

Ezekiel 27:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.

Analysis

Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters shifts from celebration to judgment. The east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas introduces catastrophe. East wind represents divine judgment (compare Exodus 14:21; Jonah 4:8). Great waters that seemed to provide security now become the context for destruction. The sea that made Tyre rich will destroy her. Our strengths become our weaknesses when God opposes us. What we trusted for security becomes the instrument of our destruction. The very thing Tyre dominated—maritime trade—becomes the context for her doom.

Historical Context

Tyre's island location provided security for centuries. Yet this same maritime position became her vulnerability when Alexander built his causeway across the water. What seemed an impregnable defense became the site of conquest. The waters that enriched Tyre couldn't ultimately protect her from divinely appointed judgment.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do our strengths become weaknesses when God opposes us?
2. What securities are we trusting that might become instruments of judgment?
3. Why can't natural advantages save us from divine decree?

Interlinear Text

בְּמַיִם	רַבִּים	הָבֵא וְ	הַשֹּׂטֵי יָם	אֵתְךָ	רֵיחַ	הַקֶּדֶם יָם
waters	thee into great	have brought	Thy rowers	H853	wind	the east
H4325	H7227	H935	H7751		H7307	H6921
שָׁבַרְךָ	בְּלִב	יָמִים:				
hath broken	thee in the midst	of the seas				
H7665	H3820	H3220				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 48:7 (Parallel theme): Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

Acts 27:14 (Parallel theme): But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

Jeremiah 18:17 (Parallel theme): I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

Ezekiel 26:19 (Parallel theme): For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee;