phoenix

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['fi:nɪks] *n*

1. *миф.* феникс
2. чудо; верх, образец совершенства

    he was justly called the phoenix of his age - его справедливо называли чудом века
3. (Phoenix) *астр.* Феникс (*созвездие*)

II

['fi:nɪks] *n бот.*

феникс (*Phoeniceae*)

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phoe·nix [**phoenix phoenixes**] *BrE* ['fiːnɪks] *NAmE* ['fiːnɪks] noun

(in stories) a magic bird that lives for several hundred years before burning itself and then being born again from its ashes

• to rise like a phoenix from the ashes (= to be powerful or successful again)

Word Origin:

from Old French fenix, via Latin from Greek phoinix **'Phoenician , reddish purple, or phoenix'** . The relationship between the Greek senses is obscure: it could not be "the Phoenician bird" because the legend centres on the temple at Heliopolis in Egypt, where the phoenix is said to have burnt itself on the altar. Perhaps the basic sense is **'purple'**, symbolic of fire and possibly the primary sense of Phoenicia as the purple land (or land of the sunrise).

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phoe‧nix /'fiːnɪks/ *BrE* *AmE* noun [countable]

[Date: 800-900; Language: Latin; Origin: Greek phoinix *'red, Phoenician, phoenix'*, from phoinos *'blood-red'*]

1. a magic bird that is born from a fire, according to ancient stories

2. **rise like a phoenix from the ashes** to become successful again after seeming to have failed completely

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