

The Quick-Healing Dugong

Have you ever heard of a Dugong? A Dugong is a large water-dwelling mammal that kind of looks like a big seal; they have two front flippers and a big tail at the back, and their bodies are long like a tube. They are part of a family of mammals called sirenian that includes only the dugong and the manatee, which is a smaller mammal that lives in freshwater.

Dugong's live in various places, including off the coast of Australia. This is interesting, because you know what else lives off the coast of Australia? Sharks. If a dugong gets injured, it's blood clots incredibly quickly, preventing any sharks from getting too big a whiff and going on a feeding frenzy!

Tyre, City of Prophecy

The city of Tyre is a small city on the Mediterranean Sea, a bit North East of Jerusalem. Today there are about 117,000 people living there. However, Tyre used to be one of the biggest cities in the world. 2 Chronicles 2:3, the record of Solomon building the Temple, record "Hiram King of Tyre" as being the man who provided timber for the building. Ezekiel 28:1-5 paint a stunning picture of Tyre at the top of the world. It was the economic superpower of its time. But God also foretold its destruction. Ezekiel 26 foretells of the destruction of Tyre. Ezekiel 26:4-5 are particularly precise in claiming what will happen to the city. Yet when Tyre was conquered by Alexander the Great in 332 BC its destruction is carried out to the letter. Alexander broke down the walls and scraped the city flat like a stone to create his legendary causeway to the fortified island where the besieged Tyrians had fled to. Then he scraped that flat too. Ezekiel 26 says that Tyre would be a place for fishermen to spread nets, and fishing is a vital part of industry in Tyre today.



A dugong in Australia



The modern city of Tyre