### Ezekiel

## Chapter 27

1Then the Word of The Lord came to me and said:  
  
 2‘And you, O son of man,  
 Must sing a lament over Tyre.  
  
 3‘You must say to the Rock  
 (This city that dwells by the sea…  
 The marketplace of all the islands)  
 That thus says Jehovah to Tyre:  
  
 ‘You say that you’ve invested in beauty;  
 4For the heart of the sea is your border,  
 And your sons have perfected your charms.  
  
 5‘Cedar is [the wood] with which you were built,  
 As well as with Lebanon’s cypress.  
 With posts of fir, you make the ship masts;  
 6And in BaShan, they make all your oars.  
  
 ‘Your temples are constructed of ivory  
 And your houses are made from the wood  
 That comes from the Island of Cyprus.  
  
 7‘Embroidered linens from Egypt  
 Serve as your sails and your flags.  
 And from the island of Aeolis  
 You receive the purple and blue  
 That you use to make the clothes that you wear.  
  
 8‘The princes of Sidon and Arvad  
 Come and serve as your oarsmen;  
 And your navigators are their wise men, O Rock.  
  
 9‘The elders among you are scholars  
 Who grow in their powers to direct you.  
 And all the oarsmen for your ships of the seas  
 Come to you from the west.  
  
 10‘Your warriors are Lydians and Persians  
 Who hang their helmets and shields among you…  
 And they also bring you much glory.  
  
 11Sons of Arvad serve as your soldiers  
 And they are stationed around all your walls,  
 As Medes serve in your guard towers…  
 They hang their quivers on your moorings,  
 And they are perfecting your beauty.  
  
 12‘Men from Carthage are also your merchants  
 Who bring you abundance and strength  
 With silver, gold, iron, and brass,  
 And the tin and lead that they sell in your stores.  
  
 13‘The Greeks and the rest of the world,  
 Those from faraway lands,  
 Trade their slaves [in your streets],  
 Along with the brass that they sell.  
  
 14‘From the house of ToGarmah, come horses…  
 Horses and mules they bring to your stores.  
  
 15‘Sons of Rhodes are also your merchants…  
 From the islands, they bring you much trade.  
 And those who bring you your ivory  
 Are paid with the earnings from [slaves].  
  
 16‘There are your great stores of balsam,  
 As well as rolls of purple and linen,  
 Along with colored works out of Carthage,  
 Plus things from RamOth and ChoHor…  
 Yes, all of these things are sold in your stores.  
  
 17‘Judah and IsraEl are also your merchants  
 In the sales of grain and perfumes,  
 As well as the finest of honey,  
 And the olive oil and the lotions  
 That they bring to your stores.  
  
 18‘Damascus too, trades in your wares,  
 And [they also share in] your power.  
 For they bring fine wines in from Helbon,  
 And the best of wool from Miletus.  
  
 19‘Dan, and Javan, as well as MoOzel,  
 Bring their iron to your markets…  
 They add many tools and wheels to your stores.  
 20DeDan too, is your merchant,  
 Providing the choicest of saddles.  
  
 21‘Arabia and the rulers of Cyprus  
 Are merchants trading camels through your hands,  
 As well as the lambs and rams that they bring.  
  
 22‘Other merchants are SheBa and RamAh…  
 Yes, these are also your traders  
 Who bring choice spices and most precious gems,  
 As well as gold to your stores.  
  
 23‘Haran, CalNeh, and Edem  
 Also do trading with you,  
 As do Assyria, SheBa, and ChilMad,  
 24Who bring blue [cloth] and great treasures  
 In [boxes of] cypress bound in rough cords.  
  
 25‘Your many boats serve as your merchants;  
 For they carry an abundance of things to your stores…  
 Filled and weighed down in the seas.  
  
 26‘Your oarsmen row it all into you  
 From [the boats that are blown] by south winds  
 As they sail through the heart of the sea.  
  
 27‘But your armies, your wages, and stores…  
 Your counselors, navigators, and oarsmen,  
 As well as the goods that come from your stores  
 And all the warriors among you,  
 Those who have gathered within you,  
 Will be thrown into the heart of the sea  
 In the day of your downfall.  
  
 28‘Those who navigate will be shaken  
 By the sounds of your outcries…  
 Yes, with fear, they’ll be overcome.  
 29So your oarsmen will abandon their boats,  
 And their captains and crews will flee to dry ground.  
  
 30‘Then, over you, they’ll shout loudly…  
 Yes, over you, they’ll bitterly cry.  
 Upon their heads, they’ll throw dirt  
 And spread ashes as beds for themselves.  
 31They’ll shave their heads and wear sackcloth,  
 And bitterly weep over you.  
  
 32‘Their sons will also lament you  
 And wail for The Rock as they ask:  
  
 ‘Who is as silent as Tyre,  
 There in the midst of the sea?’  
  
 33‘How much wealth you gained from the seas!  
 For the nations are filled with the goods that you sell,  
 And their kings are enriched by your stores.  
  
 34‘But, there in the sea, you’ll lie broken,  
 As your stores are sunk in deep waters,  
 And those gathered there [will be carried away]  
 Along with all of your oarsmen.  
  
 35‘There’ll be gloom in all of the islands for you…  
 Their kings will be startled and amazed,  
 Then tears will burst from their faces.  
  
 36Merchants from the nations will whistle at you;  
 For you [will soon be] destroyed…  
 Throughout the ages, you will be gone.’