

**“Flat Tyre”**  
**Isaiah 23**

**Wailing for Tyre V. 1-14**

Tyre and Sidon were sea ports in Phoenicia. They were surrounded by mountains which formed natural bays ideal for shipping. Their main product they shipped were the Cedars of Lebanon and grain from Egypt. The mainland city was fortified with a 150 foot wall. Tyre was an island city until the siege of Alexander the Great who built a cause way from the mainland to the island which exists still today. The Phoenicians were very wealthy, very skilled seamen, and enjoyed greatly their luxury and revelry. Tarshish (most likely in Spain) was a daughter city to Tyre as many of the Mediterranean port cities were.

**Ezekiel 28:1-10**

V. 1-4 The merchants of Tyre and Sidon hear from their travels that Tyre has fallen and their businesses are bankrupt. They wail and mourn. They look to their sea god Yam and find emptiness. The destruction was from God. It may have been a hurricane, or the conquest of Babylon, either way God’s hand is evident in their fall. **Psalm 48**

V.6-14 The world wails as Tyre’s fall devastates the entire Mediterranean trade. The old party city is no more. The city that birthed other cities and kingdoms is dead. The Babylonian capture of Tyre marks the eminent end to the rest of the Mediterranean nations. **Matthew 6:25-34**

**Tyre’s Turn V. 15-18**

“Seventy Years” – May refer to the seventy years of Babylonian captivity which ended with Cyrus the Persian sending people back to their homeland. However after the Babylonian captivity Tyre did not return to prominence or to God. Seventy may refer to completeness, meaning that after complete judgment they will return to their wealth and serve God.

**Mark 10:17-31**

(“Camel” could be translated cable, “Needle’s Eye” gate, God’s possibilities)

**Application**

### **Discussion Questions**

What are you dependent on in life?

What “good things” distract you from the best?

What impossible things has God made possible in your life?

### **Homework**

**Read *Isaiah Ch. 24***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God’s Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God’s Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God’s Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God’s Word today? Live it out.

**In everything you do this week ask yourself, “Is this a Worshipful thing to God?”**