

I. The Phoenicians

A. Sea-Trading Power

- 1. Controlled Trade throughout the Mediterranean Sea**
- 2. Brought exotic goods from all around the Mediterranean**

B. Phoenician Alphabet

- 1. Used 22 Symbols to represent the sounds of a language**
- 2. Forms the basis of many alphabets used today, including the English alphabet**
- 3. Phoenicians spread their alphabet through sea-trade**

II. The Israelites

A. Abraham

- 1. Led his people to practice monotheism, a belief in one god**
- 2. Followed god's direction to lead his people out of Mesopotamia**

B. From Canaan to Egypt

- 1. While living in Canaan, a famine caused the Israelites to flee to Egypt**
- 2. The Israelites lived in Egypt for hundreds of years, most of the time as slaves.**

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. Under the second king, David, they created 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. The Exile

- 1. The Assyrians exiled thousands of Israelites to distant parts of their empire**
- 2. Eventually the Medes and Chaldeans conquered Assyria created the New Babylonian Empire**
- 3. The Chaldean King, Nebuchadnezzar, exiled the people of Judah to Babylonia**