

Ezekiel 26-28:19 – 20 September 2015

Introduction –

People will remember how you act toward them in hard times. This will become part of what you're known for. **Today we'll continue to look at the 4 attitudes not to have towards others when their enduring hard times.**

Chapter 26:1-28:19 – The Nation of Tyre

1. 26:1-6 – Tyre rejoice that Judah's destruction meant more people would turn thru their land for business.
 - a. **The 4th attitude not to have towards others when their enduring hard times is to be Self-centered & indifferent to helping.**
 - b. They shouldn't have rejoiced that their booming economy happened b/c the people of God fell into judgment.
 - c. Many nations would come against them, not just Babylon. Later the Greeks.

2. 26:7-11 – Notice it is “he” throughout these verses, not “they”.
 - a. Described Babylon coming against Tyre just 1 year after this prophecy was given (see vs 1)
 - b. Siege lasted 13 years.
 - c. Most of the people escaped to the Island city.
3. 26:12-14 – 322 BC Alexander the Great told them to surrender their Island city, they refused.
 - a. Alex tried naval battle but failed.
 - b. Like this prophecy, he then took their old city and built a causeway out to the island.
 - c. ‘Top of a rock’ – can’t tell it was even a city.
4. 26:15-21 – Tyre wasn’t the typical idol worshipping, war-like people.
 - a. They were more a secular, business-class people.
 - b. “Shall the isles tremble” – Even distance sophisticated nations wondered at Tyre’s fall.
 - c. By the Way, the modern city of Tyre is a few miles away from the original, not the same.

5. 27:1-3 – God here, as in Rev 18, speaks against commercialism. Greedy commerce.
 - a. God says that Tyre says they are as beautiful as a fine ship.
6. 27:4-7 – The greatness of their commerce.
7. 27:8-26 – They traded with the whole world.
 - a. Until the “east wind” (Babylon) came and finally broke them.
8. 27:27 – All their alliances and riches will perish when they perish. Was it worth it?
9. 27:28-31 – All the distant merchant shall mourn for Tyre.
10. 27:32-36 – **Do you want to be known as the rich merchants of the world?**
 - a. **Or do you want to be known as a nation that served the Lord?**
 - b. **Trump known for his money. Billy Graham is worth \$25 mil, but known for his commitment to God.**
11. 28:1-2 – This is about the King of Tyre Ittobaal II.
 - a. Reminds us of the Anti-Christ from II Thes 2

b. Either controlled by God or by Satan.

12.28:3-5 – It's hard for those that trust in riches to enter into heaven.

13.28:6-10 – The king who called himself God, is slain.

a. Now we'll get a behind the scenes look at the puppeteer that was controlling this wanna-be God king.

14.28:11-15 – Satan's original state.

15.28:16-19 – Satan's destruction.

Conclusion –

Do you want to be known as someone who comes along side to help?

Do you want to be known as someone who uses their riches and resources to help others?

We are known for something, what is it?

If you're really brave, go ask the person on the other side of your office, what you're known for?