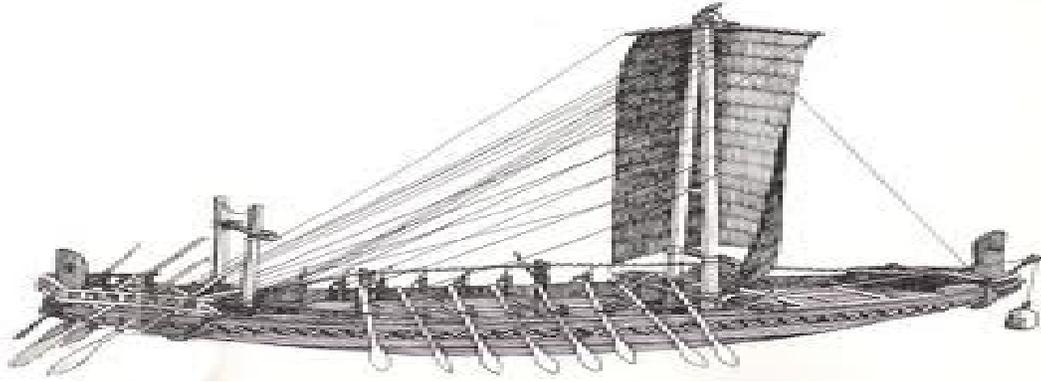


## DID PHOENICIANS DISCOVERED AMERICA?



For long time Christopher Columbus was in the new world, the Renaissance explorer of America, who crossed the unknown waters between Spain and the Caribbean Sea in 1492, so he was to be the first European who had a foothold in the new world. But after five centuries of discovery which changed the face of the world, a British adventurer decided to prove that the "new world" was discovered by Columbus by 2000, other maritime nation, Phoenicia. The Sailor Was MAT ISHTAR. A former British Royal Navy officer Philip Bell hopes sailing on a boat similar in structure to the Phoenician boats, ten thousand miles across the Atlantic, in an ambitious journey to defy history. Through the journey Philip Bill aims to prove that the Phoenicians, ancient civilization that flourished on the shores of the Mediterranean in 1500 to the year 300 BC, was able to sail to the United States, a theory disputed by historians. "It's one of the greatest human flights, if any was done (by Columbus), they were Phoenicians", said Bill that asserts that the Phoenician was the most powerful maritime Civilizations due to the strength of the Phoenician vessels made of cedar wood," and were the first to use iron nails and had knowledge of astronomy and ocean currents".

As the possibility of sailing wooden boat similar to those built by the Phoenicians 2600 years ago in the Atlantic might seem reckless, but that Bill had dared two years ago to challenge maritime history, when he sailed on board a vessel "The Phoenician" on Africa 2010, in an attempt to prove that this ancient civilization was capable of circumnavigating the continent, two thousand years ago the first European tour

record, Bartolommeo Dias in 1488, and depends on an ambitious Bill in the Greek historian Herodotus, who claimed that the Phoenicians sailed to Africa in 600 B.C. "Archaeologists found remnants of tobacco and cocaine with Egyptian mummies, these materials cannot be paid except from the new world, "said Bill" that there was something happening across the Atlantic." Meanwhile, the Professor of geology in Holyoke College Mcmanaman to the Phoenician currency convertible carrying maps of the ancient world and the new, and also referred to the Phoenician coins that have been found in North America. "The evidence available indicates that Carthaginians were able to cross the Atlantic Ocean". But still many historians put this theory in doubt, maritime historian Sam Willis: "If the Phoenicians from reaching Britain, believe they already have, never surprised that their ship was able to reach America, but if they did it without running out of food is different", and continued: "you can always pause along the way if you revolve around Africa, but you can stop if you want to go to America, this free space extending up An enormous circumference that is the difference." If Bill was able to collect 156 thousand dollars to members of the campaign, is expected to take a "Phoenician" two or three months to hit America unfolds from Tunisia. This is called the New York Museum of art Bell's show boat as part of its exhibition on the Phoenicians, which will open in September/October 2014. "Conventional historical account is that Christopher Columbus discovered America, but if you check anyone in history that the people of Viking was a home run about 900 A.D., and this fact is not disputed by the Viking settlements have been found in Newfoundland, "said Bell, adding:" at best, Columbus was second up America, but I hope to prove the theory that the Phoenicians who first arrived in the new world". "Phoenician ships version built 2,000 years ago) .It's one of the greatest human flights, if any was done (by Columbus), they were Phoenicians

