Zephaniah Handout #2

Macrostructure

Symmetry??

םֶרֶדְרִידְרְהוֹ (debar YHWH) $\rightarrow$ __________ __________ __________ vector?

אֲמַר יְהוָה (amar YHWH) $\rightarrow$ __________ __________ __________ 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 =