

¹⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, "Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: ¹⁶ What have you to do here, and whom have you here, that you have cut out here a tomb for yourself, you who cut out a tomb on the height and carve a dwelling for yourself in the rock? ¹⁷ Behold, the LORD will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you ¹⁸ and whirl you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a wide land. There you shall die, and there shall be your glorious chariots, you shame of your master's house. ¹⁹ I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. ²⁰ In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, ²¹ and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. ²² And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. ²³ And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house. ²⁴ And they will hang on him the whole honor of his father's house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons. ²⁵ In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, the peg that was fastened in a secure place will give way, and it will be cut down and fall, and the load that was on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken."

Rev. 3:7
He is a
TYPE OF
CHRIST here.

An Oracle Concerning Tyre and Sidon

23 The oracle concerning Tyre.

Wail, O ships of Tarshish,
for Tyre is laid waste, without house or harbor!

- ¹⁵ ISAIAH now turns from the NATION & shows individual judgment and how God replaces the wicked. Commentaries think He was one who pushed HEZEKIAH to form an alliance w/ EGYPT.
- ¹⁶ He saw himself as important and was rich enough to have a personal tomb carved out of stone. Some think he was an Egyptian who was advising the King.
- ¹⁷ God does not see him as important and is within the grasp of God.
- ¹⁸ God will throw him away, remove him, like someone throwing a ball. He will find himself far from Jerusalem and he will leave behind all the earthly power he thought was his to wield. He will die a shameful man.
- ¹⁹ God will remove him from his position.
- ²⁰ The one who will replace has already been chosen by God.
- ²¹ This one will step up and replace him and will have all his authority as witnessed by robe & power shown. This new one will take care of the people instead of himself.
- ²² Eliakim will get his authority from God. This same power is listed for Jesus in Revelation 3:7. He is a forerunner of Christ.
- ²³ As God removed Shebna He will establish ELIAKIM like a wooden peg that cannot be removed. He will be his father's son who bring honor to the family.
- ²⁴ He will be the greatest in his family. He will bring honor to the whole family and all they do.
- ²⁵ IN THAT DAY in ISAIAH often refers to a judgment that takes place. It is not said what he did wrong, or it may have happened as part of a general judgment of God on the nation but he also is removed. He apparently was not strong enough to handle the pressure of the job and so was removed.
- ¹ Tyre was seaport & capital of Phoenicia. The ships from here took cargo as far as TARSIS, Spain, or to the other end of the Mediterranean Sea. This shows the scope of trading done from this sea port. This lament or prophecy shows the total destruction of the Port and surrounding area.

From the land of Cyprus
it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, O inhabitants of the coast;
the merchants of Sidon, who cross the sea, have
filled you.

3 And on many waters
your revenue was the grain of Shihor,
the harvest of the Nile;
you were the merchant of the nations.

4 Be ashamed, O Sidon, for the sea has spoken,
the stronghold of the sea, saying:
"I have neither labored nor given birth,
I have neither reared young men
nor brought up young women."

5 When the report comes to Egypt,
they will be in anguish over the report about
Tyre.

6 Cross over to Tarshish;
wail, O inhabitants of the coast!

7 Is this your exultant city
whose origin is from days of old,
whose feet carried her
to settle far away?

8 Who has purposed this
against Tyre, the bestower of crowns,
whose merchants were princes,
whose traders were the honored of the earth?

9 The LORD of hosts has purposed it,
to defile the pompous pride of all glory,
to dishonor all the honored of the earth.

(1b) Ships that make their last stop on Cyprus as they return home are told of the total destruction of this port city.

(2) Show how strong and powerful of a city it was. It was their trade with the whole region that made them famous. Everyone is told to no longer expect anything from the once great city & nation. Sidon was a coastal town North of Tyre.

(3) Isaiah points out it was the crops and merchandise of other nations like Egypt that was transported that made them rich.

(4) Sidon is told that Tyre (the stronghold of the sea) never really produced anything of lasting value. With the city destroyed there is nothing left, much like a family w/ no children has no legacy.

(5) Even Egypt is deeply troubled by the fall of Tyre/Phoenicia. This may be due in part to how it may affect their own economy.

(6) Those who survived are encouraged to find shelter elsewhere, even if they must travel to the furthest places.

(7) The city is unrecognizable. Its once greatness is gone and people wonder if this was ever a great nation. The beauty of its youth is gone and is now only a memory.

(8) Isaiah asks about what this has happened. Who wanted this to happen. Who would want to destroy such a prosperous city?

(9) The answer is obvious to Isaiah. This is what God has purposed. God saw past the glitter and prosperity of this city. He saw them as prideful and disobedient people. Even as God had judged others. (Babylon 14.7; and Egypt 19.23) he also has judged or purposed to deal with Tyre. Tyre is to be humbled by the very God she profaned with her boast of self-glory. Ezekiel helps us see this. "Tyre said, 'I am of perfect beauty.'" Ezekiel 27.3b. Vs. 9. answers Vs. 8. God has done this. God has dishonored those honored on earth. The All shows God will not ever look anyone. He will completely dishonor or reduce them to nothing for the way they lived and thought. Young 11, p 130 - This verse makes clear the fact that God governs the world, and that He carries out His purpose as He will." Both denying God and ignoring God carry dire consequences, no one will be overlooked.

- 10 Cross over your land like the Nile,
O daughter of Tarshish;
there is no restraint anymore.
- 11 He has stretched out his hand over the sea;
he has shaken the kingdoms;
the LORD has given command concerning Canaan
to destroy its strongholds.
- 12 And he said:
"You will no more exult,
O oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon;
arise, cross over to Cyprus,
even there you will have no rest."
- 13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans! This is the people that
was not; Assyria destined it for wild beasts. They erected their
siege towers, they stripped her palaces bare, they made her a ruin.
- 14 Wail, O ships of Tarshish,
for your stronghold is laid waste.
- 15 In that day Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years, like the
days of one king. At the end of seventy years, it will happen to
Tyre as in the song of the prostitute:
- 16 "Take a harp;
go about the city,
O forgotten prostitute!
Make sweet melody;
sing many songs,
that you may be remembered."

- 10 THE far colony of Tarshish which was ruled by Tyre is now free and
like the Nile river can now choose their own course. THE RESTRAINTS
OF THE Phoenician Empire are lifted, they are free to choose for themselves.
- 11 ISAIAH SHOWS WHAT GOD HAS DONE TO TYRE. HERE GOD SHOWS HE IS THE
ONE TRUE GOD. TYRE THOUGHT THEY RULED THE SEA BUT GOD DETERMINED
OTHER WISE. HE BRINGS ANOTHER NATION TO DO HIS WILL AND HUMBLE TYRE.
- 12 ISAIAH IS SPEAKING FOR GOD, OR WRITING DOWN GOD'S INTENTIONS
SIOON IS COMPARED TO A VIRGIN WHO IS CONQUERED. THE REFERENCE COVERS
"SEXUALLY AS WELL AS IN THE SOCIAL AND JURIDICAL SPHERE. YOUNG 11 P. 133"
SIOON CANNOT REJOICE IN TYRE'S FALL. SIOON TOO SHOULD FLEE IF POSSIBLE.
THIS CITY TOO WILL BE JUDGED. EVEN IN FLEEING THERE WILL BE NO REST
OR RELIEF FROM GOD'S JUDGMENT.
- 13 THE LAND OF THE CHALDEANS! IS DIRECTIONAL, OR MEANS COMING FROM THE
EAST. THIS IS BEFORE ASSYRIA WAS GREAT, BUT POINTS TO THE ASSYRIAN &
CARTEAN EMPIRE. THIS ARMY WOULD DESTROY THIS GREAT SEA NATION
WITH AN ATTACK FROM THE LAND, CLOSING OFF THE PORT. WHEN IT
CAME THE DEFEAT WAS COMPLETE AND EVERYTHING WAS TAKEN OR DESTROYED.
- 14 TYRE'S STRENGTH WAS OF NO VALUE WHEN CONFRONTED BY THE PLANS
OF GOD. THE SHIPS W/O A HOME PORT ARE OF NO LASTING VALUE.
HERE AS IN VERSE 1 THE CITY/HARBOR OF SAFETY IS GONE, THEY
ARE NOW PREY WHO HAD PREYED ON OTHERS.
- IN THAT DAY PROPHETIC LANGUAGE ABOUT WHAT IS COMING.
- 15 SEVENTY YEARS IS THE BIOMICAL LIFETIME OF A MAN. (SEE PS 90.10)
THIS IS THE LIFETIME OF A KING WHO LIVES TO OLD AGE.
- 16 THE IMAGE OF A PROSTITUTE IS OF A WOMAN WHO HAS WASTED HER
LIFE IN SIN. BEING PAID TO SATISFY OTHERS DESIRES. HERE TYRE IS
THE ONE WHO NOW HAS NO VALUE AND WILL NOT BE REMEMBERED.
HER SONG OF REDEMPTION MUST BE SUNG AGAIN AND AGAIN. THIS IS
HER ONLY HOPE OF BEING REMEMBERED IS NOT IN LOVE BUT IN A SONG
THAT CALLS TO MEMORY THE ONCE GREAT CITY. OTHERWISE W/O
ANYTHING OR ANYONE ALL THAT SHE WAS WILL BE FORGOTTEN.
HERE ISAIAH SHOWS THE CITY AS A FALSE LOVE THAT IS CAST
OFF AND FORGOTTEN.

¹⁷ At the end of seventy years, the LORD will visit Tyre, and she will return to her wages and will prostitute herself with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth. ¹⁸ Her merchandise and her wages will be holy to the LORD. It will not be stored or hoarded, but her merchandise will supply abundant food and fine clothing for those who dwell before the LORD.

Judgment on the Whole Earth

24 Behold, the LORD will empty the earth and make it desolate,

and he will twist its surface and scatter its inhabitants.

² And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest;

as with the slave, so with his master;

as with the maid, so with her mistress;

as with the buyer, so with the seller;

as with the lender, so with the borrower;

as with the creditor, so with the debtor.

³ The earth shall be utterly empty and utterly plundered;

for the LORD has spoken this word.

⁴ The earth mourns and withers;

the world languishes and withers;

the highest people of the earth languish.

⁵ The earth lies defiled

under its inhabitants;

for they have transgressed the laws,

violated the statutes,

broken the everlasting covenant.

¹⁷ After seventy years God lifts his judgment to allow Tyre a second opportunity, but she returns to her former ways. The word prostitute means a selling of self w/out considering the consequences. Tyre has learned nothing in 70 years.

¹⁸ No matter what Tyre does or intends for herself, God has other plans. God has plans to use the gains of Tyre for his kingdom. She could have changed and also blessed, but this does not stop God from his plans. God uses both the righteous & the wicked for his purpose. The difference is one he blesses the other receives no benefit in doing God's will.

chapters 24-27 God turns from individual nations to a universal judgment of the nations. All nations are descendant from Noah. (Gen 9.16) and God has placed in the knowledge of right & wrong (Rom 2.12-16)

¹ Behold sets the stage for what is to happen. No time near or far is set. There is a total destruction here. A judgment that cannot be missed. God will use the earth as part of his judgment. Earth may be whole earth or just the region covered in the previous section.

² Class distinctions will be wiped out. In judgment all are the same when examined by God. It should be noted this is also how God wants his church to function. (see Col. 3.11)

³ God does not plan to overlook anyone. The earth represents every place man lives and sins. You cannot hide from God.

⁴ The personification of the earth to represent humanity, as Judah and Jerusalem in earlier chapters represented the Hebrew people. This prophecy is written in the present tense to show that Isaiah is able to actually see these events as happening.

⁵ The reason for the earth being in a sorry state is the people's rejection of God. It is not just some sinning but a complete refusal of the people to be God's people. Their covenant relationship requires obedience. They have not only left God out of their lives they have chosen to rewrite his laws to their benefit. They are no longer living as God's people. This section seems to carry extra weight and point to Judah.