

# Ezekiel 27:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.

## Analysis

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And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea describes Tyre's geographic position—controlling Mediterranean access from the Levantine coast. Which art a merchant of the people for many isles identifies Tyre's commercial role as middleman for island and coastal trade. Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty quotes Tyre's self-assessment. Perfect beauty indicates pride in appearance, wealth, and sophistication. Pride in beauty—whether physical, cultural, or economic—precedes judgment. Self-proclaimed perfection blinds to need for God. Tyre's commercial success produced arrogant self-sufficiency, forgetting that all prosperity comes from God.

## Historical Context

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Tyre's position on an island just offshore made it nearly impregnable while controlling crucial Mediterranean trade routes. The city grew immensely wealthy as a trading hub, developing a reputation for luxury, culture, and beauty. This prosperity produced the pride God judges. Commercial success without corresponding humility before God always leads to judgment.

## 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 commercial success breed pride and self-sufficiency?
2. What beauty or perfection are we prideful about?
3. Why does economic prosperity often distance us from God rather than draw us to Him?

## Interlinear Text

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| אָמַר רַבִּי         | צוֹר          | הַיֵּשׁ בָּתַי          | עַל     | מְבוֹאֵת        | יָם        |
| And say              | O Tyrus       | O thou that art situate | H5921   | at the entry    | of the sea |
| H559                 | H6865         | H3427                   |         | H3997           | H3220      |
| רַבִּי לֵת           | הָעַמִּים     | אֵל                     | אִיִּים | רַבִּי יָם      | כֹּה       |
| which art a merchant | of the people | H413                    | isles   | for many        | H3541      |
| H7402                | H5971         |                         | H339    | H7227           |            |
| אֲדָנִי              | יְהוָה        | צוֹר                    | אָתָּה  | אָמַר רַבִּי    | אֲנִי      |
| the Lord             | H3068         | O Tyrus                 | H859    | And say         | H589       |
| H136                 |               | H6865                   |         | H559            |            |
|                      |               |                         |         | I am of perfect | beauty     |
|                      |               |                         |         | H3632           | H3308      |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 27:4** (Parallel theme): Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.