

## Zephaniah Handout #1

Does Zephaniah 1:1 provide any clue to the date of the book?

Date: (      -      B.C.)

Zephaniah is a prophet of the \_\_\_\_\_ century B.C.

Is he before or after Isaiah?  
( \_\_\_\_ ?century)

Ezekiel?  
( \_\_\_\_ ?century)

Hosea?  
( \_\_\_\_ ?century)

Haggai?  
( \_\_\_\_ ?century)

### Prophetic Context

Any other \_\_\_\_\_ century B.C. prophets?

Analyze briefly these prophetic books:

Message

Negative:

Positive:

Message of Zephaniah

Negative: *dies irae* (1:15) = \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: *dies gratiae* (3:16-17) = \_\_\_\_\_

*National (Judah) Context*

Josiah's character

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 K 22:4-6; 2 Chr 34:8) \_\_\_\_\_ (2 K 22:8;  
23:2; 2 Chr 34:14, 30) \_\_\_\_\_ (2 K 23:4-7; 2 Chr 34:3-4)

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 K 23:29; 2 Chr 35:20-23)

Amon's character ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.) (2 K 21:19-26; 2 Chr 33:21-25)

Negative:

Positive:

?Amon's father: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: 697-642 B.C.

His character:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 K 21:2, 3, 6, 16; cf. 24:3-4; 2 Chr 33:2, 3, 5)

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Chr 33:11-13, 18-19)

?His father: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: 728-686 B.C.

His character:

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 K 18:3, 6-7; 2 Chr 29:2, 5; 30:1; 31:1)

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 K 20:12-18; 2 Chr 32:31)

## **International Context**

### World Power:

Era: ***Pax Assyriaca*** (722/21-612 B.C.)

Kings: (cf. *Carta Bible Atlas*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2011; Maps # 172 and # 173)

Esarhaddon (681/80-669 B.C.) (cf. 2 K 19:37 = Isa 37:38; Ezra 4:2)

Ashurbanipal II (668-627/26 B.C.; alternative, 668-631 B.C.)

Ashur-etel-ilani (627/26-623 B.C.; alternative, 631-627 B.C.)

Sin-shar-iskun (627/26-612 B.C.; alternative, 623-612 B.C.)

Assur-uballit II (612-?610/09 B.C.)

Events:

### African Power:

Era: ***26<sup>th</sup> Saite Dynasty*** (664-525 B.C.)

Kings: (cf. *Carta Bible Atlas*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2011; Maps # 173 and # 176)

Psammetichus I (Psamtik I) (664-610 B.C.)

Necho II (610-595 B.C.) (cf. Jer 46:2)

Psammetichus II (Psamtik II) (595-589 B.C.)

Hophra/Apries (589-570 B.C.) (cf. Jer 44:30; 37:3-11)

Events:

### Emerging World Power:

Era: ***Bellum Babylonicum*** (626-539 B.C.)

Kings: (cf. *Carta Bible Atlas*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2011; Maps # 177, #178, #179)

Nabopolassar (627/26-605 B.C.)

Nebuchadnezzar II (605-562 B.C.)

Events: