

Ezekiel 26:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

Analysis

And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers predicts military conquest. I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock uses striking imagery—God will scrape Tyre clean like scraping barnacles off a rock, leaving bare stone. This prophecy was fulfilled when Alexander used Tyre's mainland rubble to build his causeway to the island, literally scraping the site clean. Archaeological excavations show the mainland site was indeed scraped to bedrock, exactly as prophesied. Prophetic precision demonstrates supernatural foreknowledge—details fulfilled centuries later could only come from God.

Historical Context

When Alexander besieged island Tyre (332 BC), he constructed a massive causeway using rubble from mainland Tyre, which Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed. His engineers scraped the mainland site to bedrock gathering material, fulfilling Ezekiel's prophecy given 250+ years earlier. The causeway turned the island into a peninsula, still visible today.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does precise prophetic fulfillment authenticate Scripture's divine origin?
2. What does it mean that God will leave Tyre like 'bare rock'?
3. How should fulfilled prophecy affect our confidence in unfulfilled prophecies?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׂתוּ And they shall destroy H7843	חֲמֹת the walls H2346	צֵר of Tyrus H6865	וְהָרְסוּ and break down H2040	מִגְדָּלֶיהָ her towers H4026
וְסָחִיתִי I will also scrape H5500	אֶפְרָהּ her dust H6083	מִמָּנָה H4480	וְנָתַתִּי from her and make H5414	אוֹתָהּ H853
לְצֶהָ her like the top H6706	קֶלַע: of a rock H5553			

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 23:11 (Parallel theme): He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong holds thereof.

Amos 1:10 (Parallel theme): But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

Ezekiel 26:9 (Parallel theme): And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.