

Oracles Against Foreign Nations (OAN)

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Ethiopia (Cush)		18:1-7 20:1-6		2:12			
Edom	1:11-12	21:11-12 (Dumah)			49:7-22	25:12-14 32:29 35:1-15 (Mt.Seir)	vv.1-21
Kedar & Hazor					49:28-33		
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Tyre	1:9-10	23:1-18				26:1-21 27:1-37 28:1-10 28:11-19	
Sidon						28:20-23 32:30	
Damascus (Syria)	1:3-5	17:1-14			49:23-27		
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Assyria		10:5-19 14:24-27	chs. 1-3 (Nineveh)	2:13-15		31:1-17 32:22-23	
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Damascus / Syria

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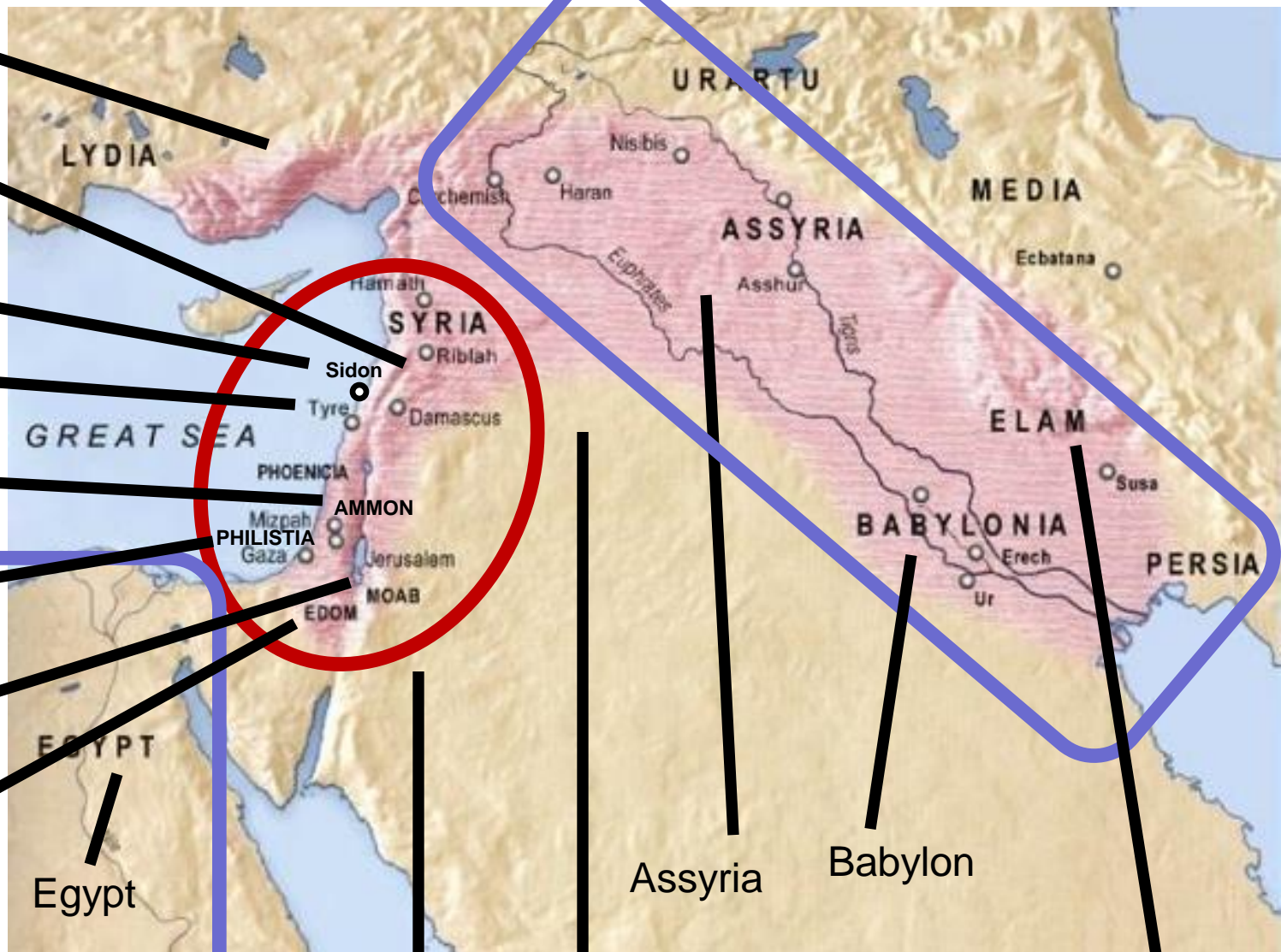
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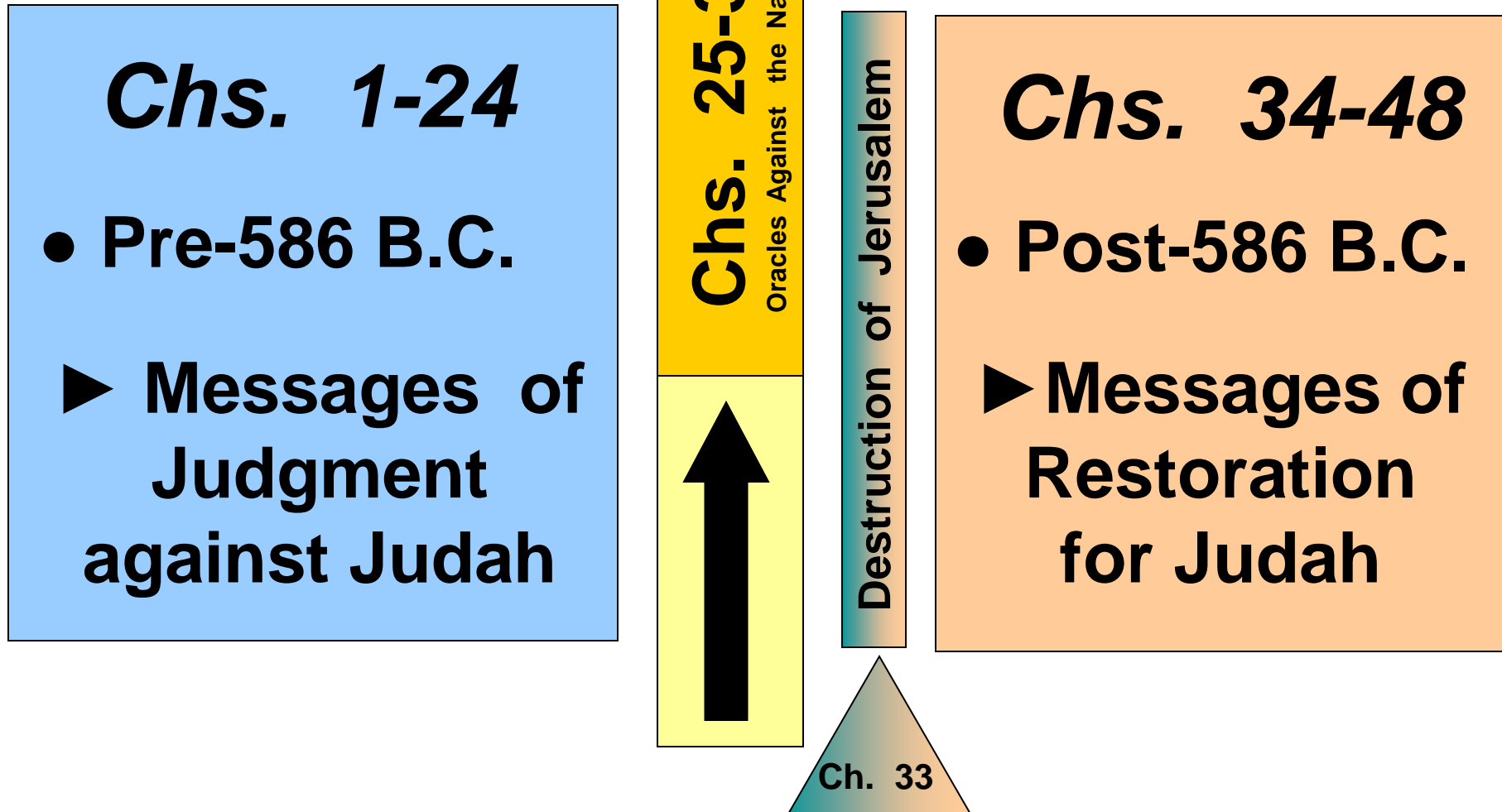
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Haran

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Euphrates

Book of Ezekiel: Structure



Ezek 26:1 – 28:19

Prophecies against Tyre

26:1-21

27:1-37

28:1-10

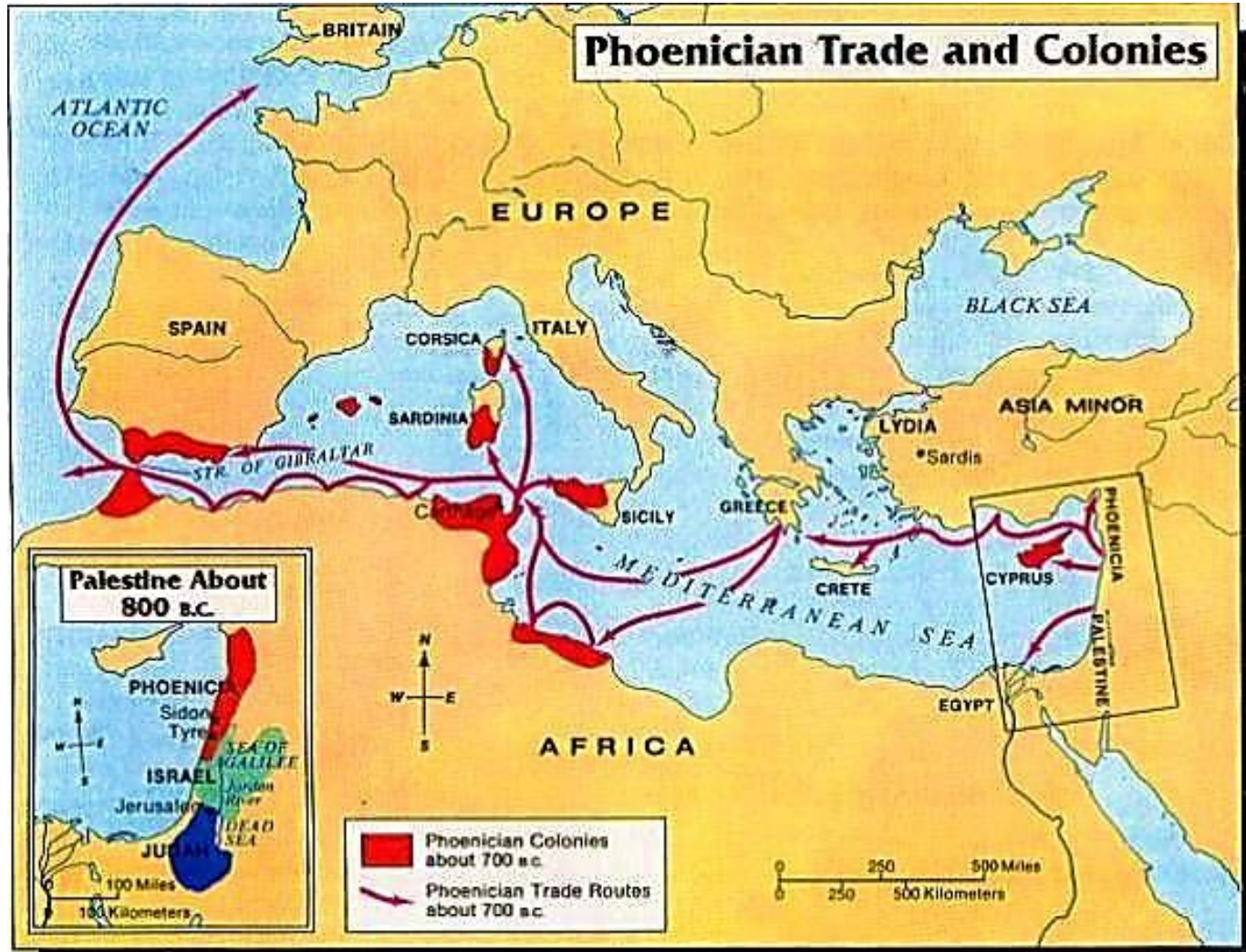
28:11-19

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28:20-23



Phoenicians were the dominant Seafarers of the Mediterranean during Biblical Times (c. 1000 – 400 B.C.)

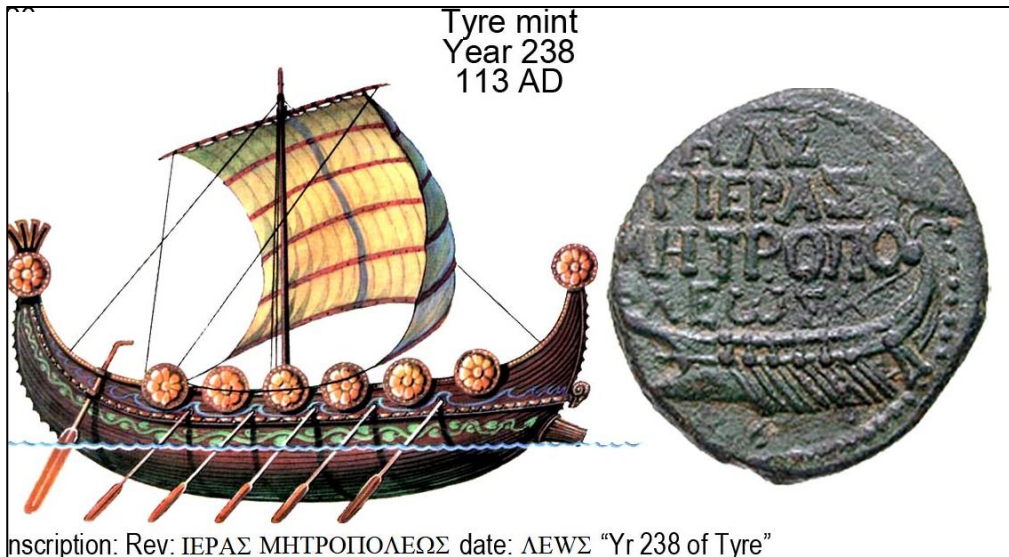




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Tyre mint
Year 238
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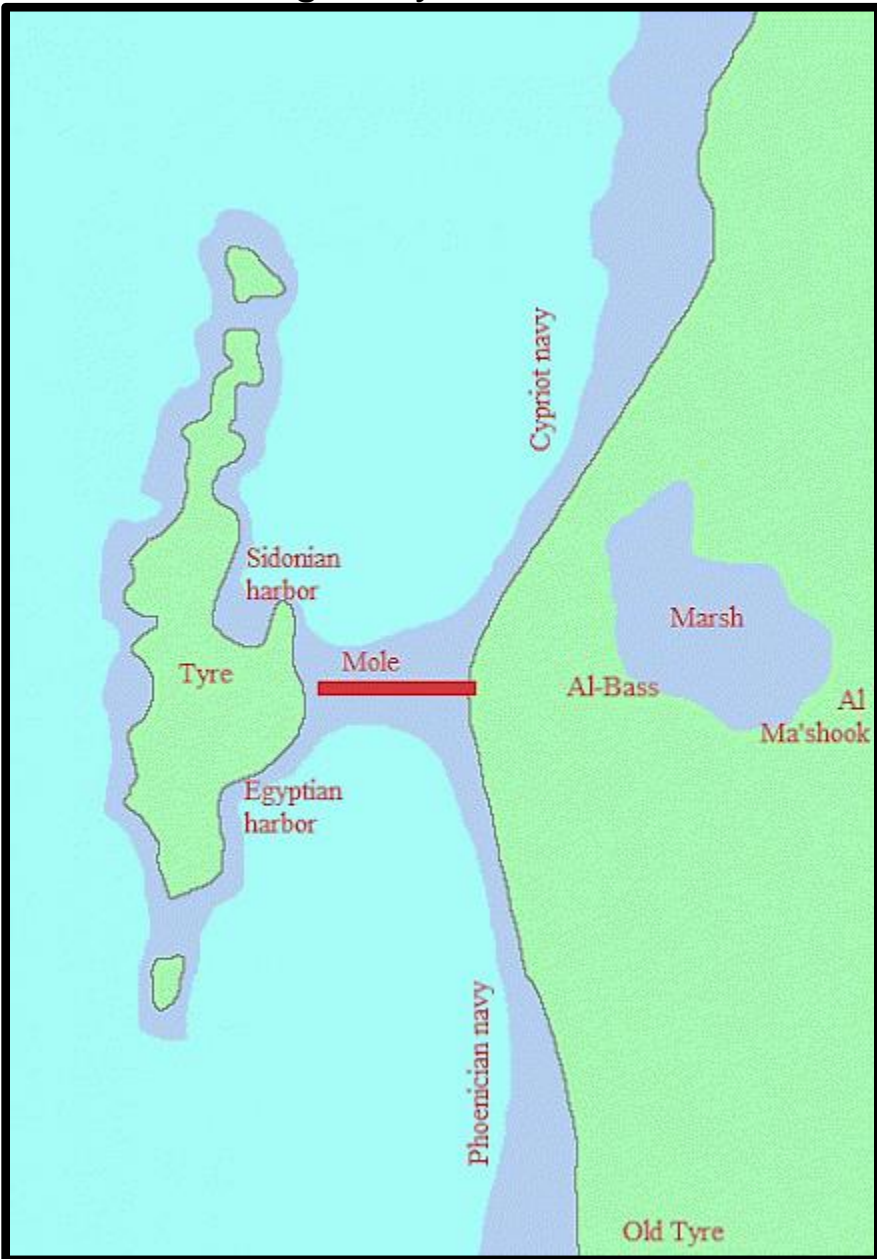
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Tyre c. 333 B.C.

when beseiged by Alexander the Great



Tyre modern city



<http://www.earthspots.com/SpotImages/1211/LebanonTyre.jpg>

Ezekiel 27 (TEV)

1 The LORD said to me,
2 “Human, sing a funeral song for Tyre,
3 that city which stands at the edge of the sea
and does business with the people living on every seacoast.
Tell her what the Lord GOD is saying:



3b "Tyre, you boasted of your perfect beauty.

4 Your home is the sea.

Your builders made you like a beautiful ship;



**Double shekel of
Ba'alshallim II,
(c. 386-372 B.C.)**

5 They used fir trees from Mount Hermon for timber and a cedar from Lebanon for your mast.



6 They took oak trees from Bashan to make oars;
they made your deck out of pine from Cyprus
and inlaid it with ivory.

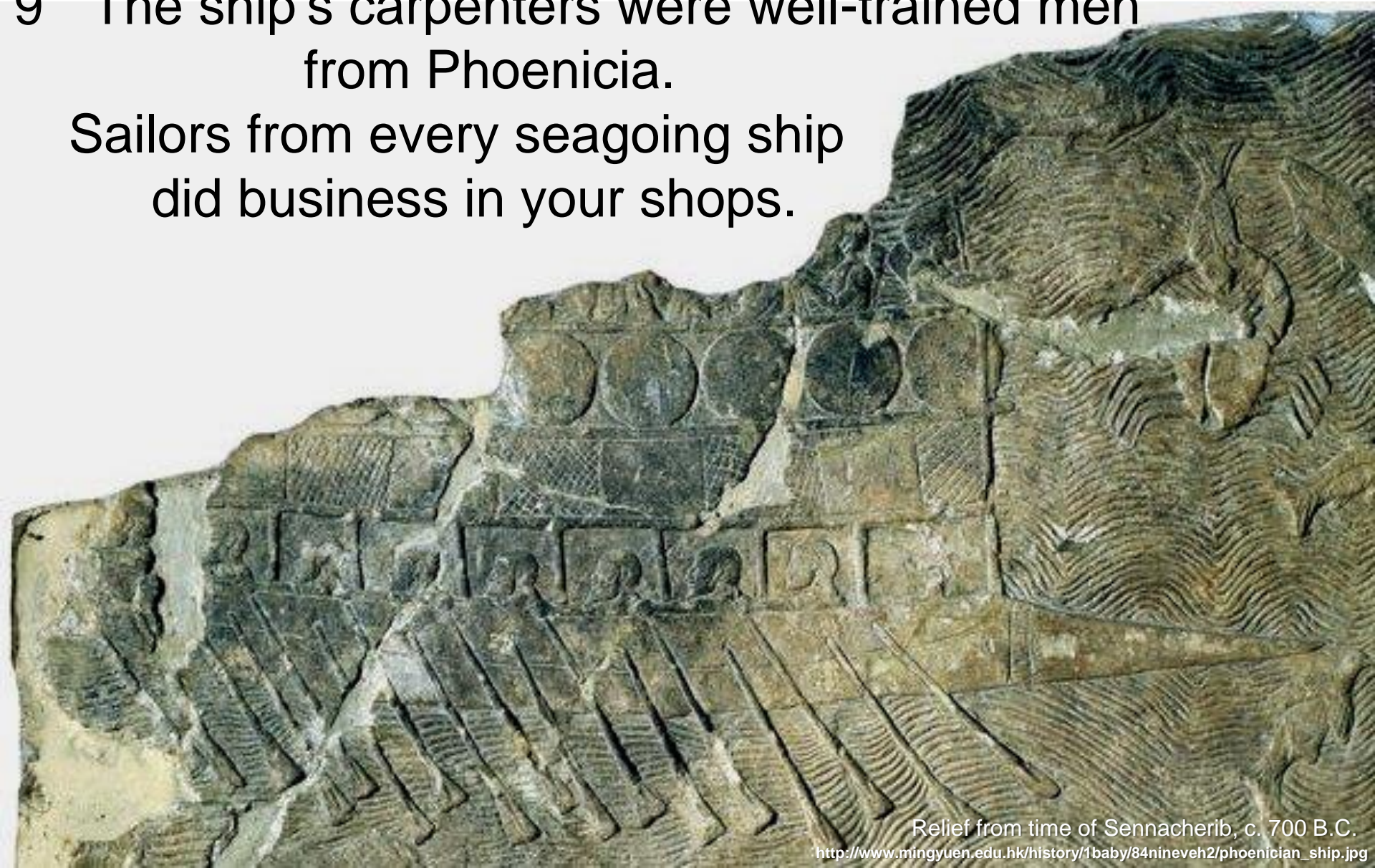


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Your sails were made of linen,
embroidered linen from Egypt,
easily recognized from afar.
Your awnings were made of finest cloth,
of purple from the island of Cyprus.



- 8 Your oarsmen were from the cities of Phoenicia.
Your own skillful men were the sailors.
- 9 The ship's carpenters were well-trained men
from Phoenicia.
- Sailors from every seagoing ship
did business in your shops.



10 Soldiers from Persia, Asia Minor, and North Africa
served in your army.

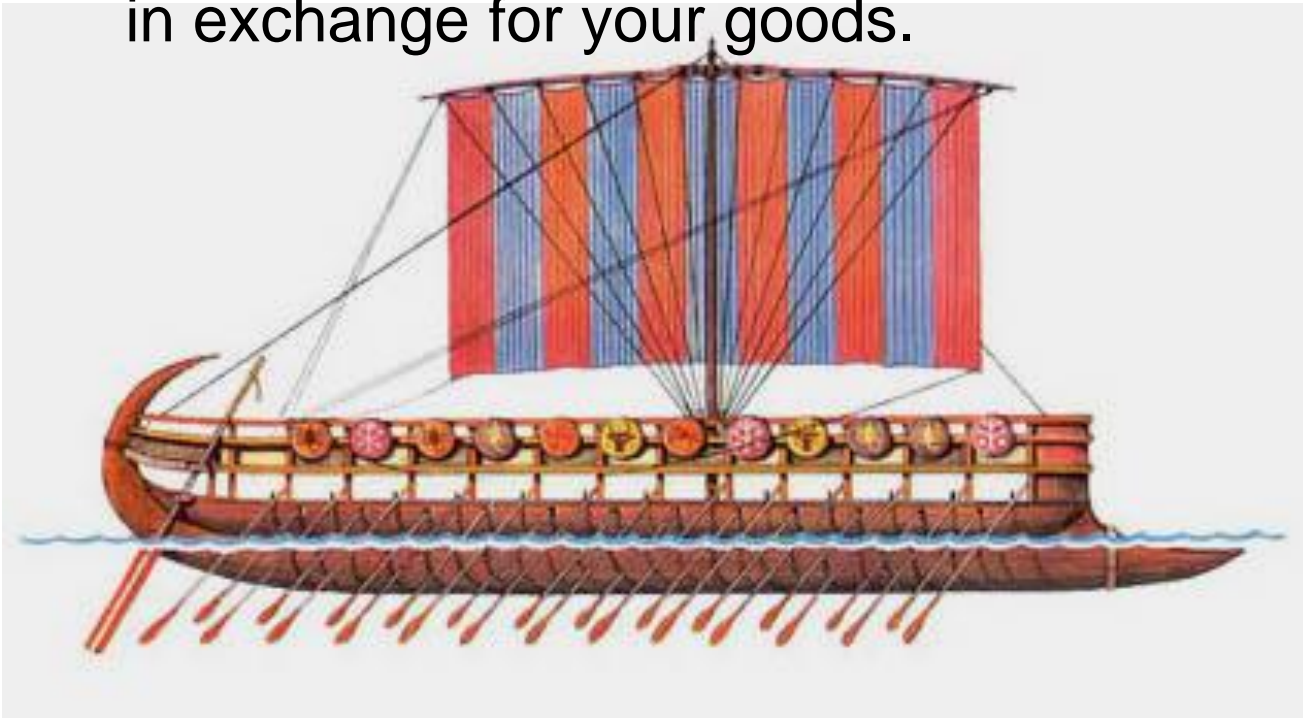
They hung their shields and their helmets in your barracks.
They are the men who won glory for you.

11 Soldiers from Phoenicia
guarded your walls,
and troops from Gamad
guarded your towers.
They hung their shields
on your walls.
They are the ones
who made you beautiful.



Relief : Sennacherib (704-681 B.C.) at Nineveh

- 12 You did business in Spain
and took silver, iron, tin, and lead in payment
for your abundant goods.
- 13 You did business in Greece, and Asia Minor,
and traded your goods for slaves and for articles of bronze.
- 14 You sold your goods for workhorses, war-horses,
and mules from northern Asia Minor.
- 15 The people of India traded with you;
people of many coastal lands gave you ivory and ebony
in exchange for your goods.



16 The people of Syria bought your merchandise
and your many products.

They gave emeralds, purple cloth, embroidery,
fine linen, coral, and rubies
in payment for your wares.

17 Judah and Israel paid for your goods
with wheat, honey, olive oil, and spices.

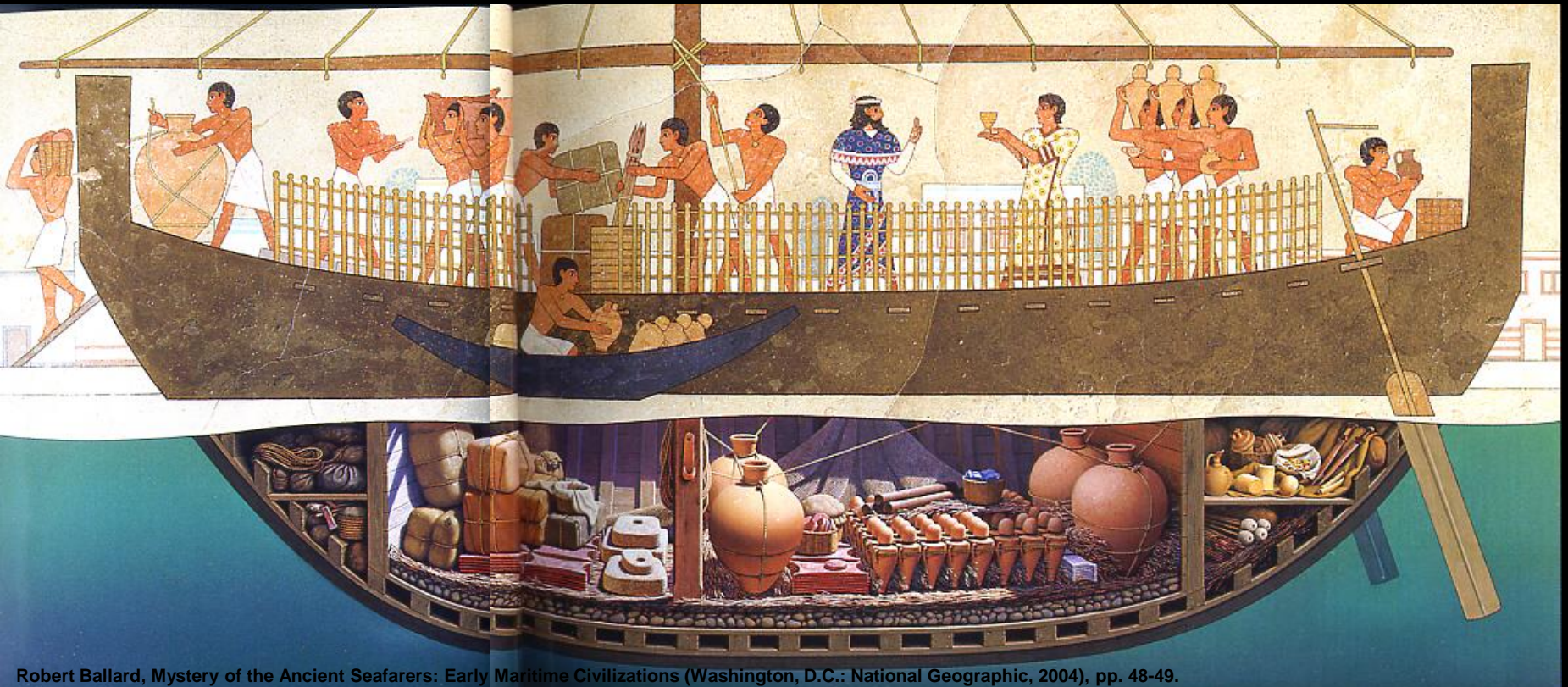
18 The people of Damascus
bought your merchandise and your products,
paying for them with wine and wool.
They traded wrought iron and spices
for your goods.



- 20 The people of Arabia traded saddle blankets for your goods.
- 21 The Arabians and the rulers of the land of Kedar
paid for your merchandise with lambs, sheep, and goats.
- 22 For your goods the merchants of South Arabia
traded jewels, gold, and the finest spices.



- 23 The cities of northern Mesopotamia,
the merchants of southern Arabia,
the cities of Assyria
—they all traded with you.
- 24 They sold you luxurious clothing, purple cloth, and embroidery,
brightly colored carpets, and well-made cords and ropes.
- 25 Your merchandise was carried in fleets of the largest cargo ships.
You were like a ship at sea, loaded with heavy cargo.



**26 When your oarsmen brought you out to sea,
an east wind wrecked you far from land.**

**27 All your wealth of merchandise,
all the sailors in your crew,**

**your ship's carpenters
and your merchants,
every soldier**

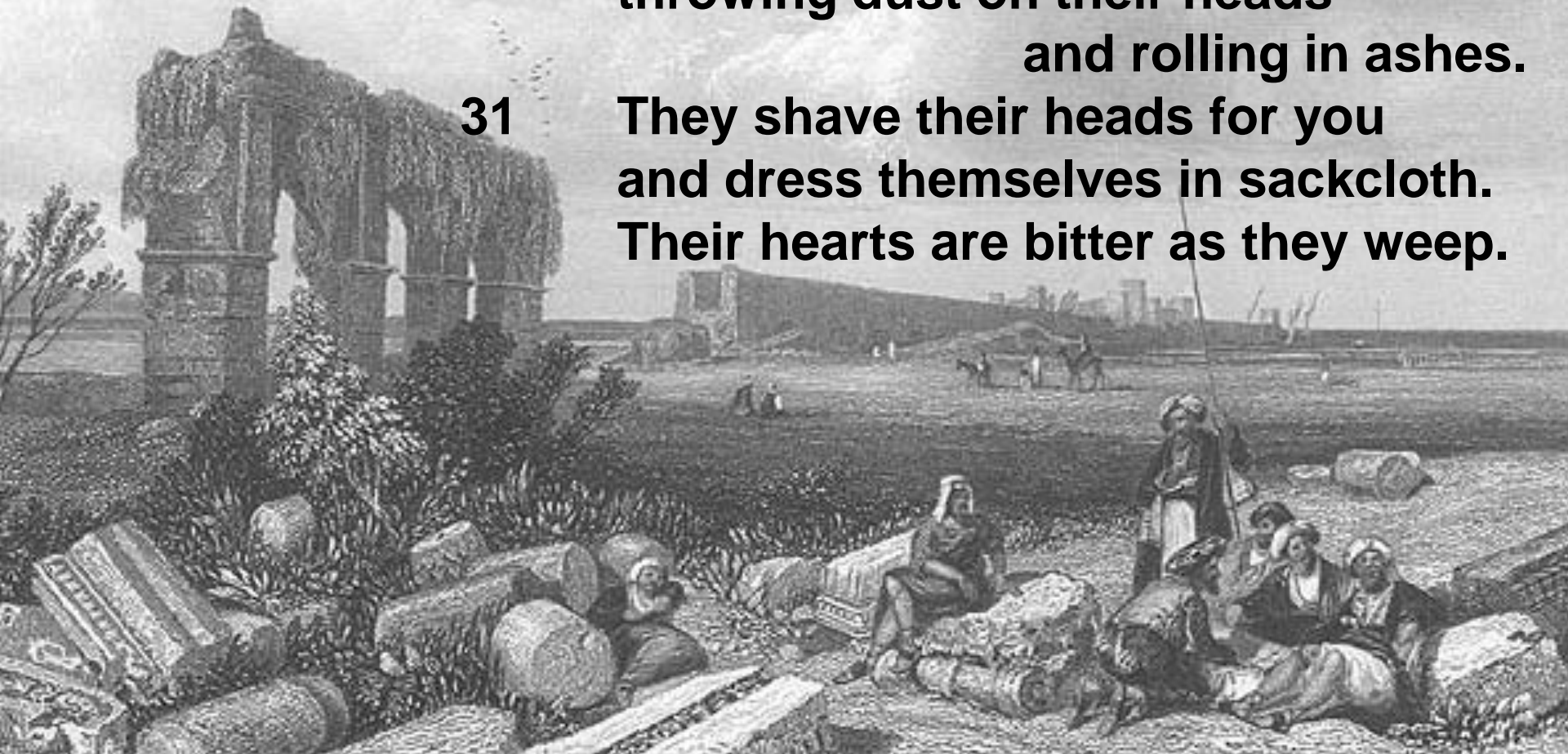
**on board the ship
— all, all were lost**

at sea

**when your ship
was wrecked.**



- 28** The shouts of the drowning sailors
echoed on the shore.
- 29** Every ship is now deserted,
and every sailor has gone ashore.
- 30** They all mourn bitterly for you,
throwing dust on their heads
and rolling in ashes.
- 31** They shave their heads for you
and dress themselves in sackcloth.
Their hearts are bitter as they weep.



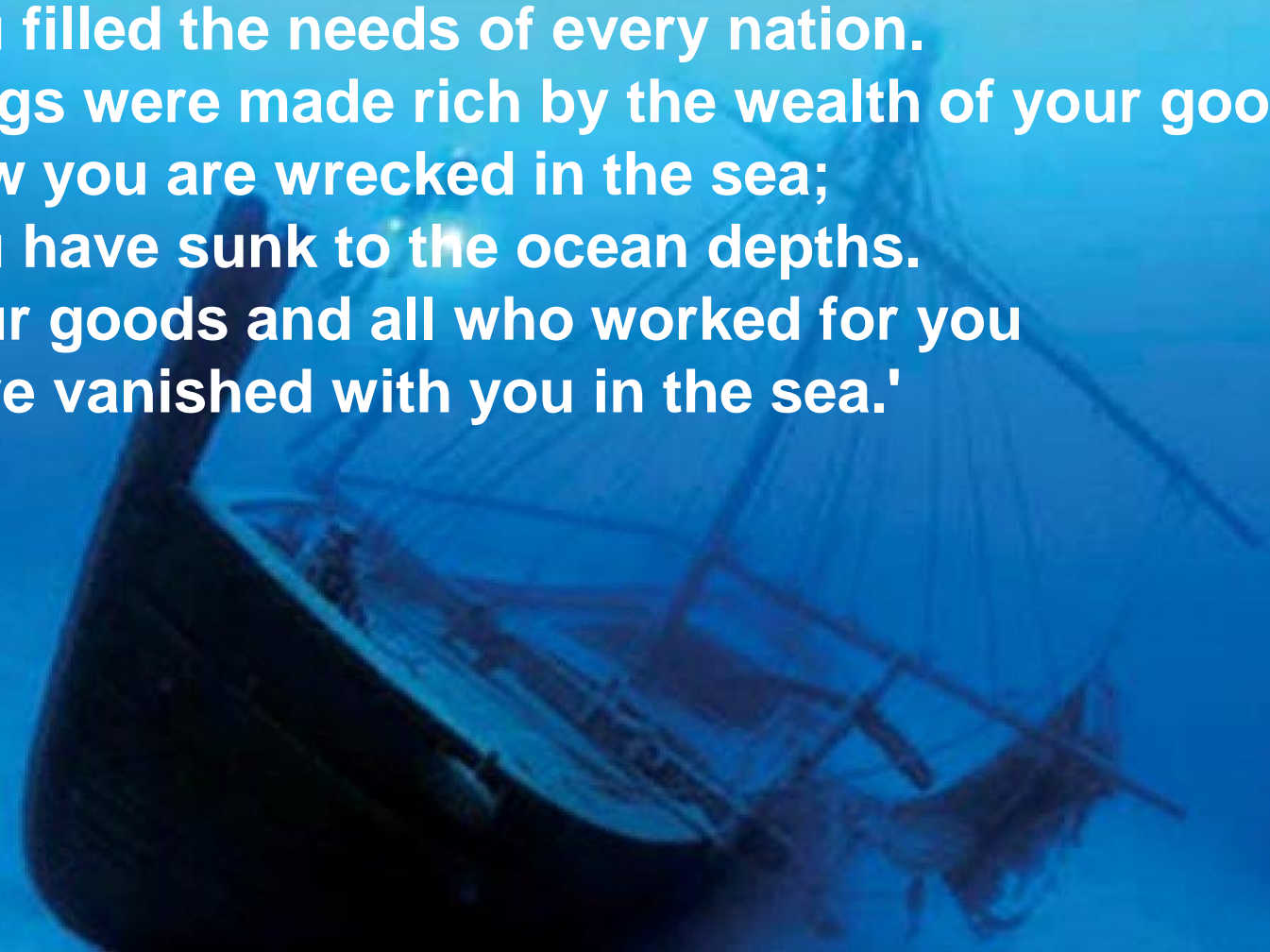
32 They chant a funeral song for you:

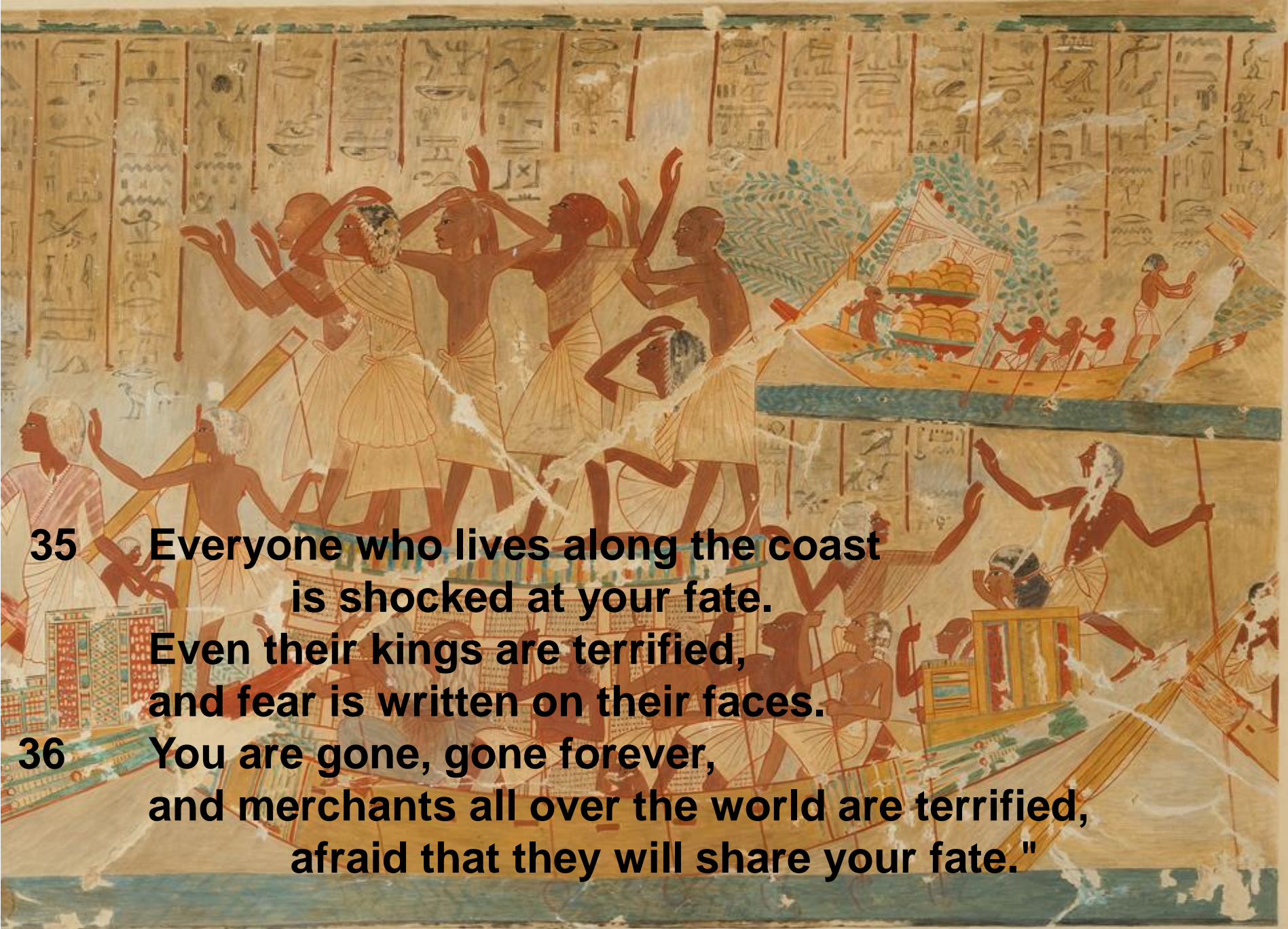
**"Who can be compared to Tyre,
to Tyre now silent in the sea?"**

**33 When your merchandise went overseas,
you filled the needs of every nation.**

Kings were made rich by the wealth of your goods.

**34 Now you are wrecked in the sea;
you have sunk to the ocean depths.
Your goods and all who worked for you
have vanished with you in the sea.'**





35 Everyone who lives along the coast
is shocked at your fate.

Even their kings are terrified,
and fear is written on their faces.

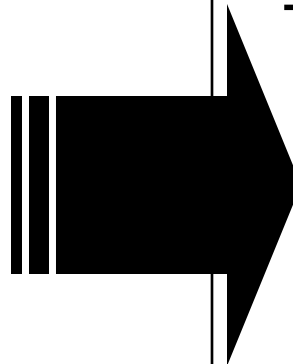
36 You are gone, gone forever,
and merchants all over the world are terrified,
afraid that they will share your fate."

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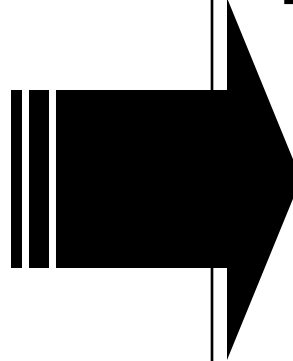
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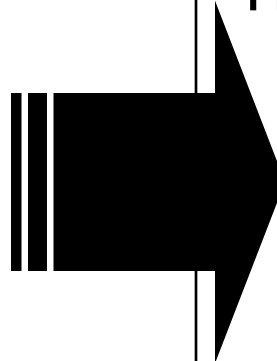
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(Non-Covenant,
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**What are the key
"Indictments /
Accusations of Sins"
against the Nations
for which God Judges
the Nations?**

Ezekiel 28 –oracle against Tyre (KGF)

1 The word of Yahweh was to me, saying,

2 “Human, say to the leader of Tyre,

'Thus says the Lord Yahweh,

**"Because your heart is lifted up
and you have said,**

'I am a god;

***(in) I seat of the gods / God, I sit
in the heart of the seas';***

**And (yet) you are a human and not a god,
and (yet) you have made your heart
like the heart of God/gods—**

Accusation of Sin

4 **By your wisdom and understanding
you have made for yourself riches
and have made gold and silver in your treasuries.**

5 **By the abundance of your wisdom, by your trade
you have made abundant your riches,
and your heart is lifted up because of your riches—**

6 Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh,

Accusation of Sin

'Because your placing your heart like the heart of God/gods,

7 Therefore, behold, I will bring strangers against you,

--the most ruthless of the nations--

and they will draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom
and they will defile your splendor.

8 To the pit, they will bring you down,
and you will die the deaths of the slain
in the heart of the seas.

Judgment

9 **Will you still say, "A God I am,"**
in the presence of your slayer?

When you are a human and not a god
in the hand of the one slaying you?

10 The death of the uncircumcised, you will die,
by the hand of strangers,
for I have spoken!

--declaration of the Lord Yahweh.

Ezekiel 28 (KGF)

11 And the word of Yahweh was to me, saying:

12 Human, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre
and you shall say to him,

‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

You were the seal of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect of beauty.

15a You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created

15b until unrighteousness was found in you.

16a In the abundance of your trade,
you were filled in your midst with violence,
and (thus) you sinned; . . .

Accusation of Sin

17a Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty;
You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.

18 By the abundance of your iniquities,
in the unrighteousness of your trade
you profaned your sanctuaries.

And (so) I have brought out fire from your midst;
it has consumed you,
and I have made you into ashes on the earth
in the eyes of all who see you.

Judgment

19 All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you;
calamities you have become,
and you will not be forevermore.

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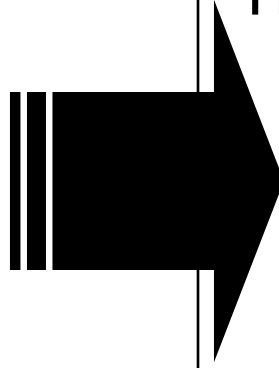
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