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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 27

The Shipwreck of Tyre: The Proud Ship

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 27:26

"Your rowers have brought you Into great waters; The east wind has broken you In the heart of the seas."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 27

This week God sings a funeral song over a ship that looked unsinkable. Tyre had the best of everything and left God off the list. Let this chapter show you what you are trusting to keep you afloat, and point you to the Lord who rules the wind and the waves.

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

A Funeral for a Proud City

READ · EZEKIEL 27:1–3

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does God tell Ezekiel to take up over Tyre (v2), and what had Tyre said about itself (v3)?

REFLECT

God ordered a funeral song while Tyre was still rich and alive (v2). Why do you think God warns people before the fall instead of only after?

REFLECT

Tyre said, "I am perfect in beauty" (v3). What part of your life are you most tempted to be proud of right now — even your recovery or your growth?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one thing you have quietly taken credit for. Give thanks to God for it out loud, by name.

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DAY 2 OF 5

Built by the Best

READ · EZEKIEL 27:4–11

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List the materials and the people who built and crewed the ship (vv5–11). Whose wise men were the pilots (v8)?

REFLECT

Tyre had the best wood, sail, crew and soldiers (vv5–11). What did you once believe would keep your life safe — money, a crew, a reputation, a weapon?

REFLECT

Tyre's own wise men steered the ship (v8). Who is at the helm of your life today — you, someone else, or Christ?

RESPOND — TODAY

Ask God to take the helm of one specific decision you are facing this week, and tell a brother what that decision is.

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DAY 3 OF 5

The Manifest

READ · EZEKIEL 27:12–24

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Read the list of nations and goods slowly. What did Javan, Tubal and Meshech pay with (v13), and which two names from God's people are on the list (v17)?

REFLECT

Human beings were traded like bronze (v13). Where have you seen people treated as cargo — in trafficking, in the drug trade, or in the way you once used people?

REFLECT

Thirteen verses of trade and God is never mentioned (vv12–24). If someone read the list of what fills your days, where would God show up on it?

RESPOND — TODAY

Look at how you spent yesterday, hour by hour. Pick one slot this week to give to God on purpose — prayer, Scripture, or serving someone.

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DAY 4 OF 5

The East Wind

READ · EZEKIEL 27:25–27

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How does verse 25 describe the ship just before the storm, and what breaks it in verse 26? What goes down with it (v27)?

REFLECT

The ship was "filled and were very glorious" right before it sank (v25). Why is the moment we feel most secure often the most dangerous?

REFLECT

One wind sank everything at once (vv26–27). What was your "east wind" — the arrest, the relapse, the phone call — and what did God begin to do in you afterward?

RESPOND — TODAY

Thank God for one thing He rescued you out of when your old life went under, and pray for a man who is still in the storm.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Mourning on the Shore

READ · EZEKIEL 27:28–36

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What signs of mourning do the sailors show (vv30–31), and what question do they ask in their lament (v32)?

REFLECT

The kings were "horribly afraid" (v35) — mostly for their own profits. When you grieve a loss, how much of it is about what it cost you?

REFLECT

Tyre would "cease to be forever" (v36), but Christ calmed the wind and the sea (Mark 4:39–41). What storm do you need to bring to Him today?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name your storm in one sentence and pray it to Jesus, asking Him to be on board in it.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Tyre's boast (v3) and Tyre's sinking (v26) are only a few verses apart. How have you seen pride and a fall come close together in your own life or in men you know?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Judah and Israel were trading partners with Tyre (v17). Where are believers today too comfortable doing business with a world that leaves God out?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

What would it look like, practically, for a man in this group to 'see to it that Christ is on board' this week, as Meyer put it (vv26–27)?

MY PRAYER

Lord of the wind and the sea, You see what I am building and what I am trusting, so I ask You to...

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 27:26

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