

# A Lamentation for Tyre and the King of Tyre

Lesson 11: Ezekiel 27-28

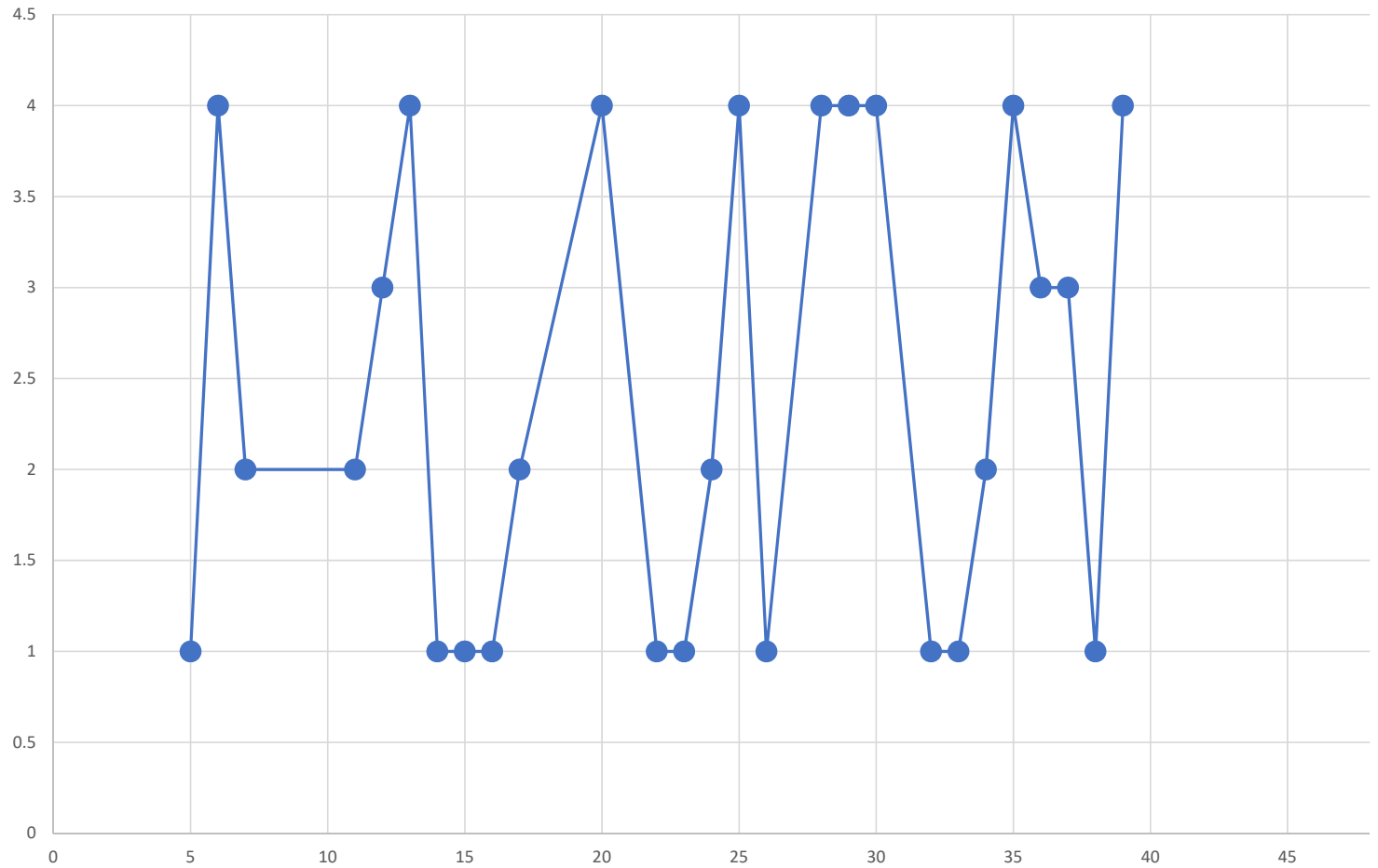
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# Ezekiel Outline

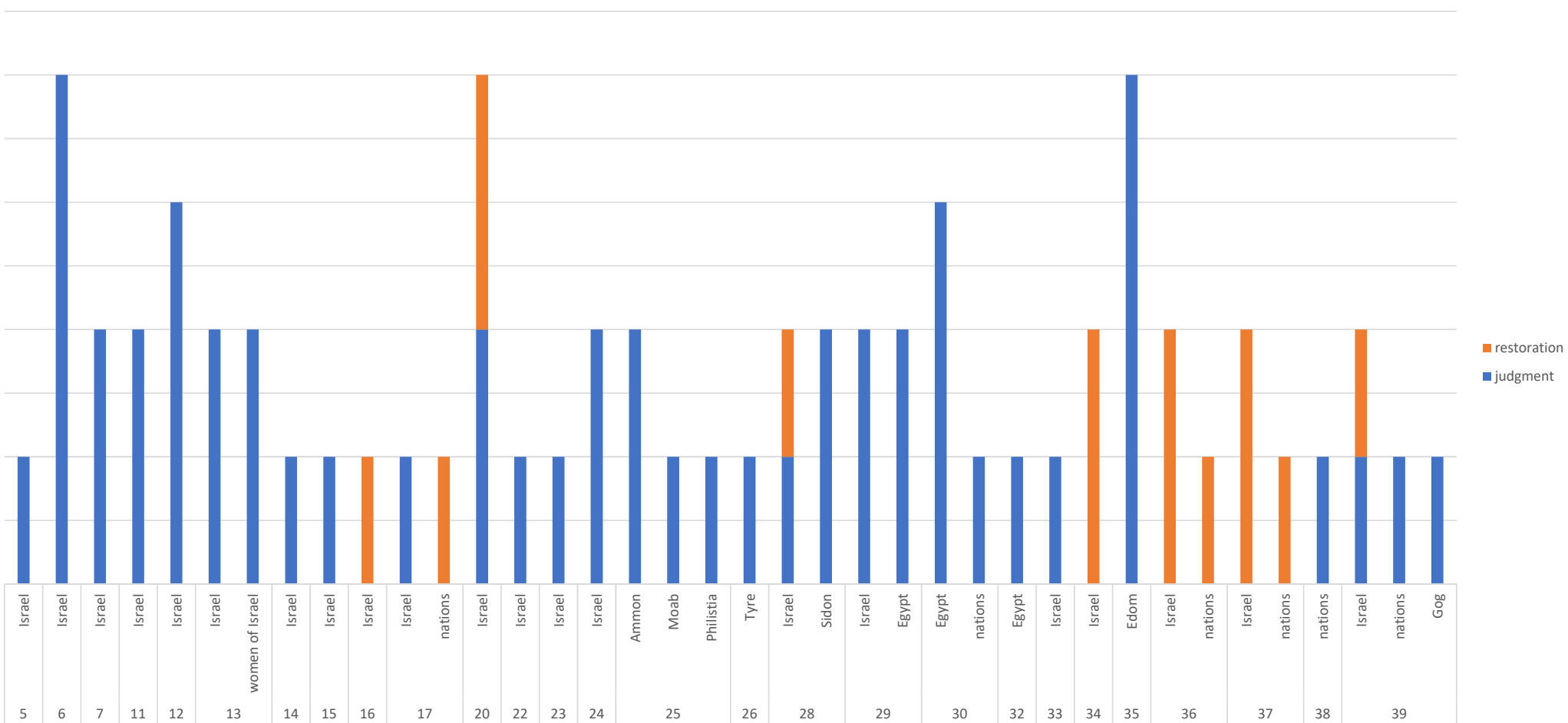
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# Then they will know that I am the LORD

- Distribution
- Significance



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# Chapter 27 Outline

- 1-11 Tyre's former state
- 12-25 Tyre's customers
- 26-36 Tyre's fall



## Tyre's former state Ezekiel 27:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>2</sup>"And you, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre; <sup>3</sup>and say to Tyre, who dwells at the entrance to the sea, merchant of the peoples to many coastlands, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,

"O Tyre, you have said, 'I am perfect in **beauty**.'

<sup>4</sup>"Your borders are in the heart of the seas;

Your builders have perfected your **beauty**.

<sup>5</sup>"They have made all *your* planks of fir trees from Senir;

They have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.

- A lament for Tyre
- What God says versus what Tyre says
- Perfect in beauty

## Tyre's former state Ezekiel 27:6-8

<sup>6</sup>“Of oaks from Bashan they have made your oars;  
With ivory they have inlaid your deck of boxwood from the coastlands of Cyprus.  
<sup>7</sup>“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.  
<sup>8</sup>“The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers;  
Your wise men, O Tyre, were aboard;  
they were your pilots.

- “Construction” of Tyre
  - Wood
  - Fabric
  - Sailors
  - Soldiers



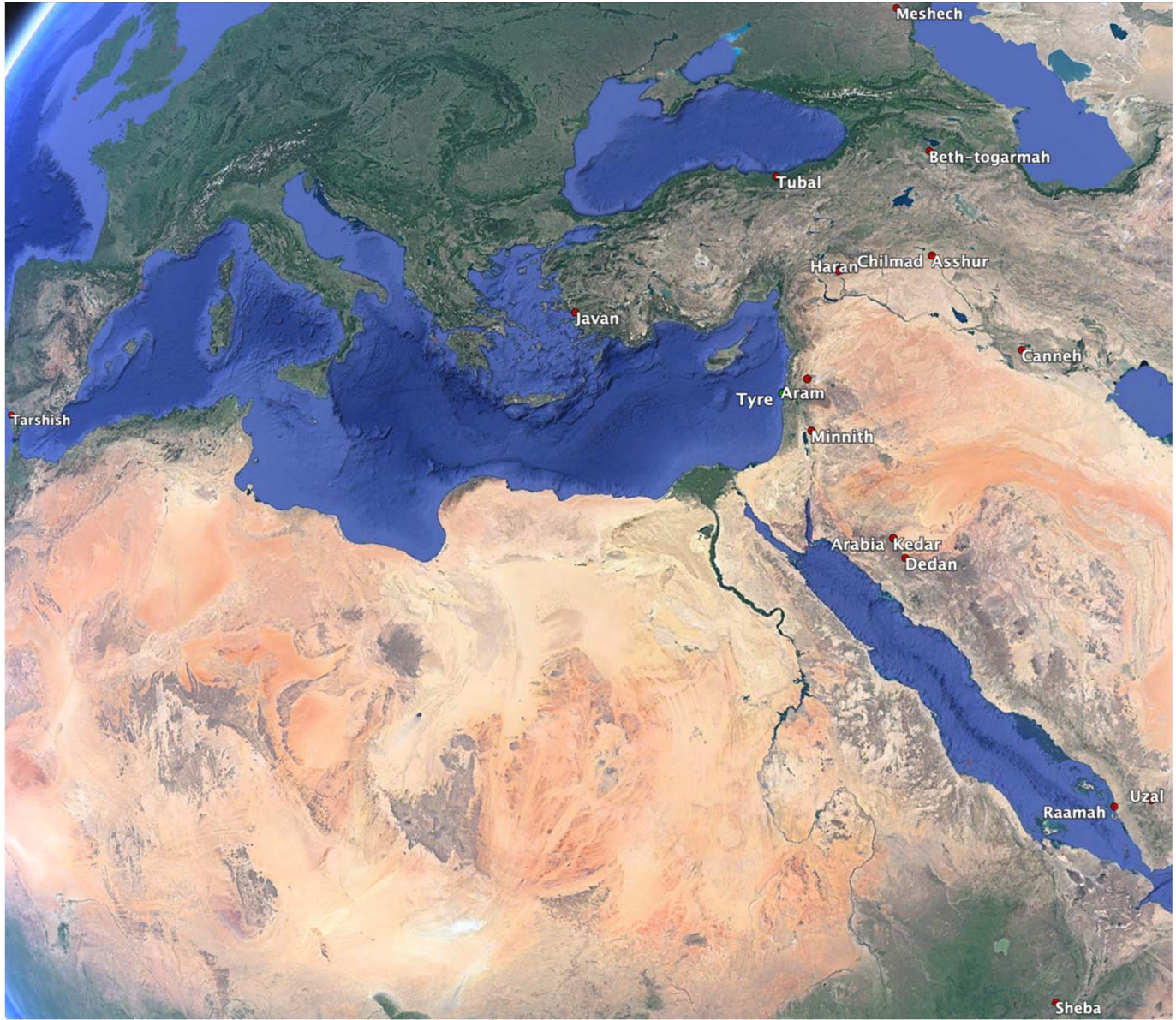
## Tyre's former state Ezekiel 27:9-11

<sup>9</sup>“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 in order to deal in your merchandise.

<sup>10</sup>“Persia and Lud and Put were in your army, your men of war. They hung shield and helmet in you; they set forth your splendor. <sup>11</sup>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.

- The ship image will be resumed in 27:26
- Switch to city image
- Tyre relied on her beauty and wisdom



## Tyre's customers Ezekiel 27:12-16

<sup>12</sup>“Tarshish was your customer because of the abundance of all *kinds* of wealth; with silver, iron, tin and lead they paid for your wares. <sup>13</sup>Javan, Tubal and Meshech, they were your traders; with the lives of men and vessels of bronze they paid for your merchandise. <sup>14</sup>Those from Beth-togarmah gave horses and war horses and mules for your wares. <sup>15</sup>The sons of Dedan were your traders. Many coastlands were your market; ivory tusks and ebony they brought as your payment. <sup>16</sup>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.

- Categories of goods traded
  - Metals
  - Slaves
  - Animals
  - Ivory and ebony
  - Precious stones
  - Cloth and wool
  - Food and drink
  - Spices

## Tyre's customers Ezekiel 27:17-21

<sup>17</sup>Judah and the land of Israel, they were your traders; with the wheat of Minnith, cakes, honey, oil and balm they paid for your merchandise. <sup>18</sup>Damascus was your customer because of the abundance of your goods, because of the abundance of all *kinds* of wealth, because of the wine of Helbon and white wool. <sup>19</sup>Vedan and Javan paid for your wares from Uzal; wrought iron, cassia and sweet cane were among your merchandise. <sup>20</sup>Dedan traded with you in saddlecloths for riding. <sup>21</sup>Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, they were your customers for lambs, rams and goats; for these they were your customers.

- Order that the nations are mentioned
  - North: from west to east
  - Near Israel
  - South
  - East

## Tyre's customers Ezekiel 27:22-25

<sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Haran, Canneh, Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur *and* Chilmad traded with you. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>The ships of Tarshish were the carriers for your merchandise. And you were filled and were very glorious  
In the heart of the seas.

- Repeated locations
  - Tarshish: 12, 25
  - Javan: 13, 19
  - Dedan: 15, 20
  - Sheba: 22, 23

## Tyre's fall Ezekiel 27:26-28

<sup>26</sup>“Your rowers have brought you  
Into great waters;  
The east wind has broken you  
In the heart of the seas.

<sup>27</sup>“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.

<sup>28</sup>“At the sound of the cry of your pilots  
The pasture lands will shake.

- What the loss included
  - Their wealth
  - Their goods
  - The sailors
  - The traders
  - The soldiers

## Tyre's fall Ezekiel 27:29-31

<sup>29</sup>"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,

<sup>30</sup>And they will make their voice heard  
over you

And will cry **bitterly**.

They will cast dust on their heads,  
They will wallow in ashes.

<sup>31</sup>"Also they will make themselves bald  
for you

And gird themselves with sackcloth;  
And they will weep for you in **bitterness**  
of soul

With **bitter** mourning.

- Deep mourning
  - Crying bitterly
  - Dust and ashes
  - Baldness
  - Sackcloth

## Tyre's fall Ezekiel 27:32-34

<sup>32</sup>“Moreover, in their wailing they will  
take up a lamentation for you  
And lament over you:  
‘Who is like Tyre,  
Like her who is silent in the midst of the  
sea?

<sup>33</sup>‘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 earth.

<sup>34</sup>‘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.

- Tyre was seen as beyond compare
- Tyre's fall brought down
  - Her merchandise
  - The company in her midst



## Tyre's fall Ezekiel 27:35-36

<sup>35</sup>'All the inhabitants of the coastlands  
Are appalled at you,  
And their kings are horribly afraid;  
They are troubled in countenance.

<sup>36</sup>'The merchants among the peoples  
hiss at you;  
You have become terrified  
And you will cease to be forever.'''''

- If the greatest can be brought down, what hope do others have?
- Complete destruction

# Chapter 28 Outline

- 1-10 Tyre's pride
- 11-19 Tyre's former position
- 20-24 Prophecy against Sidon
- 25-26 The gathering of Israel

## Tyre's pride Ezekiel 28:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, say to the leader of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Because your heart is lifted up And you have said, ‘I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods In the heart of the seas’; Yet you are a man and not God, Although you make your heart like the heart of God—

<sup>3</sup>Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; There is no secret that is a match for you.

<sup>4</sup>“By your wisdom and understanding You have acquired riches for yourself And have acquired gold and silver for your treasuries.

- Sins of the king of Tyre
  - His heart was lifted up
  - He said he was a god
- Tyre's wisdom helped acquire wealth

## Tyre's pride Ezekiel 28:5-7

<sup>5</sup>“By your great **wisdom**, by your trade  
You have increased your riches  
And your heart is lifted up because of  
your riches—

<sup>6</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord God,  
'Because you have made your heart  
Like the heart of God,

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, behold, I will bring strangers  
upon you,  
The most ruthless of the nations.  
And they will draw their swords  
Against the beauty of your **wisdom**  
And defile your splendor.

- Wisdom was only used for personal gain
- Wisdom -> wealth -> pride -> god
- Pride will be judged

## Tyre's pride Ezekiel 28:8-10

<sup>8</sup>'They will bring you down to the pit,  
And you will die the death of those who  
are slain

In the heart of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>'Will you still say, "I am a god,"

In the presence of your slayer,

Though you are a man and not God,

In the hands of those who wound you?

<sup>10</sup>'You will die the death of the  
uncircumcised

By the hand of strangers,

For I have spoken!' declares the Lord  
GOD!'"'"

- God's judgment would prove the king of Tyre was not a god
- Contrast between man and God

## Tyre's former position Ezekiel 28:11-13

<sup>11</sup>Again the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>12</sup>“Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup>“You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The **ruby**, the **topaz** and the **diamond**; The **beryl**, the **onyx** and the **jasper**; The **lapis lazuli**, the **turquoise** and the **emerald**;  
And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets,  
Was in you.  
On the day that you were created  
They were prepared.

- The breastplate
  - **Ruby**, **topaz**, **emerald**
  - **Turquoise**, **lapis lazuli**, **diamond**
  - Jacinth, agate, amethyst
  - **Beryl**, **onyx**, **jasper**
- A created being

## Tyre's former position Ezekiel 28:14-16

<sup>14</sup>"You were the anointed cherub who covers,  
And I placed you *there*.  
You were on the holy mountain of God;  
You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

<sup>15</sup>"You were blameless in your ways  
From the day you were created  
Until unrighteousness was found in you.

<sup>16</sup>"By the abundance of your trade  
You were internally filled with violence,  
And you sinned;  
Therefore I have cast you as profane  
From the mountain of God.  
And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub,  
From the midst of the stones of fire.

- Given a special position
- Initially blameless
- Trade led to violence and sin
- The special position was removed

## Tyre's former position Ezekiel 28:17-18

<sup>17</sup>"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty;  
You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.

I cast you to the ground;  
I put you before kings,  
That they may see you.

<sup>18</sup>"By the multitude of your iniquities,  
In the unrighteousness of your trade  
You profaned your sanctuaries.  
Therefore I have brought fire from the  
midst of you;  
It has consumed you,  
And I have turned you to ashes on the  
earth  
In the eyes of all who see you.

- Beauty led to pride and corrupted wisdom
- God's judgment of sin, whether ours or someone else's, needs to serve as a warning to us



## Prophecy against Sidon Ezekiel 28:19-23

<sup>19</sup>“All who know you among the peoples  
Are appalled at you;  
You have become terrified  
And you will cease to be forever.””

<sup>20</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me  
saying, <sup>21</sup>“Son of man, set your face  
toward Sidon, prophesy against her  
<sup>22</sup>and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,  
“Behold, I am against you, O Sidon,  
And I will be glorified in your midst.

**Then they will know that I am the LORD**  
when I execute judgments in her,  
And I will manifest My holiness in her.

<sup>23</sup>“For I will send pestilence to her  
And blood to her streets,  
And the wounded will fall in her midst  
By the sword upon her on every side;

**Then they will know that I am the LORD.**

- Judgment brings God glory
- Judgment can bring knowledge of God

## The gathering of Israel Ezekiel 28:24-26

<sup>24</sup>And there will be no more for the house of Israel a prickling brier or a painful thorn from any round about them who **scorned** them; **then they will know that I am the Lord God.**"

<sup>25</sup>Thus says the Lord God, "When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and will manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they will live in their land which I gave to My servant Jacob. <sup>26</sup>They will live in it **securely**; and they will build houses, plant vineyards and live **securely** when I execute judgments upon all who **scorn** them round about them. **Then they will know that I am the LORD their God.**"

- God's holiness will be shown through Israel to the nations
- God will bring His people back to the land
- God will judge those who scorn Israel

# Summary

- We need to seek to know God
- We should not boast except in God
- What will be our joy when everything is stripped from us?
- We should not exalt ourselves, but submit to God's desire for us
- God will be glorified
- God will gather Israel and show His holiness in them