

THE SHIPWRECK OF HUMAN PRIDE

(Ezekiel 27-28)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. A brief overview of Israel and Ezekiel's current situation:
- B. A brief overview of what was covered in chapters 1-26:

II. THE HUMAN DESIRE OF BEING UNSINKABLE: (*Ezekiel 27-28*)

- A. The illusion of perfect beauty: (*27:1-11*)
 - 1. Tyre is described in its beauty and built with the finest things:
 - 2. Tyre is shown to be the grand achievement of success from a worldly perspective:
- B. The reach of global wealth: (*27:12-36*)
 - 1. Ezekiel lists a massive, exhausting catalog of Tyre's trading partners and fine goods:
 - 2. Tyre enriched the kings of earth:
 - 3. A place that seemed to have all the wealth and comfort with no thought of God:
 - 4. The east wind describes the moment all things sink in destruction:
- C. The judgment of the prince of Tyre: (*28:1-10*)
 - 1. The focus shift from the city to the political leader:
 - 2. His core sin is pride and the idea of him proclaiming to be a God:
- D. The judgement to the real king of Tyre: (*28:11-19*)
 - 1. The similar attributes of a prince to Tyre to the prince of darkness:
 - 2. It would be the pride and self-deifying behavior that would have Satan cast out of Heaven:
 - 3. God provided blessing and status to Satan but eventually it lead to pride and self-destruction.
- E. A judgement and a restoration: (*28:20-26*)
 - 1. The judgment of Sidon, which is a sister city of Tyre:
 - 2. The Restoration of Israel, God will give them a safe dwelling and true peace will come:

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. Pride corrupts the very blessings God provides. Your looks, your skills, and your influence are loans from God and are to be used for His glory and not your own.
- B. When the things of our life consume us and take are attention from Him then we can expect a loving God to remove whatever obstacles are in the way of seeing Him.