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Ezekiel

Chapter 26

Greedy Tyre: Scraped to Bare Rock

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 26:3

"Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, as the sea brings up its waves."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 26

This week you will watch a rich, proud city cheer when Jerusalem fell — and then watch God scrape it down to bare rock. Tyre built its life on money, walls and the sea. Let God show you what you are building on, and where He wants to set His glory in your life instead.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Ezekiel study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

“I Shall Be Filled”

READ · EZEKIEL 26:1–6

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did Tyre say about Jerusalem in verse 2, and what does God say He will make Tyre in verses 4–5?

REFLECT

Tyre saw Jerusalem's ruin as a chance to make money (v2). When have you looked at someone else's loss and thought about what you could get out of it?

REFLECT

God says, “Behold, I am against you” (v3). What is it about greed that puts a man on the wrong side of God?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one area where you are tempted to profit from someone else's trouble. Ask God to replace that with a way you can help that person instead.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 26:3)

DAY 2 OF 5

The King of Kings Is Sent

READ · EZEKIEL 26:7–11

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List the weapons and forces Nebuchadnezzar brings against Tyre (vv7–11). Who says "I will bring" him (v7)?

REFLECT

The most powerful king on earth came because God sent him (v7). How does it change things to know that no power over your life — a judge, a boss, a system — is outside God's hand?

REFLECT

Tyre's walls and towers were its pride (vv9–10). What walls have you built to protect yourself, and how have they held up?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray today for the people who hold power over your life by name, and tell God you trust Him above them.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Thrown into the Sea

READ · EZEKIEL 26:12–14

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What happens to Tyre's stones, timbers and debris in verse 12, and what will be heard no more (v13)?

REFLECT

God silenced "the sound of your songs" (v13). What did the music of your old life sound like — the parties, the deals, the noise — and what happened when it stopped?

REFLECT

"You will be built no more, for I the LORD have spoken" (v14). Is there something from your old life God has torn down that you keep trying to rebuild?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one thing from your old life you need to throw "into the water" for good. Tell one trusted brother about it this week.

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DAY 4 OF 5

The Princes Tremble

READ · EZEKIEL 26:15–18

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What do the princes of the sea take off and what do they put on in verse 16? What do they say in their lament (v17)?

REFLECT

Tyre's trading partners trembled because their own security sank with it (vv16–18). Who or what are you leaning on so hard that its fall would leave you shaking?

REFLECT

Tyre once "imposed her terror" on everyone around her (v17). Where have you used fear or intimidation to get your way, and how does Christ's way of strength look different?

RESPOND — TODAY

Take off one 'robe' you wear to look strong — a front, an attitude, a reputation — and be honest with God and one brother about what is underneath.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Glory in the Land of the Living

READ · EZEKIEL 26:19–21

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Where does God bring Tyre in verse 20, and what does He set "in the land of the living" in the same verse?

REFLECT

Tyre went down "to the pit" (v20). When in your life did you feel like you were in the pit, and who or what reached you there?

REFLECT

Tyre would be sought and "never be found again" (v21). How does it feel to know that for a forgiven man, God searches for his sins and does not find them (Jer 50:20)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Thank God out loud for one way He has set His glory in your life since you came up out of the pit, and share it with someone today.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Tyre's greed showed up the moment Jerusalem fell (v2). What does greed look like in men who have very little — on the inside, on the street, or in recovery?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

God's judgment on Tyre came in waves over centuries (vv3, 12, 14). What does that teach us about waiting on God when His promises seem slow?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

God goes from "down to the pit" to "glory in the land of the living" in one verse (v20). How has Christ made that same move in your story?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, guard my heart from greed and from cheering at anyone's fall, and set Your glory in my life by...

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 26:3

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