Zephaniah Handout #11

**Zeph 2:4-7**

How have we justified the boundaries of the rhetorical/literary unit?

Read 1 Sam 6:17.

How many cities are listed? These are the so-called Philistine ______________.

Map #80 from the *Carta Bible Atlas* (2011 ed.)

How many cities are listed in Zeph 2:4? Which one from 1 Sam 6:17 is missing?

What happened to that city? Why is it not listed by Zephaniah (cpr. Jer 25:20)?

Map #165 from the *Carta Bible Atlas* (2011 ed.)

Whose campaign is this?

What is the most significant date in this campaign? Why?

Sargon II (722-705 B.C.) testifies in his Annals that “I besieged and conquered . . . Ashdod, Gath (*Gi-im-tu*) . . . I declared the gods residing therein . . . as well as the inhabitants . . . booty” (ANET, 286).

Cf. Isa 20:1 usually dates to 712/711 B.C.

v. 4—direction?

Why?

Pun on Gaza = (1) Gaza ghastly; (2) Abandonopolis abandoned

When?

Map #177 from the *Carta Bible Atlas* (2011 ed.)

Ashkelon

Ashdod allegedly besieged by Psamtik I of Egypt for 29 years (635-606 B.C.)

Pun on Ekron = (1) Ekron extirpated; (2) Rootlessville uprooted

Ekron razed by Nebuchadnezzar 604 B.C. or 598/97 B.C.

vv. 4-5—Motif?

vv. 6-7—Motif?

Paradigm relation?
v. 5—first hook word (recurs vv. 6 and 7) = ?  
Significance ?

Cherethites are from ____________ (Amos 9:7)

Map #15 from the Carta Bible Atlas (2011 ed.)

Cherethites (national ____________) → Canaan (national ____________) → Philistines (national ____________ )

Reverse patterns:

___________________ → pastureland  
no inhabitants → _____________________  
___________________ → Lord to visit/care for (cf. also 3:7)  
cosmopolitan → _______________  
___________ → rural  
___________ → bucolic  

dispossess → __________________________ (cf. also 3:20)

Eschatological aspect of reversals

Jer 33:7-8