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how long prior we don't know.

Now Chapter 23 goes back to foreign nations again and it is the last foreign nation specifically taken here, and it is a nation very different from the nations previously discussed. It is the great merchant nation. There are those who think that all of this has some definite relationship to the present day and in such a case they think that Tyre here represented England. Certainly the principle would be applicable. That is to say, Tyre is the great merchant city and by analogy in principle you surely can find lessons for the great mercantile powers of today, and of course England is the greatest. You can certainly say that, whether you have a specific prediction here relating to England or not. So here you have the declaration that Tyre is going to suffer, that the Chaldeans are going to destroy Tyre. Now, when did the Chaldeans come in? They were a long time after, weren't they? This would seem to predict events a hundred years after the time of Isaiah so it is a prediction looking far into the future, perhaps given after Tyre had gained its independence again after the Assyrian invasion of Sennacherib. Just as Philistia is told not to rejoice over what God did, maybe Tyre is told not to rejoice either, that they are very powerful but they are going to be conquered by the Chaldeans. Well, of course, Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldeans did conquer Tyre and there was a terrific devastation which he made, and then we find, however, that is not the end of Tyre. It will come to pass in that that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years and after the end of seventy years Tyre will ^{sink} as a harlot, so the time ^{destruction of} is coming--the Tyre is not, then, to be a permanent thing. Tyre is to be destroyed by the Chaldeans but to be rebuilt and again to be a great city and a great mercantile center and of course it continues to be that for many years, and then we come on to verse 18 which surely is not closely connected to 17. It will come to pass at the end of seventy years that the Lord will visit Tyre. That, of course, doesn't mean he'll make . It means He is going to cause a great change in the situation. I visited Los