

What did God have against Tyre?

Who has planned this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants were princes, whose traders were the honored of the earth? Isaiah 23:8

Isaiah Ch. 23 (see also Ezekiel 26-28)

Who or what was Tyre (and Sidon)?

- Geography: _____
 - 23:1-7: Tarshish, the “coastlands.” _____
 - 2 cities: _____
- History: _____
 - The ancient Phoenicians: _____
 - The Hebrew influence: _____
 - The influence of Phoenicia on the world: _____
 - The invasions:
 - Assyria under Shalmaneser V, 724-720 BC, under Sennacherib, 701 BC, under Esarhaddon and Ashurbanipal, 672-673 BC.
 - 605 BC, Babylon defeats Assyria.
 - Mainland Tyre, Sidon captured and burned, but the island is never surrendered.
 - 332 BC, Tyre finally falls to Alexander.
 - 48 BC, surrender to Rome.
- Great names:
 - Hiram I: _____
 - Ethbaal: Priest king, _____
 - Jezebel: _____
- 23:8-12, The desire of nations.
 - Wealth through mercantilism: _____
 - Its glory spread through the world: _____
- The accumulation of wealth:
 - In concert with God’s plans: _____
 - Part of the “promised land,” _____
 - Building the Temple, _____
 - In spite of God’s plans: _____
 - Selling out the children of the Promise, _____
 - Forgetting the Source of blessing, _____

What is Tyre? What does it represent today?

- Commerce and enterprise, _____
- Expansion and growth, capital imperialism, _____
- **Its Not all bad:**
 - God never judged commerce and trade in a vacuum. _____
 - Work nearly always involves commercial enterprise. _____
- **But when its bad . . .**
 - It sells out, _____
 - Its own principles, _____
 - The “children”, _____
 - The “**Almost God.**” Ezekiel 28: 2, 9-16. _____
 - It becomes the **dark power.** _____
 - **The Rules of Tyre.**
 - Trade and profit, “what’s in it for me.”
 - Expediency, “get out when the market dries up.”
 - “*Laissez faire, laissez aller, laissez passer*” “*Let do, let go, let pass.*” _____
- **What does God say about all this?**
 - 23: 9, 15-18
 - God: “I was the source of your success.”
 - Tyre: “The market (our god) is elsewhere.”
 - God: “I will close your doors (gates).”
 - Tyre: “We will plunder and sell our former ally.”
 - God: “When I am done with you, you will look like an old prostitute, and I will take even your prostitutes wages and give them to others.”
- **Where is the Church of Jesus Christ in all of this today?**
 - What is our impact on the world of commerce?
 - _____
 - What is the impact of the world of commerce on the Church?
 - _____

Drop by drop our cup is being filled, but with what?