

## History of the Phoenicians and the Israelites

- I. The Phoenicians
  - A. Sea-trading power
    - 1. Controlled trade throughout much of the Mediterranean
    - 2. Brought exotic goods from all around the Mediterranean
  - B. Phoenician alphabet
    - 1. Used 22 symbols to represent the sounds of the language
    - 2. Forms basis of alphabet used in many countries today, including the United States
    - 3. Sea trade caused alphabet to spread
- II. The Israelites
  - A. Abraham
    - 1. Led his people to practice monotheism, a belief in one god
    - 2. Followed God's direction to leave Mesopotamia
  - B. Canaan to Egypt
    - 1. While living in Canaan, famine caused the Israelites to flee to Egypt
    - 2. Israelites lived in Egypt for hundreds of years
  - C. The desert
    - 1. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt
    - 2. They wandered in the desert for 40 years
  - D. Return to Canaan
    - 1. Israelites were united in Canaan under the first king, Saul
    - 2. Second king, David, established the capital in Jerusalem
  - E. King Solomon
    - 1. Built a temple in Jerusalem that became the Israelites' main place of worship
    - 2. After his death, the country split into the northern kingdom, Israel, and the southern kingdom, Judah
  - F. Exile
    - 1. Assyrians exiled thousands of Israelites to distant parts of their empire
    - 2. Chaldeans conquered Assyria
    - 3. Chaldean king, Nebuchadnezzar, exiled the people of Judah to Babylonia