

Isaiah 23

King James Version (KJV)

23 The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them. (burden= oracle - bad translation) (Tyre was a small rocky island in the Med off the coast of Zidon, where Kenites did their commerce; some believe their ships went as far as the Americas. Without Tyre, the ships of tarshish lose their marketplace)

²Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. (Zidon was a supplier of goods and food to Tyre. Tyre was a trading & commerce capital of the Kenites)

³And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations. (Sihor = the Nile; they shipped grain via the Nile) (Tyre was the merchant of the nations)

⁴Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins. (Tyre will not go on. It will be gone)

⁵As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre. (They will lose their marketplace for all the grain that they exported)

⁶Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.

⁷Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.

⁸Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth? (They deal in merchandise. They establish kings and kingdoms in other nations with their wealth – still going on today – the Rothschild family for example. They honor money, wealth and power; instead of God. They are the kenites)

⁹The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth. (They turn everything upside down. They honor the dishonorable <perversion,

homosexuality, abortion>, and condemn the honorable <Christianity, morals, God Himself>)

¹⁰ Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more strength. (When antichrist goes down, they will be ended)

¹¹ He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong holds thereof. (Tyre was destroyed long ago, and was never re-instated)

¹² And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest. (Chittim = Cypress)

¹³ Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin. (Nebuchadnezzar took Judah, but he never took Tyre. They bribed him with their enormous wealth)

¹⁴ Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste. (The Lord shall lay it to waste. On the Lord's day, earthly riches <what they treasure the most> will be worthless)

¹⁵ And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot. (This is the 70 years that Judah was captive to Nebuchadnezzar. After 70 years, Cyrus took Zidon in 426 BC, but not Tyre. Tyre was like an orphan, without Zidon. It would be Alexander who would finally take Tyre. He built a mound, a road into the sea, to the Island to finally defeat it. It was too well fortified to be taken by sea)

¹⁶ Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. (Tyre was trying to make deals with anyone for help from the coming of Cyrus)

¹⁸ And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing. (Tyre's wealth will be used to feed the people of God)