

Zephaniah Handout #9

1:17-18

Some have suggested an inclusio for chapter 1. What is your opinion?

Structure:

v. 17 contains a hinge pattern

v. 18 contains a recursive symmetry

1:14-16 focuses on (?nation) and (?city) at (?date) and (?event)

1:17-18 slides from the _____ to the _____;

or from the _____ to the _____.

Zephaniah provides his own interpretation of “all the earth” (כָּל-הָאָרֶץ) (*kal ha-aretz*) in 3:8.

Explain

v. 17 contains three metaphors; list them.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The Hebrew word for “sin” here is חַטָּא (hata) which means _____

What payment will be made for Judah’s “sin”?

God will not _____.

His judgment brings _____ (to dust), as well as _____ (ordure)

v. 18—comment on the interpretation that this passage describes the dissolution of the Assyrian Empire.

Compare this verse with Ezk. 7:19.

“Day of wrath” yet to come—Rom. 2:5; Rev. 6:16-17

Summary:

Judah’s destruction is epexegetical of what is coming on (כַּל-הָאָרֶץ) (*kal ha-aretz*)