

# Ezekiel 28:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

## Analysis

**And I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee**—The fire (v. 18) reduces Tyre to **לְאָפֶר עַל-הָאָרֶץ** (lē'ēpher 'al-hā'ārēš, 'to ashes upon the earth') **לְעֵינֵי כָּל-רַאֲבָן** (lē'ēnē khol-rō'ekhā, 'before the eyes of all who see you'). Public judgment serves as warning to observers.

**All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee**—שָׁמְמָמָה (shāmēmū, 'be appalled/desolate') from **שָׁמֵם** (shāmēm, 'to be devastated'). **Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more**—בְּלִהוּת פִּיְתְּ וְאַיִתְּ עַד-עוֹלָם (ballāhōt hāyîtā wē'ēnēkhā 'ad-'ôlām, 'terrors you have become and you are not until forever'). This refrain (also 26:21, 27:36) seals Tyre's permanent end. Those who knew Tyre's magnificence will be shocked by her utter obliteration—a fate awaiting all who exalt themselves against God (Isaiah 14:12-15).

## Historical Context

Ancient descriptions by Herodotus and others portray Tyre as splendid, wealthy, seemingly eternal. Yet by 332 BC, Alexander reduced it to rubble using mainland debris to build a causeway. Today, the causeway remains (visible from satellite images), permanently connecting island to mainland—silent testimony to fulfilled prophecy. Tyre became exactly what God said: ashes, astonishment, terror, gone.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. Why does God judge prideful powers publicly rather than privately?
2. What does Tyre's reduction to 'ashes' teach about the end of all human glory?
3. How should observing God's judgment on others affect our own lives?

## Interlinear Text

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כָּל	יְדֹעַ	בְּעֵמָה	שָׁקָמָה	עַל
H3605	All they that know	thee among the people	shall be astonished	H5921
H3045		H5971	H8074	
בָּלָה	וְתִ	כִּי	אֵין	עוֹלָם
at thee thou	shalt be a terror	H1961	and never	H5769
H1091			H369	H5704

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 26:21** (Parallel theme): I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.

**Revelation 18:21** (Parallel theme): And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.