

# Ezekiel 26:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.

## Analysis

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And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise predicts plunder of Tyre's legendary wealth. And they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses continues the demolition. And they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water describes the remarkable detail that Tyre's rubble will end up in the sea. This was literally fulfilled when Alexander used mainland Tyre's ruins to build his causeway to the island (332 BC), dumping stones, timber, and dust into the water. Prophetic precision 250+ years before fulfillment could only come from God.

## Historical Context

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Alexander the Great's siege (332 BC) required building a causeway from mainland to island Tyre. His engineers dismantled the ruins of mainland Tyre (destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar 250+ years earlier) and cast the material into the sea, building a half-mile causeway. This unprecedented engineering feat precisely fulfilled Ezekiel's seemingly impossible prophecy about Tyre's stones and timber ending up in the water.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does precise fulfillment of seemingly impossible prophecies demonstrate God's sovereignty?
2. What does it mean that even building materials will be cast into the sea?
3. How should specific fulfilled prophecy strengthen our faith in general biblical promises?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשָׁלָל

And they shall make a spoil

H7997

חַיְלָה

of thy riches

H2428

נְצָזוֹן

and make a prey

H962

רְכָלֶת

of thy merchandise

H7404

וְבָרְסָן

and they shall break down

H2040

חַוְמוֹת

thy walls

H2346

וּבָתִים

houses

H1004

חַמְדַת

thy pleasant

H2532

וְשִׁזְׁבָּעָן

and destroy

H5422

וְתָבִיבָן

thy stones and thy timber

H68

וְתָבִיבָן

H6086

וְתָבִיבָן

and thy dust

H6083

בְּתַחַת

H8432

מִם

in the midst

H4325

וְתָבִיבָן

of the water

וְשִׁמְמָה:

and they shall lay

H7760

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 23:8** (Parallel theme): Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?

**Amos 5:11** (Parallel theme): Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

**2 Chronicles 32:27** (Parallel theme): And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;

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