

WHO WERE THE PHOENICIANS ?



The Greeks called them Phoenicians, but we do not know what they called themselves. Known as courageous sea-goers and settlers around the entire Mediterranean basin, some claim their reach was even further. Who were they? Not only were their territorial accomplishments impressive, but their legacy includes being known as "the inventors of the phonetic alphabet", which became the key driver of all western cultural development.

Dr. Nissim R. Ganor reaches surprising conclusions about the exodus of the 'children of Israel' from Egypt, conquest of Canaan, the Habiru, development of the alphabet and more.

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