

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind...

# Ozark Family Camp Week 3

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*Ezekiel Seminar #3*

*Prophecies against the Nations*

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# Introduction

- Overview (Jeremiah 25:1-29)
- In Solomon's Day (1 Kings 5, 1 Kings 3)
- In Ezekiel's Day (ch. 25-32)
  - Israel's immediate neighbors (AMEP)
  - Israel's powerful neighbors - Egypt & Tyre
    - Judgment of Tyre & Sidon (chs. 26-28)
    - Judgment of Egypt (chs. 29-32)
- In the Future: Edom & Gog (chs. 35, 38)

# Why Judgment on the Nations?

- The basis of God's Judgment: Gen. 12:1-3
  - Those who bless ... will be blessed
  - Those who curse (abuse, mistreat, or rejoice over the calamity of) ... will be judged
- The Nations specific actions (AMEP):
  - Alliances with Babylon
  - Rejoicing over Israel's calamity
  - Not recognizing Israel's uniqueness
  - Taking opportunity for bloodshed & vengeance

# An alliance is formed - Tyre

**I Kings 5:1, 10-12 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now **Hiram king of Tyre** sent his servants to **Solomon** when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, **for Hiram always loved David.**

<sup>10</sup> So Hiram supplied Solomon with all the timber of cedar and cypress that he desired, <sup>11</sup> while Solomon gave Hiram 20,000 cors of wheat as food for his household, and 20,000 cors of beaten oil. .... <sup>12</sup> And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him. **And there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty. C.f. I Kings 9:10-19, 26-28**

# An alliance is formed - Egypt

**I Kings 3:1 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> **Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh** king of Egypt. He took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the Lord and the wall around Jerusalem.

**Cf. I Kings 10:24-29**

# Near Neighbors (AMEP, ch. 25)

- Ammon (1-7)
- Moab (8-11)
- Edom (12-14)
- Philistia (15-17)



# The Near Neighbors (ch. 25)

1-7	Ammon	Because you have clapped your hands and stamped your feet and rejoiced with all the malice within your soul against the land of Israel
8-11	Moab	'Behold, the house of Judah is like all the other nations'
12-14	Edom	Edom acted revengefully against the house of Judah and has grievously offended in taking vengeance on them
15-17	Philistia	... acted revengefully and took vengeance with malice of soul to destroy in <b>never-ending enmity</b>





# The Nations: AMEP

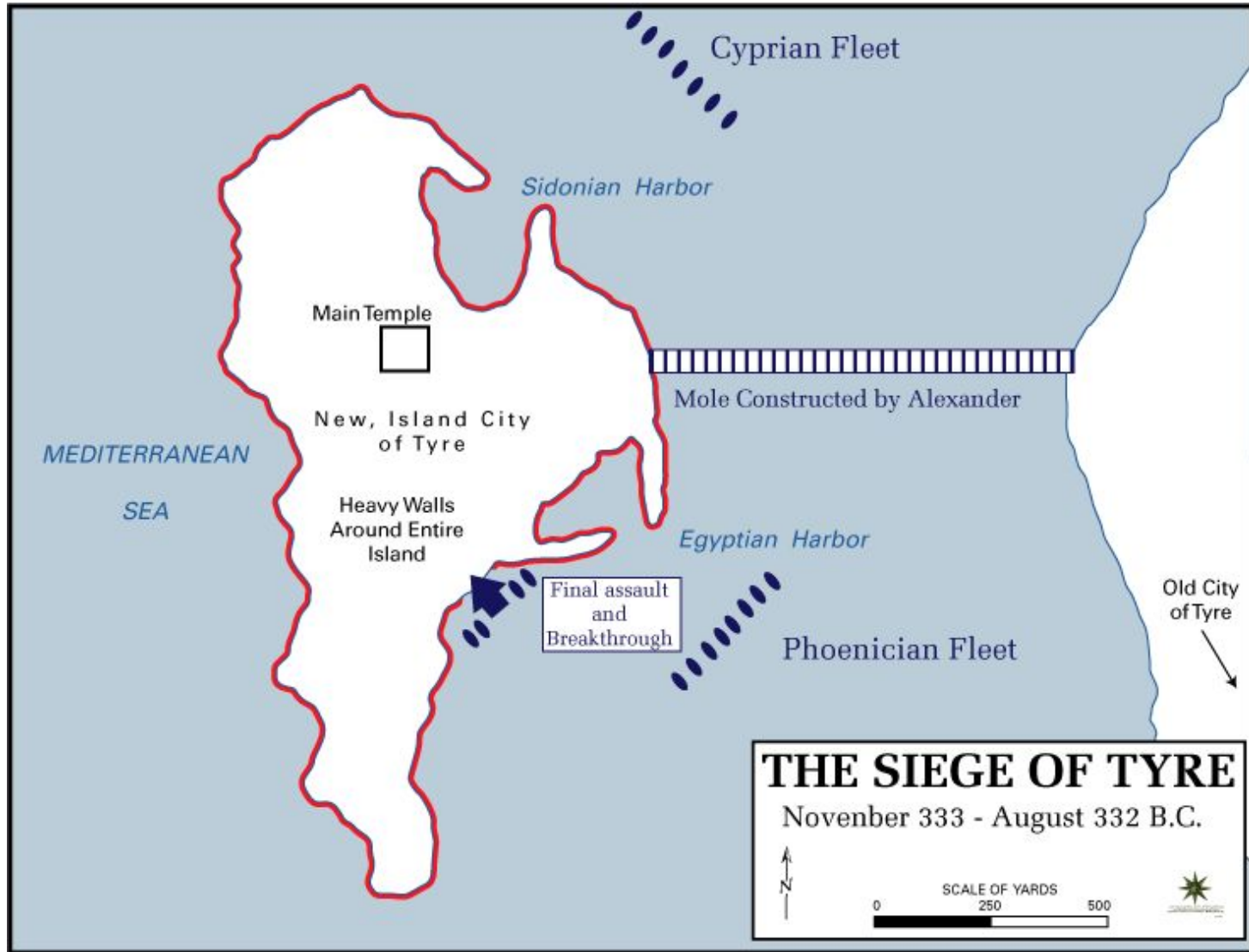
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Ammon  
Moab  
Edom  
Philistia

# Judgment of Tyre (chs. 26-28)

- Destruction of Tyre - Oracle 1 (26:1-21)
  - Thus says the Lord God: I am against you (3)
  - Thus says the Lord God: Nebuchadnezzar (7)
  - Thus says the Lord God: Shock and awe (15)
  - Thus says the Lord God: Never found again(19)
- Dirge Over Tyre: Oracle 2 (27:1-36)
  - Tyre's former glory as a beautiful ship (v. 1-9)
  - Tyre's many trading partners (v. 10-25, esp. 17)
  - Tyre's destruction as a shipwreck(vv. 26-36).

# Siege of Tyre - 333 BC



# Judgment of Tyre (chs. 26-28)

- Prophecy against the Prince - Oracle 3 (28:1-10)
  - Possessions: Pride, Wisdom and Wealth
  - Judgment: Babylon, the most ruthless (v7)
- Lament for the King - Oracle 4 (28:11-19)
  - A view of the power behind the throne
  - A view of Satan's judgments in compressed form

# Prophecy against Sidon

- Sidon (28:20-24)
  - Located 25 miles further north of Tyre
  - Home of Jezebel (1 Kings 16:31)
  - Center of Baal worship - a briar, prick, thorn
  - Home of a woman of great faith (Mark 7:24-30)
- Conclusion: (28:26b)

...They shall dwell securely, **when I execute judgments upon all their neighbors who have treated them with contempt.** Then they will know that I am the LORD their God.”

# Judgment of Egypt (chs. 29-31)

- Tyre was an economic powerhouse
- Egypt was a military power
- In relation to Israel:
  - A long history (Abraham, Moses)
  - At various times:
    - An ally with disastrous results (Is. 36:6, Jer. 37:4-8)
    - A foe (2 Chron. 35:20-24)
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# Egypt Prophecy Timeline

Ref.	Year	
29:1	10/10/12	The Broken Reed
29:17	27/1/1	Babylon's reward
30:1		Judgment Summary
30:20	11/1/7	Broken and Strong arms
31:1	11/3/1	Assyrian allegory
32:1	12/12/1	Lament for Pharaoh
32:17	12/12/15	Lament for Egypt

# Future Judgment: Edom (ch. 35)

- Their specific actions:
  - cherished perpetual enmity (v5)
  - gave the people of Israel to the sword (v5)
  - coveted: these 2 nations shall be mine (v10)
  - blasphemed (contempt) against Israel (v12-13)
- God's response:
  - desolation (v7)
  - preparation to bloodshed (v6)
  - will do to Edom what they planned against Israel (v11)
- A Future Event (v14)



# Future Judgment: Gog

- Invasion of Israel by Gog (ch. 38:1-16)
- Judgment of Gog by God:
  - Defeat of Gog (38:17-39:8)
    - Earthquake... pestilence and bloodshed...torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur.
    - 39:7 - 3x the Holiness of the Lord
  - Aftermath of the defeat (39:9-20)
  - Effects of the defeat on Israel (39:21-29)
    - 21: God's honor and visible presence recognized
    - 22-24: Israel will know that he is God
    - 25-27: Restoration of all Israel back to the land
    - Israel's national repentance & spiritual restoration<sub>17</sub>

# Conclusion (Psalm 2)

- I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Matt. 12:36-37 (ESV)
- Psalm 2, Psalm 33:12-22
- Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? Prov. 6:27-28 (ESV)

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