



SEA PEOPLES THE FIRST KNOWN EUROPEAN REFUGEES

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Were the Sea peoples the first European refugees to migrate on a large scale, fleeing from aggression, seeking I am of the belief that there numerous relief from famine or simply to fill a vacuum left behind by a leaderless or disintegrating empires.

am of the belief that there was much in common between the Sea Peoples and the Greek mainland and Islands, which consisted of Achaeans, **Mycenaean's**, Pelasgians, Minyans, Ionians, Minoans, and scattered island cultures.

Unfortunately theories are just that, theories based on instinct and hunches. There are far better qualified and eminent individuals who have spent their entire lives researching the Sea Peoples and I as a novice is merely but scratching the surface and researching using instinct and hunches alone.

Reading and absorbing information is one thing, it is another to have the skills and knowledge to pull together all the threads surrounding the Sea Peoples to arrive at a reasonable and suitable theory. Furthermore it is another to find an acceptable course of action in the absence of concrete facts other than the research conducted by others and personal deductions based on observation and reading.

However despite the insurmountable challenges, it is a journey of love, dedication and commitment that somewhere along this journey we shall find the elusive Sea peoples Holy Grail. So far, I have come to accept that despite all the personal research, I am no more nearer to finding concrete evidence that the Sea Peoples are in fact mainland and islander Greeks. However, as I continue along the journey, I feel that the following may shed some light on the identity of the Sea peoples.

Material and products such as the chariot, dress, cooking utensils, food, pottery, burial customs, migration behaviour, ships and galleys, weapons, warriors, Language, communication, power structure, organisation, family structure, society, religion, storage facilities, homes and palaces, precious metals, jewellery being amongst some of the most common denominators.

All of the above require evidence, theories, concepts and research either methodically based and/or archaeological. Call it a hunch, instinct, whatever, but I do believe that the Sea Peoples had a common bond, what that bond was is not known to me or it is amongst the evidence and the facts that have yet to reveal themselves to be considered acceptable.

All that one can do is to continue collecting, reading, visiting sites, attending lectures, exploring theories, revisiting old concepts and hopefully one day come to a reasonable conclusion. I have been researching the Sea peoples on and off for the past 40 years and still I am no closer to finding out their identity. I am writing a number of articles on this subject, even though I am not qualified academically to prove my theories.

One can be like the gold prospector and plod along hoping to pick up some specks of gold or gems amongst along the journey for that pot of gold so to speak. **It's the** journey that is fun. It is my humble opinion, the Sea peoples are possibly one of the first known refugee crisis to hit Europe in the ancient days around 1200 BC and may have been caused as a result of a number of factors, such as:

(1) The eruption of Thera in the Mediterranean causing death and destruction. The aftermath of the Volcano erupting caused a blanket to cover the ancient world causing famine, collapse of power structures and of the known civilised world.

(2) The collapse of nations such as the Minoan empire, the Hittite empire, the Mycenaean empire, the monopoly of Troy with its access to the Black sea.

(3) The collapse of trade such as the valuable resource of Tin from Sardinia and Britain which was essential for making Bronze.

(4) The introduction of new technologies such as iron and the realisation of infantry Battalion size tactics being superior to that of the chariot.

(5) Biblical sources including the dead sea scrolls that make mention of famine, migrations, battles, power structures, genealogy, peoples, behaviours, weapons, dwellings, organisation, religion, other cultures, weather conditions and a host of other material that can be cross checked with proven sources of information.

(6) Ancient stories, epics, yarns, oral histories, poems, stones sculptures that tell a story around the time of the Sea Peoples migrations. Stories such as Wen Anum, the Armana letters, Gilgamesh epic, Linear B fragments, Egyptian hieroglyphics, diplomatic letters to name a few.

I cannot prove the above other than to point to ancient scriptures, Egyptian Hieroglyphics, the Armana letters, Hittite records, Excavations by Israeli archaeologists into the Philistine era, The Sardinian slag heaps, The crater left by Thera, ancient mythologies, Hebrew texts, Linear B texts and a host of other material.



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