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**The
Arameans**



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Early History


- Semitic people
- Migrated to Syria during the decline of the Hittites (circa 1100 B.C.E.)
- Established small, prosperous kingdoms



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Damascus


- Leading Aramean kingdom
- Circa 1000-700 B.C.E. – traded heavily
- 732 B.C.E. – conquered by Assyria



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Contribution: Language

- Aramean alphabet adopted by new Babylonian empire (7th century B.C.E.)
- Common language of the Near East
- **Temporarily replaced Hebrew**
 - Used for some later books of the Christian Old Testament/Hebrew Tanakh
 - Spoken in Greco-Roman Palestine and Judea – spoken by Jesus



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Review Questions

- Where did the Arameans settle circa 1100 B.C.E.?
- What is considered to be the most significant contribution of the Arameans to world history?

