

## A Prophecy about Tyre - Isaiah 23:1-18

*Topics:* Abundance, Forget, Glory, Greed, Grief, Humility, Leadership, Mourning, Plans, Pride, Punishment, Remembering, Shame, Silence, Wealth

### Open It

1. In your opinion what might be the biggest advantages of being wealthy?
- \* 2. How do you think sharing is valued in our society?

### Explore It

3. What was the “glory” of the kingdom of Tyre, which Isaiah predicted would become useless to them? (23:1)
4. What were some of the wares that were traded by the ships of Tyre? (23:2-3)
5. Why would Egypt be in anguish over the absence of the “sons and daughters of the sea” (ships of Tyre and Sidon)? (23:4-5)
- \* 6. What were some of the titles given to the kingdom of Tyre at its height? (23:6-8)
- \* 7. Why did Isaiah say the Lord planned to destroy Tyre? (23:9)
8. Why would the former seafaring kingdom of Tyre need to turn to agriculture? (23:10-11)
9. How did God say that the people of Tyre would be acting at the time He judged them? (23:12)
10. What kingdom did Isaiah say that Tyre and Sidon should fear? (23:13-14)
11. How long did Isaiah predict that Tyre would be devastated? (23:15)
12. What would God do for the kingdom of Tyre after seventy years? (23:16-17)
- \* 13. What would be different about the attitudes and purposes of Tyre before and after God’s judgment? (23:18)

### Get It

14. Why might Israel and Judah have been tempted to see Tyre as a source of help against other enemies?
15. What parallels do you see in modern society concerning Tyre’s abuse of its material wealth?
- \* 16. What does God intend for us to do when we have opportunities to enrich ourselves through making money?
- \* 17. Why would God target the very possessions or activities that cause a nation to prosper?
18. Under what circumstances is it possible for us to use wealth to do good in God’s sight?

### Apply It

- \* 19. When can you prayerfully write out the reasons you make money and acquire things?
20. What creative way can you think of to glorify God this month out of your material resources?