

# 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

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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

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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

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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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

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לְחַמֵּת יְמֵן בָּרֹשׁ יָם מִשְׁנֵר בְּנֵי נָהָר אֵת לְהַלְלֵךְ כָּל אֵת יְמֵן  
all thy ship boards of fir trees of Senir They have made H3605 H853 H1265 H3871 H8149 H1129

עֲלֵיהֶן תְּכַן לְעַשׂ וְתִּלְקַח חֹרֶב מִלְבָנָן אֶת רַצְנָה  
masts to make they have taken H5921 H8650 H6213 H3947 H3844 H730

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.