

Ezekiel 27:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They have made all thy ship boards of fir trees of Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.

Analysis

They have made all thy ship boards of fir trees of Senir begins cataloging Tyre's shipbuilding materials. Senir was another name for Mount Hermon, source of quality timber. They have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee continues listing materials—cedars from Lebanon were prized for shipbuilding. The detailed catalog demonstrates God's intimate knowledge of Tyre's economy and the care with which He inventories what will be lost in judgment. God knows exactly what we have—every resource, every asset. In judgment, He specifies precisely what will be removed. Nothing escapes His notice.

Historical Context

Phoenician shipbuilding was legendary, and Tyre led in maritime technology. Access to quality timber from Lebanon and Hermon provided materials for superior ships. These ships enabled the trade that made Tyre wealthy. God's detailed knowledge of shipbuilding materials demonstrates that He observes economic and technological details, not just spiritual matters. All life is under His sovereignty.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Why does God catalog material details rather than focusing only on spiritual matters?
2. What does divine knowledge of shipbuilding materials teach about God's comprehensive sovereignty?
3. How should awareness that God knows all our resources affect our stewardship?

Interlinear Text

בְּרוֹשֵׁי יַם	מִשְׁנִיר	בָּנוּ	כָּל	אֵת	לָךְ	לְחֵת יָם
of fir trees	of Senir	They have made	H0	H853	H3605	all thy ship boards
H1265	H8149	H1129				H3871
אֶרֶז	מִלְבָּנוֹן	לָקְחוּ	לַעֲשֹׂה	תָּךְ	מַסֵּס	עֲלֶיךָ:
cedars	from Lebanon	they have taken	to make	masts		H5921
H730	H3844	H3947	H6213	H8650		

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 3:9 (Parallel theme): (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;)

Song of Solomon 4:8: Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.