### Ezekiel

## Chapter 26

1It was in the 11th year, on the 1st day of the month, that the Word of Jehovah came to me and said:  
  
 2‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Tyre has said this of JeruSalem:  
  
 ‘Well done, because she’s now broken!  
 For, she had destroyed many nations,  
 And then, she turned her attention towards me.  
 But this one who once was so full  
 Has now become desolation!’  
  
 3‘Because of this,’ said Jehovah,  
 ‘{Look!} I am against you, O Rock,  
 And I’ll bring so many nations against you  
 That they’ll be like the waves of the sea.  
  
 4‘The walls of Tyre, they will tear down,  
 And then they will knock down your towers.  
 I’ll scatter your dust to the [four] winds  
 And leave you like a smooth rock…  
 5A place where they will dry fish nets.  
 For, I have spoken against you,’ says Jehovah.  
  
 ‘You will be a place that nations will loot,  
 6And your daughters in the plains will be cut down by swords…  
 Then they’ll know that I am Jehovah.’  
  
 7‘And Jehovah said this:  
  
 ‘O Tyre,  
  
 ‘I’ll bring NebuChadNezzar out of the north...  
 Yes, this king of all kings,  
 With his cavalry, chariots, and horses,  
 And his army of many great nations.  
 8Then he’ll use the sword to destroy  
 Your daughters that live in the plains.  
  
 ‘Against you, he’ll send advance guards  
 Who’ll surround you and then they’ll dig trenches.  
 He’ll close you in with a siege mound  
 And arrange it with lances and shields.  
 9Then they will demolish your towers and walls,  
 And they will destroy [all your] weapons.  
  
 10‘You’ll be covered by the dust of his horses.  
 And from the sounds of his horsemen,  
 As well as the sounds of their chariot wheels,  
 All your walls will thereafter be shaken.  
 Then, when he enters your gates,  
 To him, it’ll be like a [walk through] the plains.  
  
 11‘His horse’s hooves will trample your squares  
 And [his men] will kill all your people with swords…  
 They’ll bring your supports and strength to the ground.  
  
 12‘Then, they will plunder your army…  
 They’ll take all their things, then tear down your walls  
 And demolish the best of your homes.  
 Thereafter, they’ll throw all the stones and the wood,  
 As well as the dust, into the sea.  
  
 13‘He’ll rip away your musicians,  
 And the sounds of strings will no longer be heard.  
 14He will make you like a smooth rock  
 And a place for the drying of dragnets.  
 Then, no way will you be rebuilt,  
 For I, Jehovah, have spoken,’ said the Lord.  
  
 15‘Then Jehovah asked this of Tyre:  
  
 ‘When their swords are unsheathed in your midst;  
 Won’t the sound of your downfall  
 As well as the groans of your wounded  
 Rumble all the way to the islands?  
  
 16‘The rulers of the seas will step from their thrones,  
 Then remove their crowns and colorful robes,  
 Because they’ll be startled by this change of state.  
 And of their destruction, they’ll then sit in fear,  
 As they are groaning for you.  
 17So, this is what they will sing:  
  
 ‘O how great has been her destruction!  
 For, she was removed from her place by the sea  
 Along with all of [her people]  
 By the one who brought terror upon them.  
  
 ‘You’re a city which was once so blest;  
 For you got your strength from the sea.  
 18But now, all the islands are living in fear;  
 For, since the day of your downfall,  
 They’ve had many reasons to worry.’  
  
 19‘Then the Lord Jehovah said this:  
  
 ‘I’ll bring desolation to your cities  
 And leave them without any people…  
 By the waters of the deep, they’ll be covered.  
  
 20‘I will drag both you and your people  
 Into the pit throughout the age.  
 I’ll settle you in the depths of the earth  
 As a desolate place throughout the ages,  
 Along with the rest who’ve gone down to the pit.  
  
 ‘In the land of the living, you’ll no longer be;  
 21For I’ve appointed you to be wiped away  
 So you won’t exist anymore…  
 They’ll look for you and not find you,’ says Jehovah.’