

On Lebanon including the east chain, and Syria for some time being part of Phoenicia province:

Dear Sir

Before the Muslim conquest, Lebanon was not part of Syria. Lebanon as Phoenicia followed Syria administratively and Syria followed Phoenicia administratively, depending on Roman / Byzantine emperors.

It was not a political affiliation. Syria was never an independent political entity.

Lebanon as a land is older than Syria. Plus Lebanon had only one people: the Canaanites. Syria was born as an administrative entity with several peoples (Arameans in the south, Arabs in the south-east, Syriacs in the north, quasi-Canaanites in the north-west and specifically Canaanites in Tartous / Arwad.

I love historical Syria ♥

However, our Muslims brothers as well as Arabist Christian brothers use the Bilad el Sham issue to boost an agenda that will drown Lebanese Christians into a Muslim entourage, which would end them up.

Also of note, from the Muslim conquest up till Mamlouk era and then Emirates and till 1920, northern Mount Lebanon, for the least, then Mount Lebanon since 1516 was never part of Bilad el Sham. It remained autonomous from Damascus from the Muslim conquest till 1920.

The Emirates were directly linked to the Sadr el a2zam, the Ottoman prime minister, in Istanbul.

Again I write with all the love and forgiveness.

On another note,

“Lebanon” was NOT only for Mount Lebanon as suggested by many in the 20th century.

When one examines the matter,

Not only the east chain is called

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But also in the Torah and elsewhere mount Hermon is called BURJ LUBNAN.

Lebanon (Ibnn in Canaanite and Akkadian) was the white area of the region: this is its definition since 5000 years. So comprising both chains.

But since the Greeks mis-called Mount Lebanon “Libanus”, they called the other chain “Anti-Libanus”, currently the western name.

Just like they mis-called our ancestors “Phoenicians” instead of their endonym (the name our ancestors used for themselves), Canaanites. This why the West, and know Lebanese, say Phoenician. We are actually Canaanites. But this is another big topic.

Also, Syria and Sham deserve a topic as well.

However, and in light of Christian love even to invaders,

احبوا اعداءكم

باركوا لاعنيكم

صلوا من اجل مضطهديكم

But still

كونوا حكماء كالافعاعي

Please do not get me wrong in preferring to keep the discussion scientific and do not get carried away with bad adjectives.

What Muslims did is part of History, and Christians were bad to each other as well regardless of who is more faulty.

That said, we will not forget, though we can forgive.