

OUR FELLOWSHIP IN THE WORD
Schedule for July 3-9, 2017

EZEKIEL

- MON** CH. 26: Tyre's pride in her economic strength prompted her to see Judah's destruction as a business opportunity; she would attempt to profit from Judah's downfall. For her arrogance, the LORD pronounced that the Babylonians would raze Tyre, and the sea, her source of commerce, would swallow her up.
- TUE** CH. 27: The sad fact was that, while Tyre had the best that money could buy and was the darling of the nations in trade, her money and reputation cannot prevent her demise. The repercussions of her fall in the region would be widespread, and her business partners would mourn her passing.
- WED** CH. 28: The prince of Tyre was a self-made man who regarded himself as a god. The LORD will judge him for his idolatrous pride. His downfall is described as falling from paradise, like a cherub falling from God's mountain in unrighteousness. Tyre's neighbor Sidon will also be punished; then they will know that the LORD is God. When the LORD gathers Israel, they will know he is the LORD, their God.
- THU** CH. 29: In this prophecy, Egypt is like a Nile crocodile that the LORD hooks and drags to an open field to be picked apart by the nations; her allies will be disappointed. Because of her arrogance, the LORD will give Egypt to Babylon as the spoils of war. Still, the LORD would restore Egypt, but to a humble state.
- FRI** CH. 30: Ezekiel is to tell Egypt that a sword is coming against them. Babylon will decimate the Egyptian army, render her leaderless, and destroy her idols. Egypt was a weakening super-power (signified by the one broken arm), and the LORD promises to finish the job. Babylon He will strengthen.
- SAT** CH. 31: Having been instructed to speak against Egypt, Ezekiel is to now speak specifically to the Pharaoh. Pharaoh should look at what happened to Assyria and know that it will happen to his nation. Assyria was like a great cedar proud in its beauty, stature and reach, but God toppled it. Egypt, too, will be cut down in shame by Babylon's sword.
- SUN** CH. 32: As in chapter 29, Egypt is like a sea beast to be picked apart by birds. Egypt is added to the lament for the nations Babylon conquered: *"you shall be broken and lie among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword."* This will be a comfort to Pharaoh; misery loves company!