

# GREEK HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

## *Topic 1: The Origins of the Greek Alphabet*

It is commonly accepted that the Greek alphabet is derived from that of the Phoenicians. What is our evidence for that claim, and what data is there concerning the date, place, and circumstances of the alphabet's creation?

[If you have time: Some bronze tablets show a, presumably very archaic, version of the Greek alphabet, ending at T; cf. Heubeck (1986); Woodard (2005); Brixhe (2007b). Is this evidence likely to provide insight into the above question?]

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