

THE KING OF TYRE I

REPORT FROM THE ILLINOIS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS IN 1925

According to a report of the Illinois Society of Architects in 1925, the cost of Solomon's temple according to existing values would have been about **\$ 87 Billion**. Prices having doubled or more since then, we can estimate the **present-day value would be more than \$174 Billion**.

THE 7 PLUNDERINGS OF SOLOMON'S WEALTH OVER 300 YEARS

1. In the fifth year of Rehoboam, 917 B.C. Shishak, king of Egypt, without any struggle whatever, coming up to Jerusalem, "took away the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. I Kings 14:26, II Chronicles 12:9.
2. Shortly thereafter, Asa (911-871 B.C.) bribed Ben-Hadad the king of Syria, by taking "all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the king's house and delivered them into the hand of the servants of the Syrian king." I Kings 15:18
3. Again during the reign of Jehoram (850-843 B.C.), in an episode about which we know very little, the Arabians and the Philistines "carried away all the substance found in the king's house and his sons also and his wives." II Chronicles 21:16-17
4. For the fourth time within a century and a half after the death of Solomon, the temple treasures were used for bribing a threatening enemy, by Jehoash (837-800 B.C.), who "took all the hallowed thing that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his Father, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and of the king's house, and sent it to Hazael, king of Syria. " II Kings 12:18
5. The fifth occasion involved the King of Israel, Joash (801-786 B.C.). Coming up to Jerusalem, he broke down the western wall for a length of 600 feet, and then "took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house , and hostages also, and returned to Samaria." II Kings 14:13, II Chronicles 25:23
6. While Ahaz was still king, there came up to Jerusalem a mighty king of Assyria, Tiglath-pileser III (745-737 B.C.), to whom Ahaz took "a portion out of the house of Jehovah and out of the house of the king and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria. II Chronicles 28:20- 21.
7. In 605 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, forced into submission Judah's king Jehoiakim. After three years, the king of Judah foolishly revolted and this brought Nebuchadnezzar back to the city for its final destruction. Zedekia II Kings 25:13-16

❖ Ezra brought millions of dollars back after 70 years of captivity.

THE BIRTH OF TYRE - TYRE RECEIVES THE WEALTH OF JERUSALEM

After the plunderings of Jerusalem, the vast wealth of Solomon began to transfer to the infamous city of Tyre. This is the same city in which the devil named himself the "king." Tyre was then known as a conglomeration of all nations for trade, commerce, finance, marketing, merchandising and trafficking. It was the financial capital of the world. Tyre was situated on the Mediterranean Sea, which was often referred to as the Sea of Commerce. The Mediterranean Sea was the import and export center for Rome, Asia Minor - Greece, Egypt and the Nile River, Macedonia and of course Tyre.

Ezekiel 26:2-5

2 Son of man, because that **Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste:**

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee**, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

5 **It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea:** for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

Ezekiel 27:2-3

2 Now, thou son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyrus;

3 And **say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people...**

❖ Exekiel 27:3 L.B. - A merchant center of the world.

❖ Isaiah 23:3

She is a mart of nations K.J., Merchandise mart of the world. L.B.

Market place of the nations. N.I., Merchant of the nations. R.S.

THE KING OF TYRE - "the devil himself"

Ezekiel 28:12-17

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the **king of Tyrus**, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.**

13 **Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering**, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 **Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.**

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 **By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.**

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: **I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.**

THE FALL OF TYRE

In 332 B.C., in the course of his conquest of the East, Alexander appeared before Tyre. The island stronghold closed her gates, and Alexander was forced to build a causeway, and after long months of frustration and vast penetration, he took the city by costly storming. Tyre was broken, and the causeway still remains a place as Ezekiel 26:5 foretold upon which fishermen might dry their nets.

Ezekiel chapters 26 and 27 foretold the destruction of this prominent city through Nebuchadnezzar and Alexander, ending the natural reign of the city, but beginning the spiritual reign of the devil himself, the king of Tyre. This stronghold has been in existence to this day, ruling by default over the wealth of the nations, yet God is waiting for the latter reign.

THE JUDGMENT OF TYRE PROPHESED

Ezekiel 26:2-5

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and **will cause many nations to come up against thee**, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

5 **It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea**: (Ezek 26:14) for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and **it shall become a spoil to the nations**.

Ezekiel 26:7-14, 17

7 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people**.

8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.

9 And **he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers**.

10 **By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach**.

11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

12 And **they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise**: and **they shall break down thy walls**, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and **they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water**. (They - Nebuchadnezzar and Alexander)

13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.

14 And **I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more**: for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

17 And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited of seafaring men, **the renowned city**, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to be on all that haunt it!

Ezekiel 27:2-7, 26-27, 32-34

2 Now, thou son of man, **take up a lamentation for Tyrus;**

3 And say unto Tyrus, O thou **that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles,** Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.

4 Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

5 They have made all thy ship boards of fir trees of Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.

6 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; the company of the Ashurites have made thy benches of ivory, brought out of the isles of Chittim.

7 Fine linen with brodered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered thee.

26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: **the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.**

27 Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, and in all thy company which is in the midst of thee, **shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.**

32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, **What city is like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?**

33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; **thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.**

34 **In the time when thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.**

Isaiah 23:8-11

8 **Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?**

9 **The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.**

10 Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more strength.

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.**

GLOBAL EVANGELISM DURING SOLOMON'S REIGN

1 Kings 8:41-43

41 **Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;**

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) **when he shall come and pray toward this house;**

43 **Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name,** to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

❖ 1 Kings 10:4-5

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was **no more spirit in her.**

❖ 1 Kings 10:23-24

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

24 And **all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom,** which God had put in his heart.

❖ 2 Chronicles 9:22-23

22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And **all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon,** to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

Luke 4:5-8

5 And **the devil, taking him up into a high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.**

6 And the devil said unto him, **All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.**

7 If thou wilt worship me, **all shall be thine.** (John 16:15 All things that the Father hath are mine)

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, **Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**