**Faith Foundations 2023-2024**

**The Book of Ezekiel**

**Session 17—Ezekiel 27-28 (SKIP)**

**In these next two chapters of Ezekiel, God continues His tirade against the nations who opportunistically rose up against His people when He was punishing them. Specifically, He continues to single out the city-state of Tyre for its flagrant idolatry and cruel behavior toward the Israelites. These chapters of Ezekiel take the form of a lament, in which the former splendor of the city is contrasted with the terrible fate that awaits it.**

**1.) Read Ezekiel 27:1-9. How is Tyre described in these verses? Was it a poor or prosperous place?**

**2.) What were some of the factors that led to the economic status of Tyre?**

**3.) Read Ezekiel 27:10-25. With whom did Tyre trade, and what kinds of goods came to it?**

**4.) What kind of a place was Tyre overall? Was it a good place to live?**

**5.) Read Ezekiel 27:26-36. What will happen to all of the ships that conduct Tyre’s trade? What will happen to the people and goods aboard them?**

**6.) How will people react to these calamities that will befall Tyre?**

**7.) How will these calamities affect Tyre itself? Will it ever be the same?**

**8.) Read Ezekiel 28:1-5. How does this passage describe the prince of Tyre? What does he claim about himself?**

**9.) What kinds of things has the prince of Tyre done to provoke God’s wrath?**

**10.) Read Ezekiel 28:6-10. What will God do to the prince of Tyre because of his sins?**

**11.) How will God show that the prince of Tyre’s claims about himself are lies?**

**12.) Read Ezekiel 28:11-15. How does this passage describe the king of Tyre?**

**13.) What do verses 14 and 15 in particular say about the king of Tyre? How should we understand this description?**

**14.) Read Ezekiel 28:16-19. What has God done to the king of Tyre, and why?**

**15.) How will the peoples of the earth react to the king of Tyre now?**

**16.) Read Ezekiel 28:20-24. What nation is Sidon? Where was it located in those days?**

**17.) What will God do to Sidon? What will He accomplish by this action?**

**18.) What will God’s actions do for His people of Israel? What will this show them?**

**19.) Read Ezekiel 28:25-26. What kinds of things does God promise to do for His people?**

**20.) What will God do to Israel’s neighbors, and why? What will this show His people?**

**God had some very harsh words for Tyre and Sidon, as has been the case all throughout the book of Ezekiel. This time, however, God’s wrath was not directed against His own people; it was directed against those who had made them suffer. These words of Law for Israel’s enemies were thus words of Gospel for Israel itself, because they showed that God would not allow anyone to oppress His people forever. He would take vengeance upon Israel’s enemies, and He would lead them to safety, where they would dwell with Him forever. And of course, God has similarly defeated our spiritual enemies of sin, death, and the devil by the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. He shows those enemies no mercy, while forgiving our sins and granting us eternal life with Him. When it’s not directed at us, God’s wrath can thus actually be quite comforting for His faithful people!**