

## Historical Discrepancies in Homer

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p. 79, 80 None the less there are curious discrepancies which suggest links with the Bronze Age. The avoidance of the name of Tyre has been noted; yet in Homer's day a guest of the king of the Sidonians with whom Menelaos stayed would in fact have found himself in Tyre. 'Sidonian' is the Greek rendering of the name by which the Phoenicians called themselves and by which they are often designated in the Old Testament. After the rise of Tyre to the position of leading city her king often added to his title that of king of the Sidonians, thereby presumably claiming overlordship of Phoenicia as a whole. The alternative is to suppose that we have here a trace of Bronze Age nomenclature, in use in the days when occasional Mycenaean adventurers from Ugarit might visit the Phoenician coast and especially Sidon, then pre-eminent. King Phaidimos, however, cannot be a traditional figure; his name is merely a heroic epithet.

p. 80 The unique mention of the town of Sidon . . . . (o. 425) is doubtless a line derived from Bronze Age sources. In fact the whole story of Eumaios (o. 403ff.) looks like a fragment of a Bronze Age tale . . .

~~The Bow~~  
p. 289 ~~Apart from the use of the bow by individual heroes, archery plays an~~