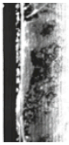




Lost Civilizations: The Phoenicians
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CHRONOLOGY

ca. 700,000 years ago	The earliest artefacts discovered in Borj Qinnarit near Sidon
ca. 3500 BCE	The founding of Sidon
ca. 3300 BCE	The founding of Byblos
ca. 3000 BCE	First contacts between Byblos and Egypt
2750 BCE	The founding of Tyre (traditional date)
ca. 2600-2300 BCE	First writing appears in Byblos
ca. 2181-2040 BCE	Egypt's First Intermediate Period
1437 BCE	Thutmose III's raid against the Levant and the establishment of Egypt as the undefeated power in the Ancient Near East
1300s BCE	The Amarna Letters, a collection of diplomatic correspondence between pharaohs of Egypt and various rulers of the Ancient Near East
1300s BCE	The founding of Kition in Cyprus
ca. 1200 BCE	The destruction of Ugarit by the Sea Peoples at the beginning of the twelfth century BCE. The emergence of the Phoenician city-states; Tyre and Sidon replace Byblos as the most preeminent city-states
1200s BCE	The emergence of the Proto-Canaanite script
1114-1076 BCE	Reign of Tiglath Pileser I of Assyria; Phoenicia is defeated and made part of the Assyrian empire
1000s BCE	The emergence of a twenty-two-letter Phoenician consonantal alphabet

ca. 1000-900 BCE	The beginning of Tyrian trade expansion into the Western Mediterranean
814 BCE	The founding of Carthage (traditional date)
744-727 BCE	Reign of Tiglath-Pileser III
720s BCE	Phoenicians establishing first settlements in Sicily
700s BCE	Homer's <i>The Iliad</i> and <i>The Odyssey</i>
662 BCE	Tyre's rebellion against Ashurbanipal
612 BCE	The fall of Nineveh, the capital of Assyria
605 BCE	The battle of Carchemish in which Nebuchadnezzar II, King of Babylon, defeated the joint forces of Assyria and Egypt
585 BCE	The beginning of Nebuchadnezzar's siege of Tyre
546 BCE	Cyrus II defeated King Croesus of Lydia
539 BCE	Cyrus II's capture of Babylon
525 BCE	The conquest of Egypt by Cambyses
513 BCE	The invasion of Asia Minor by Darius I
492 BCE	The invasion of Greece by Darius I
480 BCE	The defeat of Xerxes I at the hands of the Greeks in the battle of Salamis
ca. 450 BCE	The introduction of coinage in Phoenicia
ca. 449 BCE	The purported peace treaty between the Greeks and the Persians
405 BCE	The revolt in Egypt against Persia
ca. 359-355 BCE	King Abdashtart I's rebellion against the Achaemenids
351-347 BCE	King Tennes' rebellion against the Achaemenids
333 BCE	The conquest of Arwad, Byblos and Sidon by Alexander the Great
332 BCE	The conquest of Tyre by Alexander the Great
331 BCE	Alexander the Great's victory over the last Achaemenid king Darius III at Gaugamela
146 BCE	Rome crushed Carthage at the end of the Third Punic War
64 BCE	The collapse of the Seleucid rule and the arrival of the Roman Empire to the Near East

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