

It must have seemed a very strong thing to those who read Ezekiel's prophecy. But you notice he doesn't say when they are going to be laid in the water. All of these predictions, He has said it was going to happen and it happened the way He said, but there was a considerable period often before it came to pass. In the case of Egypt it was 1200 years, and in the case of Babylon it was also many centuries. Here about 300 yrs. went by and then something happened that certainly Ezekiel would never have thought of. In fact it is something I've never heard of happening anywhere else. But it is well authenticated that it happened here.

Three hundred yrs. after Ezekiel wrote Alexander the Great attacked the Persian empire, and as Alexander the Great came ~~to~~ with his great armies he found that his supply lines were constantly being hampered by a people on an island off the coast of Syria, an island where a few of the people of Tyre had escaped from Nebuchadnezzar and there they had built a new city on this island. They had great commerce and a fine fighting force in their ships, and Alexander the Great had no force of ships that was able to meet on equal terms with the ships of Tyre. And it was greatly hampering his attempts to destroy the Persian empire.

So Alexander the Great, a man of great originality, thought of something that I have never heard of it being done again in a situation like this. Alexander ordered his soldiers to take the ruins of ancient Tyre that were lying there on the sea coast and to take those ruins and throw them into the Mediterranean Sea just as Ezekiel had predicted 300 yrs. before. So they took those ruins from the old city of Tyre which Neb. had destroyed 300 yrs. before, they took those ruins and threw them into the sea and thus built a causeway out into the sea about 3/4 of a mile out to this island which had become a new ~~x~~ city of Tyre and had been for those 300 yrs.

When they had their causeway about 3/4 completed the ships from ~~XXXX~~ Tyre attacked them and drove them away and destroyed a great deal of what they had done, and then they took all the rest of the ruins and used it to complete the causeway. Thus they built this causeway all the way out there to the island taking every tiny bit of the ruins from ancient Tyre and putting them into this. Then, of course, Alexander's great army was able to march out over that to the island city of Tyre and capture and make it possible for him to go on and conquer the Persian empire. Nobody ever could have imagined such a thing 300 yrs. before. I don't know of any other city where such a thing ever happened. But Ezekiel predicted it 300 yrs. in advance, and the way it was fulfilled is one of the most marvellous illustrations of the fact that God knows the end from the beginning, and knows things that one could not possibly know even though He does not give us the whole soxx story necessarily. He gave us enough here to show that God was in it and had acted in a marvellous way. It proved that this indeed was the writing of a prophet who came from God and God knows the end from the beginning. :