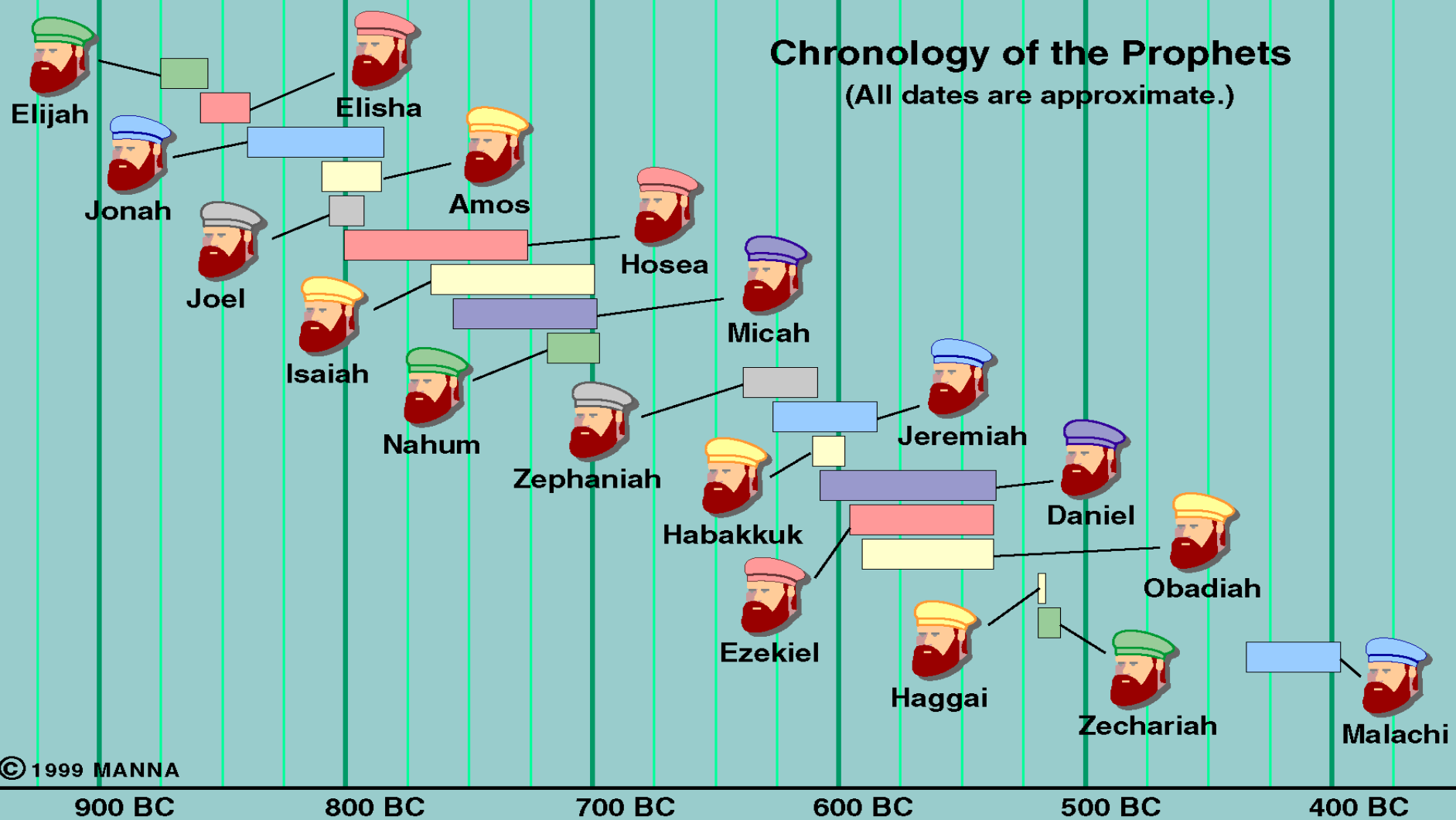


An aerial photograph of an ancient city built on a narrow island or peninsula. The city features a prominent circular harbor on the left side, surrounded by high, dark stone walls. The rest of the city is densely packed with buildings and structures. The surrounding water is a deep blue, and the land is a mix of brown and green, suggesting a semi-arid environment. The overall scene is a historical reconstruction or a well-preserved archaeological site.

Tyre and Sidon in Prophecy

Chronology of the Prophets

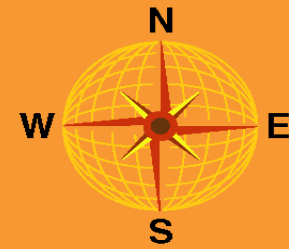
(All dates are approximate.)



Phoenicia



Great Sea
(Mediterranean)



Ezekiel 26:1-14

“In the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me: 2 “Son of man, because Tyre said concerning Jerusalem, ‘Aha, the gate of the peoples is broken; it has swung open to me. I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste,’ 3 therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will bring up **many nations against you**, as the sea brings up its waves. 4 They **shall destroy the walls of Tyre** and break down her towers, and I will **scrape her soil from her and make her a bare rock**. 5 She shall be **in the midst of the sea** a place for **the spreading of nets**, for I have spoken, declares the Lord God. And she shall become plunder for the nations, 6 and her daughters on the mainland shall be killed by the sword. Then they will know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel 26:1-14

““For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will bring against Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, with horses and chariots, and with horsemen and a host of many soldiers. 8 He will kill with the sword your daughters on the mainland. He will set up a siege wall against you and throw up a mound against you, and raise a roof of shields against you. 9 He will direct the shock of his battering rams against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers. 10 His horses will be so many that their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake at the noise of the horsemen and wagons and chariots, when he enters your gates as men enter a city that has been breached.”

Ezekiel 26:1-14

“With the hoofs of his horses **he** will trample all your streets. **He** will kill your people with the sword, and your mighty pillars will fall to the ground. 12 **They** will plunder your riches and loot your merchandise. **They** will **break down your walls** and destroy your pleasant houses. **Your stones and timber and soil they will cast into the midst of the waters.** 13 And I will stop the music of your songs, and the sound of your lyres shall be heard no more. 14 **I will make you a bare rock. You shall be a place for the spreading of nets. You shall never be rebuilt,** for I am the Lord; I have spoken, declares the Lord God.”

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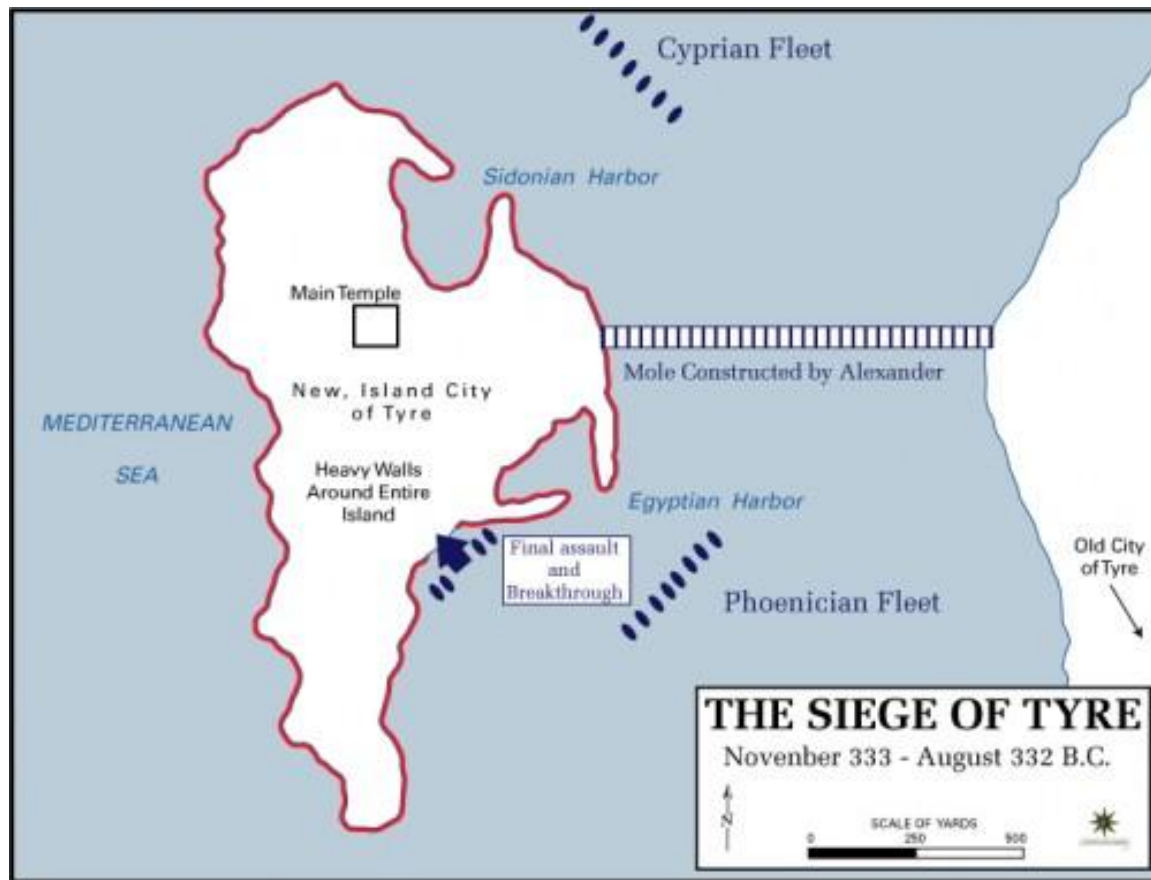
- Fulfillment in the Babylonian period.
- According to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*,
 - “After a 13-year siege by Nebuchadnezzar II, Tyre made terms and acknowledged Babylonian suzerainty.”
 - This siege occurred between 585-572 B.C.

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- Fulfillment in the Greek period.
 - Tyre opposed Alexander the Great when he came in 332 B.C.
 - The city of Tyre was on an island $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from shore, and the current walls on the mainland side of the island reached 150 feet high.
- So, how did Alexander engineer a way to victory?

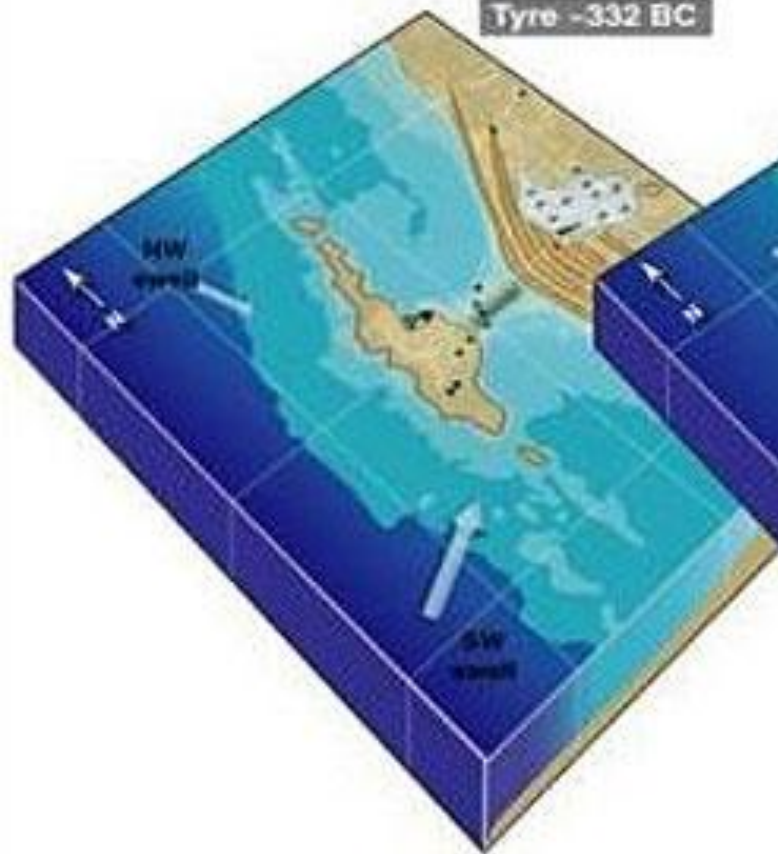


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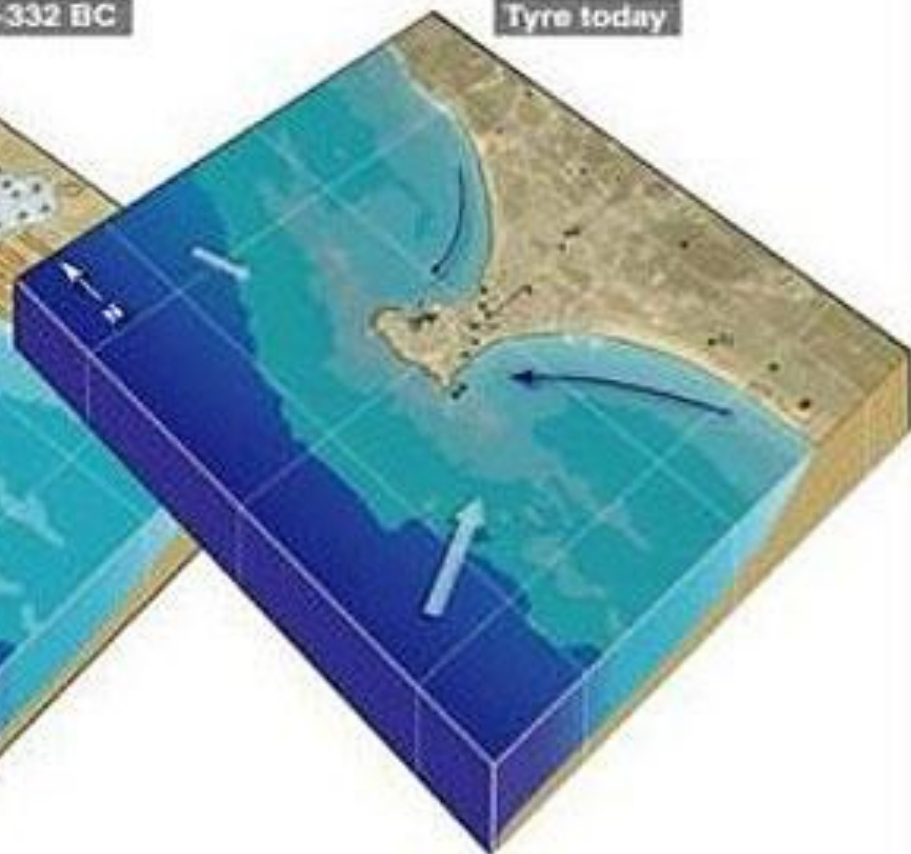
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Tyre -332 BC



Tyre today



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Tyre Vs. Sidon

- Ezekiel 28:20-24,

“The word of the Lord came to me: 21 “Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against her 22 and say, Thus says the Lord God:

“Behold, I am against you, O Sidon,
and I will manifest my glory in your midst.

And they shall know that I am the Lord
when I execute judgments in her
and manifest my holiness in her;

23 for I will send pestilence into her,
and blood into her streets;

and the slain shall fall in her midst,
by the sword that is against her on every side.

Then they will know that I am the Lord.

24 “And for the house of Israel there shall be no more a brier to prick or a thorn to hurt them among all their neighbors who have treated them with contempt. Then they will know that I am the Lord God.

What About the Predictions that Apply to You?

- Jesus is coming (Matthew 24:36-39).
- We will be held accountable (2 Corinthians 5:10).
- He will not be deceived (Galatians 6:7-8).

“Therefore...what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness...” (2 Peter 3:11)?

If God Said It,
Believe It!

