

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

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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

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

וְשָׁלַל וְ	חֵיל יְ	וּבְזָזוּ	רִכְלֵי יְ	
And they shall make a spoil	of thy riches	and make a prey	of thy merchandise	
H7997	H2428	H962	H7404	
וְהָרָסוּ	חֻמוֹת יְ	וּבְתֵי	שְׂמֵדֵי יְ	וְתִצֹּדוּ
and they shall break down	thy walls	houses	thy pleasant	and destroy
H2040	H2346	H1004	H2532	H5422
וְאֲבָנֵי יְ	וְעֵצֵי יְ	וְעֹפָר יְ	בֵּת יְ	מֵי־
thy stones	and thy timber	and thy dust	in the midst	of the water
H68	H6086	H6083	H8432	H4325
וְשִׁימוּ:				
and they shall lay				
H7760				

Additional Cross-References

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 treasuries 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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