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Ezekiel 27:1 - 28:26

27 **1** Then this message came to me from the LORD : **2** “Son of man, sing a funeral song for Tyre, **3** that mighty gateway to the sea, the trading center of the world. Give Tyre this message from the Sovereign LORD : “You boasted, O Tyre, ‘My beauty is perfect!’ **4** You extended your boundaries into the sea. Your builders made your beauty perfect. **5** You were like a great ship built of the finest cypress from Senir. They took a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you. **6** They carved your oars from the oaks of Bashan. Your deck of pine from the coasts of Cyprus was inlaid with ivory. **7** Your sails were made of Egypt’s finest linen, and they flew as a banner above you. You stood beneath blue and purple awnings made bright with dyes from the coasts of Elishah. **8** Your oarsmen came from Sidon and Arvad; your helmsmen were skilled men from Tyre itself. **9** Wise old craftsmen from Gebal did the caulking. Ships from every land came with goods to barter for your trade. **10** “Men from distant Persia, Lydia, and Libya served in your great army. They hung their shields and helmets on your walls, giving you great honor. **11** Men from Arvad and Helech stood on your walls. Your towers were manned by men from Gammad. Their shields hung on your walls, completing your beauty. **12** “Tarshish sent merchants to buy your wares in exchange for silver, iron, tin, and lead. **13** Merchants from Greece, Tubal, and Meshech brought slaves and articles of bronze to trade with you. **14** “From Beth-togarmah came riding horses, chariot horses, and mules, all in exchange for your goods. **15** Merchants came to you from Dedan. Numerous coastlands were your captive markets; they brought payment in ivory tusks and ebony wood. **16** “Syria sent merchants to buy your rich variety of goods. They traded turquoise, purple dyes, embroidery, fine linen, and jewelry of coral and rubies. **17** Judah and Israel traded for your wares, offering wheat from Minnith, figs, honey, olive oil, and balm. **18** “Damascus sent merchants to buy your rich variety of goods, bringing wine from Helbon and white wool from Zahar. **19** Greeks from Uzal came to trade for your merchandise. Wrought iron, cassia, and fragrant calamus were bartered for your wares. **20** “Dedan sent merchants to trade their expensive saddle blankets with you. **21** The Arabians and the princes of Kedar sent merchants to trade lambs and rams and male goats in exchange for your goods. **22** The merchants of Sheba and Raamah came with all kinds of spices, jewels, and gold in exchange for your wares. **23** “Haran, Canneh, Eden, Sheba, Asshur, and Kilmad came with their merchandise, too. **24** They brought choice fabrics to trade—blue cloth, embroidery, and multicolored carpets rolled up and bound with cords. **25** The ships of

Tarshish were your ocean caravans. Your island warehouse was filled to the brim! **26** “But look! Your oarsmen have taken you into stormy seas! A mighty eastern gale has wrecked you in the heart of the sea! **27** Everything is lost— your riches and wares, your sailors and pilots, your ship builders, merchants, and warriors. On the day of your ruin, everyone on board sinks into the depths of the sea. **28** Your cities by the sea tremble as your pilots cry out in terror. **29** All the oarsmen abandon their ships; the sailors and pilots stand on the shore. **30** They cry aloud over you and weep bitterly. They throw dust on their heads and roll in ashes. **31** They shave their heads in grief for you and dress themselves in burlap. They weep for you with bitter anguish and deep mourning. **32** As they wail and mourn over you, they sing this sad funeral song: ‘Was there ever such a city as Tyre, now silent at the bottom of the sea? **33** The merchandise you traded satisfied the desires of many nations. Kings at the ends of the earth were enriched by your trade. **34** Now you are a wrecked ship, broken at the bottom of the sea. All your merchandise and crew have gone down with you. **35** All who live along the coastlands are appalled at your terrible fate. Their kings are filled with horror and look on with twisted faces. **36** The merchants among the nations shake their heads at the sight of you, for you have come to a horrible end and will exist no more.’”

28 **1** Then this message came to me from the LORD : **2** “Son of man, give the prince of Tyre this message from the Sovereign LORD : “In your great pride you claim, ‘I am a god! I sit on a divine throne in the heart of the sea.’ But you are only a man and not a god, though you boast that you are a god. **3** You regard yourself as wiser than Daniel and think no secret is hidden from you. **4** With your wisdom and understanding you have amassed great wealth— gold and silver for your treasuries. **5** Yes, your wisdom has made you very rich, and your riches have made you very proud. **6** “Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Because you think you are as wise as a god, **7** I will now bring against you a foreign army, the terror of the nations. They will draw their swords against your marvelous wisdom and defile your splendor! **8** They will bring you down to the pit, and you will die in the heart of the sea, pierced with many wounds. **9** Will you then boast, ‘I am a god!’ to those who kill you? To them you will be no god but merely a man! **10** You will die like an outcast at the hands of foreigners. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!” **11** Then this further message came to me from the LORD : **12** “Son of man, sing this funeral song for the king of Tyre. Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD : “You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. **13** You were in Eden, the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone — red carnelian, pale-green peridot, white moonstone, blue-green beryl, onyx, green jasper, blue lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald— all beautifully crafted for you and set in the finest gold. They were given to you on the day you were created. **14** I ordained and anointed you as the mighty

angelic guardian. You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire. **15** “You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you. **16** Your rich commerce led you to violence, and you sinned. So I banished you in disgrace from the mountain of God. I expelled you, O mighty guardian, from your place among the stones of fire. **17** Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty. Your wisdom was corrupted by your love of splendor. So I threw you to the ground and exposed you to the curious gaze of kings. **18** You defiled your sanctuaries with your many sins and your dishonest trade. So I brought fire out from within you, and it consumed you. I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. **19** All who knew you are appalled at your fate. You have come to a terrible end, and you will exist no more.” **20** Then another message came to me from the LORD : **21** “Son of man, turn and face the city of Sidon and prophesy against it. **22** Give the people of Sidon this message from the Sovereign LORD : “I am your enemy, O Sidon, and I will reveal my glory by what I do to you. When I bring judgment against you and reveal my holiness among you, everyone watching will know that I am the LORD . **23** I will send a plague against you, and blood will be spilled in your streets. The attack will come from every direction, and your people will lie slaughtered within your walls. Then everyone will know that I am the LORD . **24** No longer will Israel’s scornful neighbors prick and tear at her like briars and thorns. For then they will know that I am the Sovereign LORD . **25** “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: The people of Israel will again live in their own land, the land I gave my servant Jacob. For I will gather them from the distant lands where I have scattered them. I will reveal to the nations of the world my holiness among my people. **26** They will live safely in Israel and build homes and plant vineyards. And when I punish the neighboring nations that treated them with contempt, they will know that I am the LORD their God.”

Hebrews 11:17 - 31

11 17 It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God’s promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, **18** even though God had told him, “Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted.” **19** Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead. **20** It was by faith that Isaac promised blessings for the future to his sons, Jacob and Esau. **21** It was by faith that Jacob, when he was old and dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff. **22** It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them

when they left. **23** It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command. **24** It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. **25** He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. **26** He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. **27** It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. **28** It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons. **29** It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned. **30** It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down. **31** It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Psalm 111:1 - 10

111 1 Praise the LORD ! I will thank the LORD with all my heart as I meet with his godly people. **2** How amazing are the deeds of the LORD ! All who delight in him should ponder them. **3** Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails. **4** He causes us to remember his wonderful works. How gracious and merciful is our LORD ! **5** He gives food to those who fear him; he always remembers his covenant. **6** He has shown his great power to his people by giving them the lands of other nations. **7** All he does is just and good, and all his commandments are trustworthy. **8** They are forever true, to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity. **9** He has paid a full ransom for his people. He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has! **10** Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!

Proverbs 27:15 - 16

27 15 A quarrelsome wife is as annoying as constant dripping on a rainy day. **16** Stopping her complaints is like trying to stop the wind or trying to hold something with greased hands.