

## THE PROPHECY OF TYRE

In **Ezekiel 26-28**, we have a fascinating, detailed prophecy of the fall of the ancient port city of Tyre.

First of all, Ezekiel says what Nebuchadnezzar would do to the city (**26:7-11**). Indeed, the king of Babylon invaded the city of Tyre and destroyed it as he did to many cities, including Jerusalem.

Notice carefully the distinction between **verses 7-11** where it says what "*he*" (Nebuchadnezzar) would do and the change in **verse 12** to what "*they*" would do. "*They*" are someone different, not the Babylonians.

Even though the Babylonians destroyed the city of Tyre, a good number of the Phoenicians escaped to the island stronghold just off the coast from the city. Babylon was not a naval power and could not successfully overthrow the remainder of Tyre on the island.

250 years later, the Greeks under Alexander the Great attempted to take the island but had great difficulty. They resolved the problem by taking the debris of the old city and throwing it into the sea to build a causeway in order to make a land attack on the island just as **verse 12** says. The permanently changed coastline and the sight of fishermen drying their nets there is proof of the inspiration of **Ezekiel 26:12-14**.

We can trust the Bible in prophecy, history, and in spiritual matters.