

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