

Zephaniah Handout #10

Scan Zephaniah 2:1-7 and suggest the divisions of this section. The goal is to determine Zephaniah's rhetorical unit(s).

Has the tone of the prophecy changed from that of chapter 1?

If so, how would you describe the change?

Chapter 1—	Declamatory	Dehort	Denounce	Repeal
Chapter 2—	_____	_____	_____	_____

Structure

v. 1—

v. 7—

Subunit A

v. 1—

v. 2—

v. 3—

Other rhetorical/literary features of vv. 1-3

Subunit B

vv. 4-5 →

vv. 6-7 →

v. 1—what nation?

“gather” as what?

For what purpose?

“without shame” =?

“without longing/desire” =?

v. 2—“decree”?

NASB margin “is born”

How does “chaff” pass? (a)

(b)

What do you notice about 2c and 2d?

There is one word which is different in each clause. What is it?

NB: in the Hebrew text _____ and _____ are in precisely the same position in each clause. They are in the _____ position which means ? .

v. 3—“seek” (בִּקְשׁוּ) in contrast with “do not seek” (לֹא-בִקְשׁוּ), 1:6

“perhaps”

“peradventure” (2 Tim 2:25, KJV)

Is God bound to show mercy if sinners seek him?

Is God inclined to show mercy if sinners seek him? (cf. Jer 29:13 with Deut 4:29)

“humble” = first hint of ? _____ theology in Zephaniah. Cf. 2:7

Genuine or Sincere Seeking of the Lord

1. Object
2. Manor
3. Result