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The Timeline for Tyre



Without a timeline, the chronology of events for **Tyre** is somewhat difficult to understand. Therefore, I have included this timeline for clarification.

- In the days of Abraham, the Babylonians overrun **Tyre**.
- Therefore, **Tyre** moves its city from the mainland to a half mile off shore.
- During **Isaiah's day**, Assyria was a dominant world power and would conquer the northern kingdom of Isra'el and come very close to conquering the southern kingdom of Judah. Sargon II (721 to 705 BC) and Sennacherib (704 to 681 BC), kings of Assyria, tried for fourteen years to conquer Tyre, but were unsuccessful. **Tyre is said by Josephus to have been founded 240 years before Solomon built his Temple in Jerusalem (Antiquities, VIII. iii. D). Its antiquity is also attested to by the classical historians, Herodotus and Strabo.**
- During **Jeremiah's day**, 115 years later, Babylon had defeated the Assyrians to become the dominant world power. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon captured and destroyed **Tyre** after 13 years.
- Babylon, being the dominant world power, destroyed both **Tyre** and Judah, sending both into exile for 70 years (see the commentary on **Jeremiah Gu - Seventy Years of Imperial Rule**).
- After 70 years, **God** restores both **Tyre** and Judah. **Tyre** arises to rebuild her trade and Judah arises to rebuild her Temple. During this time **ADONAI** allows the ships of **Tyre** to bring the cedars of Lebanon to the port of Joppa to be used to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. At that point, **the LORD allows some of the merchandise of Tyre to become holy, or set apart for ADONAI.**
- In 332 BC, or about **370 years after Isaiah's prophecy**, Alexander the Great

accomplishes the devastation of **Tyre** forever.