

Zephaniah Handout #2

Macrostructure

Symmetry??

דְּבַר־יְהוָה (debar YHWH) → _____ vector?

אָמַר יְהוָה (amar YHWH) → _____ vector?

?assonance

?Literary Paradigm:

The Superscription (1:1)

Microstructure

Hearing the Text in Hebrew

Alliteration

Assonance

Theophoric = ?

No Theophoric = ?

Esarhaddon (681-669 B.C.): “I called up the kings of the country Hatti and on the other side of the river (Euphrates): Ba’lu, king of Tyre, Manasseh, king of Judah . . . ; 22 kings of Hatti, the seashore and islands; all these I sent out and made them transport under terrible difficulties, to Nineveh, the town (of) my rulership building materials for my palace” (J. B. Pritchard, *Ancient Near Eastern Texts* [ANET], 291).

Ashurbanipal II (668-627/26 B.C.) on his campaign to Egypt in 667 B.C.: “I marched against Egypt and Ethiopia. Tirhakah, king of Egypt and Nubia whom Esarhaddon, my own father, had defeated . . . During my march, 22 kings (.. Manasseh, King of Judah ..) from the seashore, the islands and the mainland, servants who belong to me, brought heavy gifts to me and kissed my feet. I made these kings accompany my army over the land—as well as (over) the sea-route with their armed forces and their ships” (ANET, 294).

Ashurbanipal II (668-627/26 B.C.) on his campaign to Egypt in 663 B.C. “In my second campaign I marched directly against Egypt and Nubia. I . . . went as far as Thebes . . . I, myself conquered this town completely. From Thebes I carried away booty, heavy and beyond counting . . .” (ANET, 295; cf. Nahum 3:8—“No-Amon” = Thebes)

Amon (- B.C.)

Year of birth? (2 K 21:19; 2 Chr 33:21)

?Genealogy

?Narrative Pedigree

Theophorics and Genealogy

Zephaniah =

Gedaliah =

Amariah =

Hezekiah =

Josiah/Joshi-yahu =