

Tyre

The people of Phoenicia were originally Canaanites, living on the seacoast, who traded with the Greeks. By 1250 B.C. the Phoenicians were well established as navigators and traders in the Mediterranean. Their communities were organized into city-states; the greatest of these were Tyre and Sidon. Here Greek culture flourished, gradually absorbing the last traces of Phoenician civilisation. Mark and Matthew describe the Phoenician woman somewhat differently. [Mark 7: 24-31](#) , [Matthew 15:21-28](#) .

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