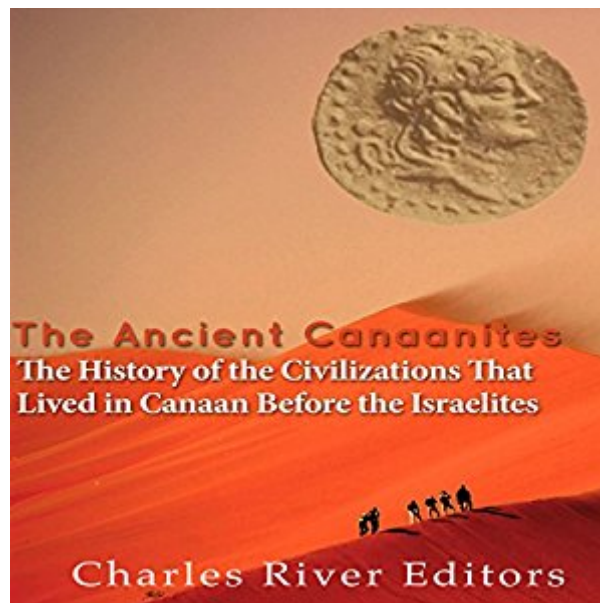




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Synopsis

Individuals who decide to take up learning about the Old Testament of the Bible are immediately faced with the difficult proposition of identifying the various peoples that the Hebrews met and sometimes came into conflict with when they entered the territory that eventually became Israel. The Moabites and Edomites were just two of the many Canaanite groups that the Hebrews dealt with, often violently, but there were dozens of other Canaanite groups, which were all for the most part identified through the names of their respective cities. In fact, before the Hebrews established a kingdom and before the Phoenicians colonized much of the Mediterranean, the Canaanites were the most important group in the Levant for much of the Bronze Age and into the early Iron Age. Although the Canaanites never created a unified nation-state or kingdom, their importance in the ancient Near East cannot be overstated. It was at least partially because of that fact that the Canaanites were unable to resist their larger and more powerful neighbors that the average person today knows so little about their history.

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Customer Reviews

Excellent book. Although it sacrifices the depth for the sake of the brevity, gives a perfectly balanced account of who were the Canaanites, where and how they lived, what they did, for how many years, and so on. In sixty illuminating pages, more or less, the text lets you know all these things in order to let you understand how the world was when the Israelite people began to live and prosper there. In brief, Canaanites were much more than I thought in terms of commerce, language and writing. The book contains several photos and illustrations that help conveniently the reading and add an

additional dimension to it. As I said, a perfect relationship between price and quality. Highly recommended.

Short and to the point.

The ancient Canaanites, is a very good and informative book. As most people think, The Canaanites were a one people. However the Canaanites were a collection of tribes that occupied The Levant area. (The Ancient Canaanites) Tells the colorful story of how they survived. This is a good read; you'll be pleasantly surprised...D

Everyone's heard of the Canaanites thanks to the Bible, but I'm sure only a few know much if anything about them. This helped fill in all the blanks I had.

~f~ The Canaanites' legacy is remembered in "I Kings contains a passage that relates an incident in which an unnamed Egyptian pharaoh who was the father-in-law of Solomon sacked the Philistine town of Gezer: ~f~ "For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. (I Kings 9: 16)." ~f~ And we remember this link with the Phoenicians.

The Bible tells the story of Israel's conquest of the land of Canaan, but what do you know about the Canaanites? The Bible is only one source among many used to discover who these people were. This book reveals many things about them I did not realize. Egypt was more involved with them than I realized. The Canaanites were a relatively disorganized bunch who fought among themselves as much as they did others. Therefore, Egypt had a very large say in the politics of Canaan. If you want to read a great book and discover who the Canaanites were and some of their history, I suggest you purchase this book. I certainly enjoyed it.

Very technical, but somewhat informative if you have enough prior study of the historical context. Seems like a repurposed academic paper.

Quick summary. Adequate but not great rating.

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