

WORD
the
of GOD





FULFILLED PROPHECY

**Fulfilled prophecy is one of
the strongest evidences
the Bible is a special
divine revelation, the
word of God!**

MEANING OF PROPHECY

A declaration of future events, such as no human wisdom or forecast is sufficient to make – depending on a knowledge of the innumerable contingencies of human affairs, which belongs exclusively to the omniscience of God; so that from its very nature, prophecy must be divine revelation. (M'Llvaine)

MEANING OF PROPHECY

**To declare a thing shall come to be,
long before it is in being and then to
bring about that very thing according
to the same declaration – this or
nothing, is the work of God.**

(Justin Martyr)

1400 YEARS

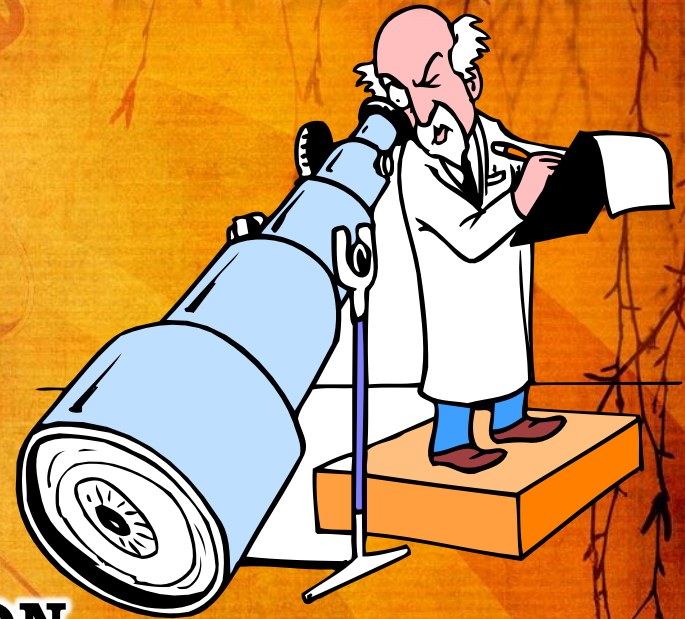
MEANING OF PROPHECY

- 1. Man cannot know the future; only God can foretell history or events.**
- 2. The Bible foretold the destiny of nations and the coming of Christ.**
- 3. Therefore the Bible is the word of God, not of man**

(Homer Hailey)

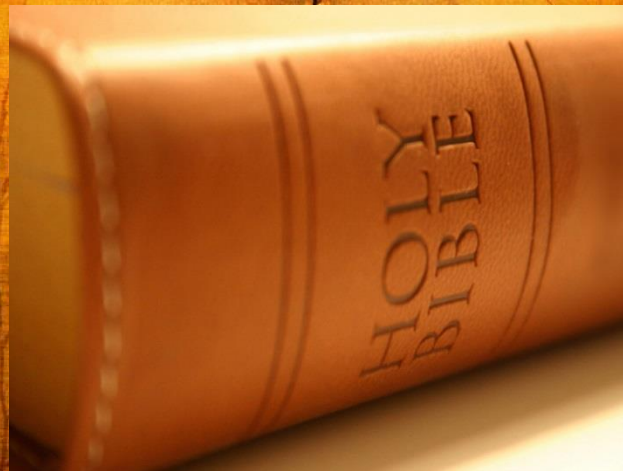
WHAT PROPHECY IS NOT

- **A GUESS**
- **A FORECAST**
- **A CALCULATION**
- **A MERE CONJECTURE**
- **A VAGUE GENERALIZATION**
- **AN EDUCATED ANALYSIS OF A FORTHCOMING SITUATION**



WHAT PROPHECY IS NOT

- **Making a lot of predictions about the future and then having a few, or even most, of them come to pass.**
- **In Biblical prophecy – everything – predicted has come to pass.**



Criteria of True Prophecy

- **The event must be beyond the power of man to foresee.**
- **It must be demonstrated that the prediction was written before the event.**
- **The prediction must be applicable to the event.**
- **The language of the prediction must be unambiguous and unmistakable.**
- **The prediction must have a clear and demonstrable fulfillment.**

H. W. Everest

ISAIAH 41:22-23

Let them bring forth, and declare unto us what shall happen: declare ye the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or show us things to come. Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

(p 831)

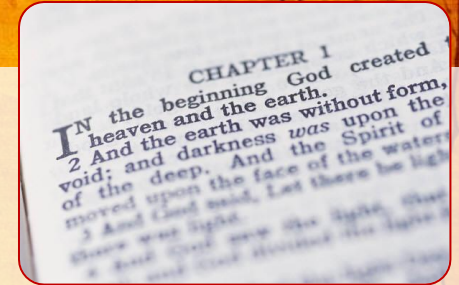
ISAIAH 44:7-8


And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I established the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them declare. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have I not declared unto thee of old, and showed it? and ye are my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? yea, there is no Rock; I know not any.

(p 835)

THE VALUE OF BIBLE PROPHECY

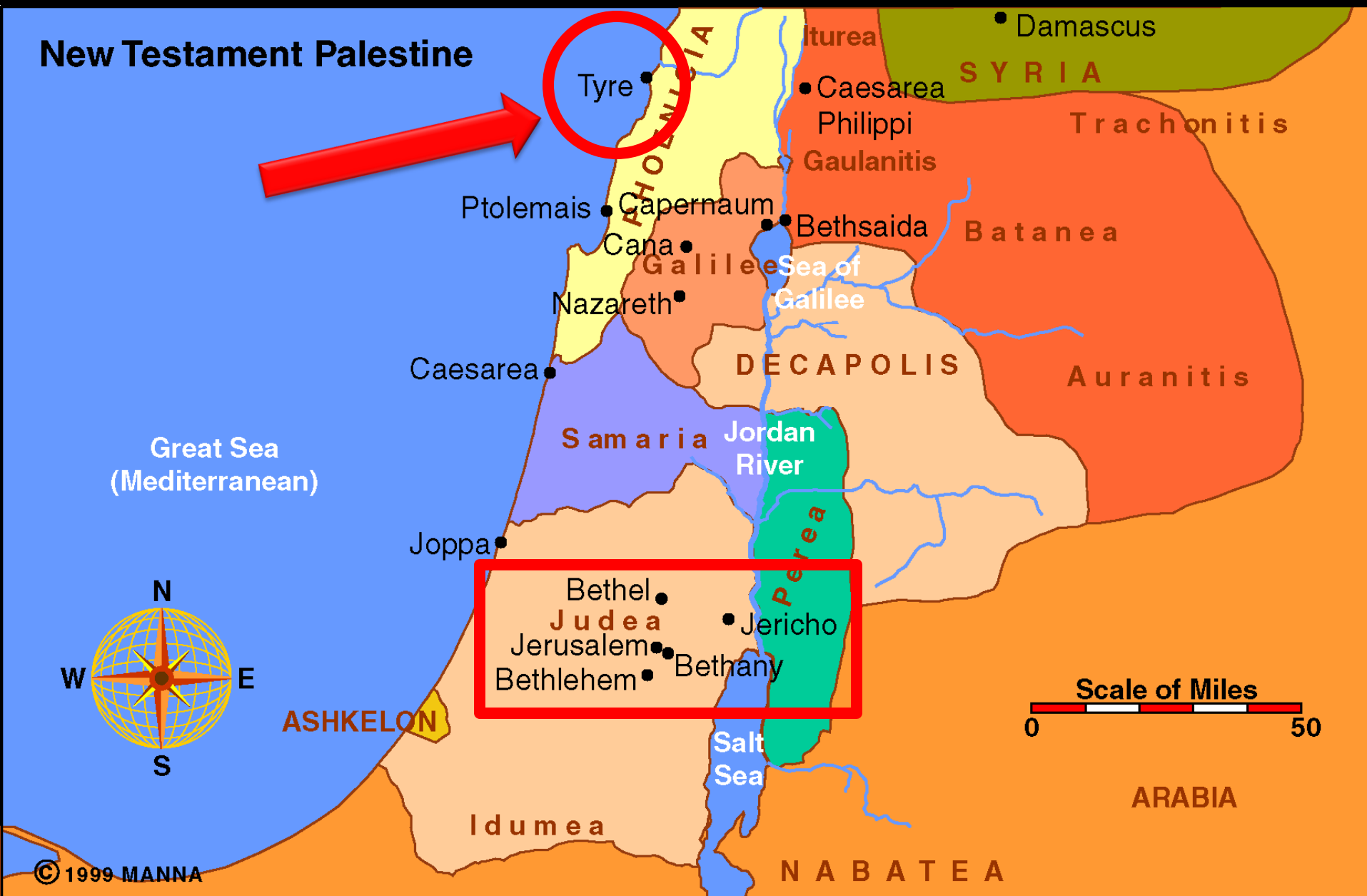
- **Seen in fulfillment.**
Beyond man's wisdom
- **Force of argument constantly growing.**
Still true today
- **More valuable than eye-witness.**
Evidences for the senses
- **Unique in Christianity.**
No other religion can make this claim

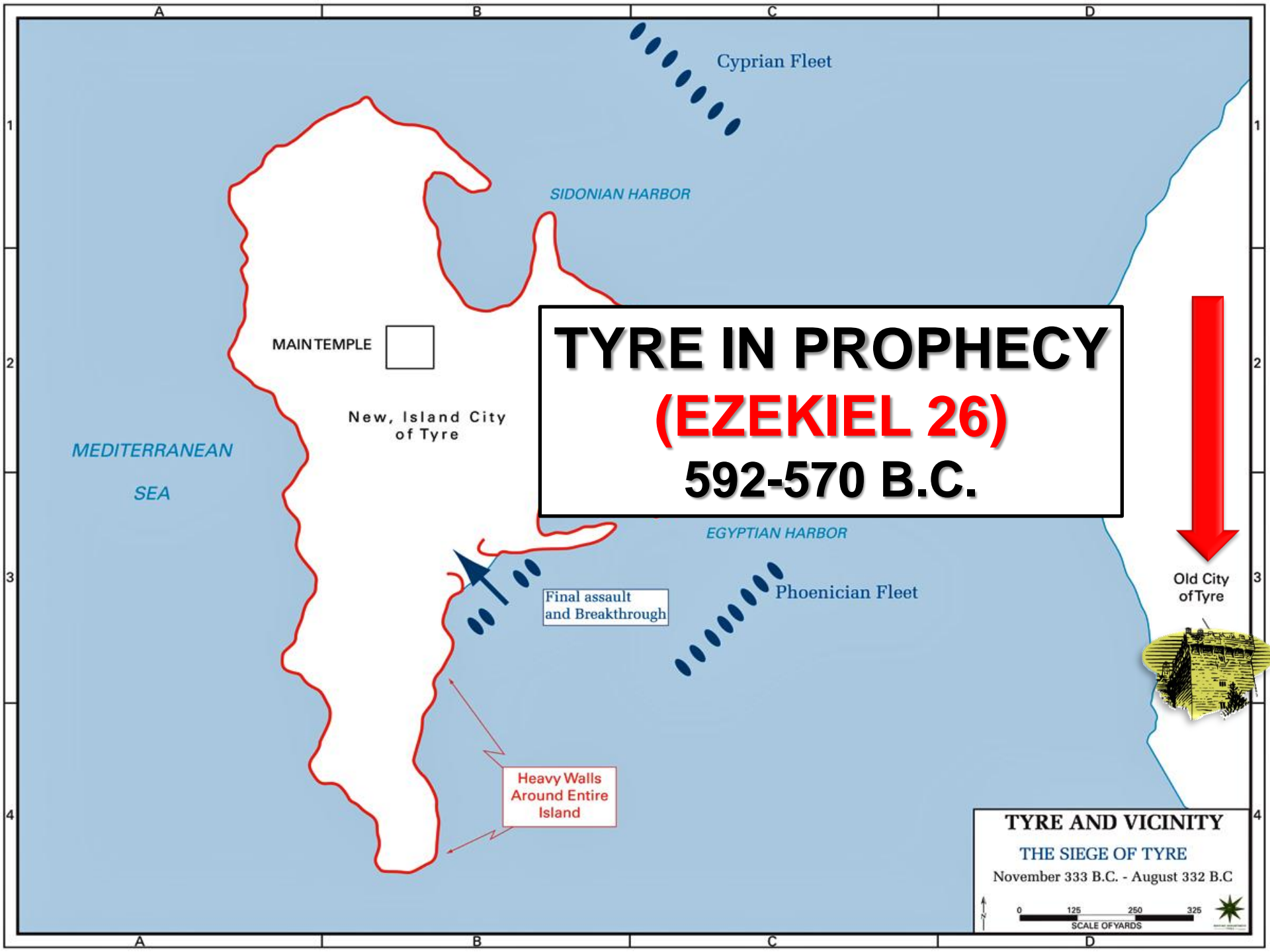




TYRE IN PROPHECY

New Testament Palestine





TYRE = EZEKIEL 26

- Her strongholds destroyed (v4)
- Many nations to come up against her (v3)
- Dust to be scraped from her until she would be as bare as the top of a rock (v4)
- Ruins to provide a place for spreading of nets (v5)
- Nebuchadnezzar to descend and cast battlements against her (vv7-8)
- Nebuchadnezzar to break through walls, tread the streets, and kill the garrisons, taking much spoil (vv9-12)

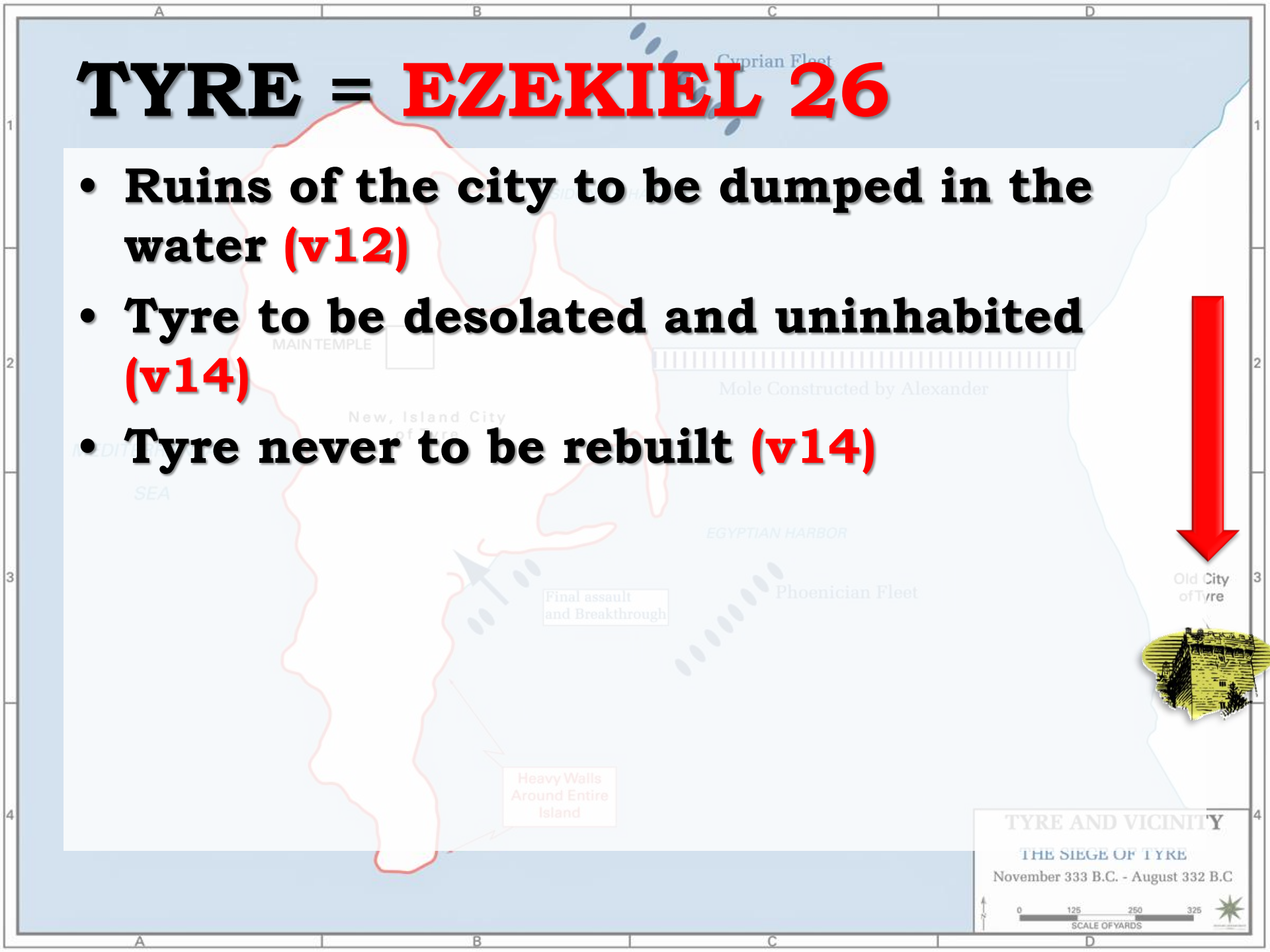


Old City
of Tyre



TYRE = EZEKIEL 26

- Ruins of the city to be dumped in the water (v12)
- Tyre to be desolated and uninhabited (v14)
- Tyre never to be rebuilt (v14)



TYRE

Cyprian Fleet

SIDONIAN

MAINTEMPLE

New, Island City
of Tyre

MEDITERRANEAN
SEA

Final assault
and Breakthrough

Heavy Walls
Around Entire
Island



Old City
of Tyre

The Babylonian Period

TYRE AND VICINITY

THE SIEGE OF TYRE

November 333 B.C. - August 332 B.C.



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SCALE OF YARDS

TYRE

Cyprian Fleet

SIDONIAN HARBOR

MAINTEMPLE

New, Island City
of Tyre

Mole constructed by Alexander

200 Feet wide

EGYPTIAN HARBOR

Phoenician Fleet

Final assault
and Breakthrough

Old City
of Tyre

The Greek Period

Heavy Walls
Around Entire
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TYRE TODAY



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“One real case of fulfilled prophecy would establish a supernatural act. But if our interpretation of the prophetic passages be correct, there are great numbers of them” *(Bernard Ramm)*

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