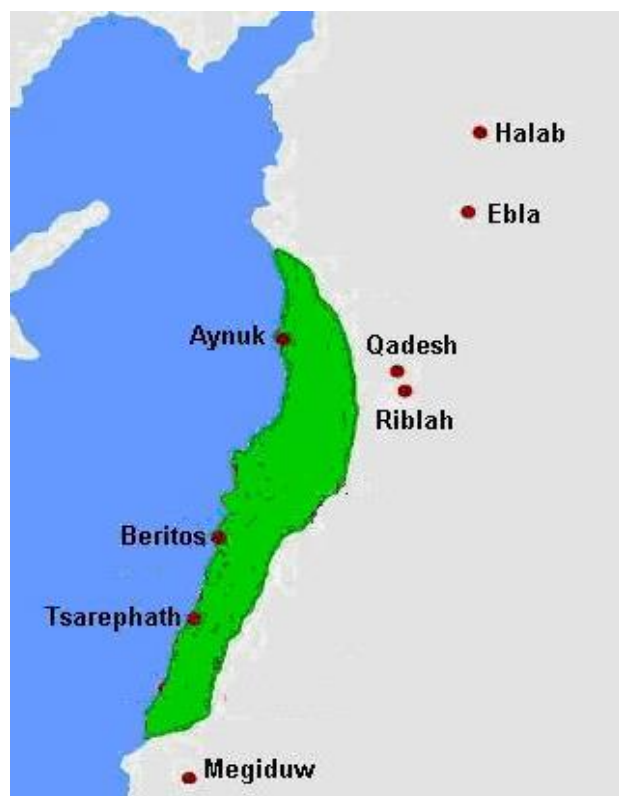


Phoenician

The Phoenicians have a special place in the history of linguistics, since their language was one of the first to be written in a phonetic script, unlike other contemporary writing systems which were pictorial. The Phoenician script can be dated at around 1050 BCE, and from it the Arabic, Hebrew and by extension Greek, Roman and Cyrillic scripts evolved.

The Phoenician civilization was centred along the Mediterranean coast in an area known as Cana'an (marked in green). The map below shows eight ancient cities in the area. The spellings reflect their pronunciation in Phoenician.

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Match up the Phoenician names with the names on the map. One of the cities is still a regional capital: which one?