment is already determined (Ezekiel 27:1-2)

† This isn't a warning anymore, it's a declaration of what will happen

† The same certainty is seen in Jesus' words about Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37-38)

### **Ezekiel 27:3-4**

and say to Tyre, You who live at the entrance of the sea, merchant of the peoples to many coastlands, This is what the Lord GOD says: O Tyre, you have said, I am perfect in beauty. Your borders are in the heart of the seas; your builders have perfected your beauty.

† Tyre openly declares its own perfection, revealing pride as the root issue (Ezekiel 27:3-4)

† Pride is always what God judges first (Proverbs 16:18)

† Jerusalem made the same mistake, trusting in outward glory instead of God (John 8:33)

### **Ezekiel 27:5-11**

They made all your planks of cypress trees from Senir; they took a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you. From oaks of Bashan they made your oars; they made your deck of boxwood from the coastlands of Cyprus, inlaid with ivory. Your sail was of fine embroidered linen from Egypt so that it became your distinguishing mark; your awning was blue and purple from the coastlands of Elishah. The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers; your wise men, Tyre, were aboard; they were your pilots. The elders of Gebal and her wise men were with you repairing your seams; all the ships of the sea and their sailors were with you to deal in your merchandise. Persia, Lud, and Put were in your army, your men of war. They hung shield and helmet in you; they set forth your splendor. The sons of Arvad and your army were on your walls all around, and the Gammadim were in your towers. They hung their shields on your walls all around; they perfected your beauty.

† Tyre is described as a perfectly constructed ship, showing strength, beauty, and global resources (Ezekiel 27:5-11)

† It looked completely secure from every angle

† This shows how people trust in alliances and strength instead of God (Psalm 20:7)

### **Ezekiel 27:12-13**

Tarshish was your customer because of the abundance of all kinds of wealth; with silver, iron, tin, and lead they paid for your wares. Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were your traders; with human lives and vessels of bronze they paid for your merchandise.

† Tyre's wealth included trading in human lives, showing corruption at its core (Ezekiel 27:12-13)

† This connects directly to Revelation's judgment of Babylon (Revelation 18:13)

† Wealth without righteousness becomes exploitation

### **Ezekiel 27:14-25**

Those from Beth-togarmah gave horses, war horses, and mules for your wares. The sons of Dedan were your traders. Many coastlands were your market; ivory tusks and ebony they brought as your payment. Aram was your customer because of the abundance of your goods; they paid for your wares with emeralds, purple, embroidered work, fine linen, coral, and rubies. Judah and the land of Israel, they were your traders; they traded wheat of Minnith, cakes, honey, oil, and balm for your merchandise. Damascus was your customer because of the abundance of your goods, because of all kinds of wealth, because of the wine of Helbon and white wool. Vedan and Javan paid for your wares; wrought iron, cassia, and sweet cane were among your merchandise. Dedan traded with you in saddlecloths for riding. Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, they were your customers for lambs, rams, and goats; for these they were your customers. The traders of Sheba and Raamah, they traded with you; they paid for your wares with the best of all kinds of spices, and with all kinds of precious stones and gold. Haran, Canneh, Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad traded with you. They traded with you in choice garments, in clothes of blue and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors and tightly wound cords, which were among your merchandise. The ships of Tarshish were the carriers for your merchandise. And you were filled and were very glorious in the heart of the seas.

† This shows Tyre's massive global trade network, everything flowed through it (Ezekiel 27:14-25)

† It became the center of wealth and influence

† This mirrors Babylon in Revelation, a global economic system (Revelation 18:11-12)

### **Ezekiel 27:26-27**

Your rowers have brought you into great waters; the east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas. Your wealth, your wares, your merchandise, your sailors and your pilots, your repairers of seams, your dealers in merchandise and all your men of war who are in you, with all your company that is in your midst, will fall into the heart of the seas on the day of your overthrow.

† At the height of success, destruction comes suddenly (Ezekiel 27:26-27)

† The east wind represents God's judgment

† Everything falls together, nothing survives

### **Ezekiel 27:28-32**

At the sound of the cry of your pilots the pasture lands will shake. All who handle the oar, the sailors and all the pilots of the sea will come down from their ships; they will stand on the land, and they will make their voice heard over you and cry bitterly. They will cast dust on their heads, they will wallow in ashes. Also they will make themselves bald for you and put on sackcloth; and they will weep for you in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning. Moreover, in their wailing they will take up a lamentation for you and lament over you, saying, Who is like Tyre, like her who is silent in the midst of the sea?

† The nations mourn Tyre because of lost profit, not righteousness (Ezekiel 27:28-32)

† This is the same reaction seen in Revelation 18

† The world grieves economic loss more than spiritual truth

### **Ezekiel 27:33-36**

When your wares went out from the seas, you satisfied many peoples; with the abundance of your wealth and your merchandise you enriched the kings of the earth. Now that you are broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, your merchandise and all your company have fallen in the midst of you. All the inhabitants of the coastlands are appalled at you, and their kings are horribly afraid; they are troubled in countenance. The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; you have become terrified and you will no longer be forever.

† The final result is total collapse, Tyre is gone (Ezekiel 27:33-36)

† What enriched the world is now destroyed

† This proves that anything built apart from God will not last

### **Historical References**

† Josephus records the fall of powerful cities and systems under divine judgment

† Tacitus records the destruction and instability of major cities in the Roman world

† Eusebius shows the repeated pattern of God's judgment across history

### **How it applies to us today**

† We can't trust in wealth, systems, or outward success

† What looks strong today can fall instantly

† God opposes pride and self-reliance

† We must build on Christ, not temporary systems (Matthew 7:24-27)

† The fulfilled judgment in AD 70 shows the Old Covenant system is gone and the kingdom is established

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** What does Tyre represent

**A** A powerful system built on wealth and pride that falls under God's judgment (Ezekiel 27:3-4)

**Q** How does this connect to Revelation

**A** It parallels Babylon's fall where merchants mourn lost wealth (Revelation 18:11-13)

**Q** Was this pattern repeated in AD 70

**A** Yes, Jerusalem trusted in its system and was destroyed (Luke 21:20-24)

**Q** What is the main warning

**A** Don't trust in wealth or systems instead of God (Psalm 20:7)

**Q** How should believers respond

**A** Build on Christ and live in His established kingdom (Hebrews 12:28)

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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