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Dear Mary,

Greetings, and I pray that this letter finds you well this frigid winter. Clifton Emahiser forwarded your December letter to me, which I received nearly two weeks ago, and I certainly had to take the time to reply. Please forgive my delay, as I have been very busy organizing the content for my new website, christogenea.org, and haven't taken much time at all to do much else.

In your letter you questioned my statements concerning the Phoenicians. In my paper on the topic, I clearly pointed out how the Bible tells us that Israelites indeed came to inhabit Tyre, Sidon, and the other cities which only later began to be called Phoenicia. The books of Joshua (the dividing of cities and territory), Judges (the Song of Deborah) and II Samuel (the census of David) were all cited in order to support my assertions. My paper gives all of the citations, and they shouldn't have to be repeated here. I cannot prove this assertion better than the Bible already does, except by the circumstances of where it was that the descendants of the Phoenicians are found later in relation to prophecy concerning the people of Israel. Mainstream theologians and historians readily accept the claims of the jews and their rabbis that the Phoenicians were Canaanites simply because they also accept the claims of the jews and their rabbis that they are Israel! It was the Greeks who first called this land "Phoenicia", and the name is clearly a Greek term with a proven Greek etymology. The oldest surviving Greek writing only dates back to around the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, which is much more recent than the books of Judges or Joshua in the Bible. Greek mentions of a land called "Phoenicia" date back only to around 690 BC. I tried to make this point clear in my paper also.

I have great respect for Bertrand Comparet, and I learned a lot from his writing when I came into the Israel Identity truth, and began to study on my own. Yet while he did very well with many things, he was not right about everything, and none of us are. We must be careful not to set up as icons even our best teachers, lest they too become irreproachable and beyond criticism. Only Yahshua Christ Himself falls into those categories, for only He is perfect! There are a couple of aspects about Ezekiel chapters 27 and 28 which Comparet failed to consider. First, Tyre, and the King of Tyre were actually *lamented* by Ezekiel. Does Yahweh lament Canaanites? I would think not! No place else does it ever indicate that Yahweh would lament the people of His curse. Second, was Satan ever called after the name of Adam? In Ezekiel 27:2 it is written: "**...yet thou *art* a man, and not God...**", and the Hebrew word for man in this verse is "adam". The real lesson in Ezekiel 28 is, I believe, that by the providence of Yahweh men are elevated, yet when they are given such a stature and use it for evil, they become as a satan to Yahweh. Remember that while "Satan" surely denotes individuals, and specifically the word is used to address those "angels which left their first estate", the basic meaning of the term is "adversary", as Yahshua Christ Himself had used it of Peter, recorded at Mark 8:33.

Surely there were place names carried from Palestine into diverse places in Europe, such as your notice of the name “Sidonia” in Spain. For that very reason all of modern Spain and Portugal were once called Iberia, which can only be explained after the name Eber. Would Canaanites call their settlement after the Hebrews? The Scythian Israelites did this same thing, naming one of their own countries Iberia, just north of ancient Armenia in the Caucasus Mountains. Were the pilgrims who founded New Canaan, Connecticut, Canaanites? Yet surely, as I also inferred in my paper, there were some Canaanites among the Phoenicians, just as there are today in London, New York, and Toronto. In Biblical times the Canaanites gave us both slaves and merchants. Of course, they are much more famous as merchants. They were merchants and bankers in early Rome, in Athens, Constantinople, and everywhere else they could get into, so why not ancient Tyre? The truth of the matter is, I believe, that Israel was to be blind, as declared by Yahweh. Yet if all of our history books said “Israel” in place of the names of the Phoenicians or the later Kimmerians and Scythians (the Israelites of the Assyrian deportations), then that blindness would not have been possible! Today is the time of our awakening, and a slow awakening it is. Yet this is not an emotional appeal, for the facts from the Bible as I have presented them should indeed speak for themselves.

There were many colonies of the Phoenicians which aren’t evident to those who have only a surface reading of history. While Carthage was the crown of Phoenician colonies for quite some time, it was not founded – according to Josephus – until about a century and a half after Solomon built the temple (cf. *Against Apion*, 1:18). That is quite some time after the Israelite occupation of the coasts of Palestine as related by the books of Joshua and Judges. (And by the way, Josephus clearly counts ancient Tyre as an Israelite city where he quotes from Theophrastus, for which see *Against Apion*, 1:22.) The ancient Greek records connect the Milesians, Leleges, Carians and Cilicians all to the Phoenicians as early as the time of the Trojan War, which is circa 1185 BC, far earlier than the building of Carthage. And it is attested that these people all took their kings from the Trojan princes. Once it is realized that the Trojans are descended from Zarah -Judah, it certainly becomes manifest to the careful Bible student that this in our secular records is the continuation of the prophecy that Judah would forever hold the scepter over Israel – and that these “Phoenicians” were indeed Israelites who left Palestine via Tyre and other port cities at a quite early time. The Milesians were famous colonizers of old, who not only had settlements in Spain, Ireland and Britain, but also settled much of the Danube River valley. Thales, one of the earliest of the famous “Greek” philosophers, was from Miletus and called by Herodotus “a Phoenician by race”. In time, I hope to rewrite my essay and elaborate on these things – with all of the appropriate citations from the ancient writers. The original essay, written for a pamphlet, was as concise as possible.

The articles that you cite which claim that the Phoenicians are Canaanites all ignore the testimony that the Israelites had come to inhabit these cities. I have cited this testimony from Joshua, Judges and Josephus, and my paper also cites evidence from Amos and Micah. How can you ignore this evidence in favor of the Ensign Message or Wm. H. Dankenbring? The very point of my paper is that mainstream scholars have been wrong all along concerning the Phoenicians! Rather, I do take the Biblical testimony seriously – but esteem the testimony of the Septuagint and Josephus above that of the Masoretic Text of the Jews.

The Phoenician language is the same as the Hebrew, and all of the ancient inscriptions found all over the land of Israel prove that. And not only, but the Phoenician (better: Israelite) script is not found in Palestine until the 15<sup>th</sup> century BC, which is the same time that the invading Israelites took over the cities of Canaan! Mainstream scholars ignore this evidence. They do so because they believe that the ancient Israelites were jews, and they know that Phoenicians certainly were not jews, because they were much too much like us! Therefore, in my opinion, to uphold the lie that the Phoenicians were Canaanites is tantamount to upholding the lie that the jews are Israel! But of course – as you pointed the pattern out yourself as it exists today – it is doubtless that many of the ancient Phoenician merchants were indeed Canaanites. But it is the same yesterday as it is today: the Rothschilds and their kin do not make all Londoners into jews.

On another note, many people make unsubstantiated claims that Ophir is in India, or in America, etc. While there is much evidence of a Phoenician (Israelite) presence in far-away lands – even here in America – that doesn't mean that Ophir necessarily has to be here! In truth, Ophir is the Hebrew phonetic equivalent as the Latin word "Afer", from which came the later Latin word "Africa"! Ophir is simply the east coast of Africa. Men can create all of the exotic tales that they think will sell books, but there is a preponderance of evidence that supports this, and not merely the fancy of imagination.

Yes, it was the Normans who brought the jews and their coin to England. Some centuries earlier, it was Charlemagne who first admitted them into the Holy Roman Empire. But the ancient Phoenicians did not use coin for trading, but barter. Coin did not become a prevalent means of trading in the Greco-Roman world until well after the fall of the Israelite & Judahite kingdoms (I think around the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, but I may be off by a century).

You are right about the Satyrs! Among my oldest Bible notes from when I first started writing is an outline for a paper called "Esau, the first Satyr", which may not necessarily be true, but indeed I believe that there is a strong connection. Anyway, I got onto other things, and never did get back to that paper. However, it is clear that we are the sheep-people, and they are the goat people!

With this I will close. I do hope that all of this helps.

May Yahweh bless you!

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Dear Mr. Emahiser;

Please accept the enclosed money order to continue my receiving your Teaching Ministry papers. I very much appreciate receiving them & all you and Mr. Feik have to say.

However, the last one I received included an article about the Phoenicians which I question & wonder if Mr. Feik can furnish further proof that they were Israelites; as I have read many articles which indicate otherwise. I understand that Sidon was their principal city. Hen's son was Canaan and grandson was Sidon which should tell us something. (Gen. 10:6 & 15). Even Bertrand Compere refers to the King of Tyre connected to Satan (Ezekiel) <sup>28</sup>

I have a book about the history of the Spanish Armada which shows a picture of the man who was in charge of this, whose name was the Duke of Medina Sidonia (refer to Isaiah 23) "The oracle concerning Tyre". Jeremiah 25:22. "All the Kings of Tyre; all the Kings of Sidon".



In the September issue of the "Ensign Message", is an article entitled, "Ded King Solomon's Fleet visit America", by Wm. F. Danhenbing, D. A. A., whereby he gives reference to Easton's Bible Dictionary which states: - "The Phoenicians were the most enterprising merchants of the old world, establishing colonies at various places of which Carthage was the chief. They were a Canaanite branch of the race of Ham frequently called Sidonians from the principal city of Sidon." The author of this article also says that Hebrew & Phoenician languages are identical languages. The reason for the confusion is that the Phoenician's popularized their own script because of their trade operations throughout the Mediterranean giving prominence, not historical precedence to the Phoenicians. This has led to the popular, but false conclusion that the Phoenician preceded the Hebrew. Again historians who do not take the Bible seriously get these things wrong. Mr. Danhenbing in his article shows that the gold of Ophir came from America. (1 Kings 9: 26-28)

After all, do the predominant merchants & money lenders of our day conduct their business in their own language or the language of the country they reside in? As this is profitable, our leaders have always liked it so.



I have read that when William conquered England, as the English had mostly a bartering system & William wanted coin in his coffers he brought the money lenders into the country, because they were good at commerce & finance & before long they controlled the whole country. If there was any trouble towards them, they could go to the Tower of London for protection. Just the same as we have to-day, until the people wake up & demand they be driven out of ~~the~~ our countries like Edward I. finally did.

One other thing! Just after what we refer to as 9/11, I read an article in a magazine referring to something the author Hove Eidal commented about what had happened when he saw Geo. W. Bush sitting in the classroom listening to a story about a little girl & her pet goat. It reminded him of a Greek play whereby Satyr's sang their goat song. It was a tragedy!

I have found in the Old Testament the word Satyr ~~four~~ times (Isaiah 13:21, Isaiah 34:14; Lev. 17:7; 2 Chron. 11:15). Consulting both Webster's & the Oxford dictionaries, it is interesting to see what they have to relate about that word.

The thought comes to my mind that Satyrs have taken over the control of the United States & as they play their pipes of Pan, the tax payers



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dance to their goat song. It is indeed a  
tragedy! The greatest deception & robbery in the  
history of the world.

My regards to both you & Alm. Thank  
you for the good work that you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

May Smith.

P.S. Please excuse  
the writing.

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