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Mark Woolmer. *A Short History of the Phoenicians*. London/New York: Bloomsbury Academic/I.B. Tauris, 2017, 256p., ill.

- 1 This volume provides a succinct introduction to history and culture of the Phoenicians from the Bronze Age until the arrival of Alexander the Great. After an introduction attempting to give a definition of “Phoenician” and outlining the geographic and climatic background as well as the available written sources, the first chapter is dedicated the political history of the region; pp.47-53 deal with the Achaemenid period.
- 2 The ensuing chapters are not diachronic in nature but rather synoptic overviews of select aspects of Phoenician history. The book focuses first on the social and economic (Chapter 2) and the religious (Chapter 3) history of Phoenicia, while chapter 4 is deals with the country’s material culture. The final chapter 5 is analysis of Phoenician expansionism.

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