

Read the articles by Herr, Gitin, Uziel, Weitzman, and Yadin. Based upon these readings and information from lectures, answer the following questions. Be careful to interpret the archaeological evidence on its own terms. Your paper should be about 8-10 pages long. Support factual information with full & specific citations. **DO NOT WRITE OUT, QUOTE, OR REWORD CITATIONS OR SECTIONS FROM THE ARTICLES, ETC. THAT YOU HAVE READ.**

**Use the archaeological evidence dating from the Iron II period (10th-7th c. BCE) from Israel (i.e., the northern highland kingdom), Judah (i.e., the southern highland kingdom), and Philistia (the lowland zone of the southern coastal plain and Shephelah) to answer questions 1-4. In every case, be specific, cite findspots, and specify how the evidence relates to your conclusion.**

- 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION:** For each area, identify one site with Iron IIA (10th c. BCE) and one site with Iron IIB or C (9th/8th or 7th c. BCE) occupation. For EACH period and area, briefly describe remains indicative of administrative functions and explain what these remains suggest about the larger region's organization (2 points each = 12 points).
- 2. SOCIAL CLASS:** For each area, describe archaeological evidence for **one** specific social class during Iron IIB or C (9th-7th c. BCE) and explain what this evidence suggests about class structure (2 points each = 6 points).
- 3. ECONOMY:** For each area, describe **one** category of archaeological evidence relevant to understanding economic activity during Iron IIB or C (9th-7th c. BCE) and explain what this evidence suggests about inhabitants' subsistence and/or exchange strategies (2 points each = 6 points).
- 4. CEREMONIAL PRACTICES:** For Israelites, Judahites, & Philistines, describe and discuss **two** remains or pieces of evidence EACH that reflect ritual or ceremonial practices during Iron II B or C (2 points each = 12 points).
- 5. NATIONAL IDENTITY:** By the 7th century B.C.E. (Iron IIC), the southern Levant was home to a number of peoples who conceived of themselves as separate ethnic or national groups. Identify **two** such groups, and FOR EACH describe one category or specific piece of evidence that allows us to recognize and identify them as a distinct people (2 points each = 4 points).

### The character of the kingdoms

Israel rejects what is good:  
 ... They have made kings,  
 But not with my sanction;  
 They have made officers,  
 But not of my choice.  
 Of their silver and gold  
 They have made themselves images ...  
 Israel is bewildered:  
 ... They have gone up to Assyria,  
 Ephraim has courted friendship ...  
 Ephraim has multiplied altars ...  
 When they present sacrifices to Me  
 It is but flesh for them to eat.  
*Hosea 8.3-4, 8-11, 13.*

Gather on the hill of Samaria  
 And witness the great outrages within her  
 And the oppression in her midst ...  
 Hear this, and warn the House of Jacob  
     —says my Lord God, the God of Hosts—  
 That when I punish Israel for its transgressions,  
 I will wreak judgement on the altar of Bethel,  
 And the horns of the altar shall be cut off  
 And shall fall to the ground.  
 I will wreck the winter palace  
 Together with the summer palace;  
 The ivory palaces shall be demolished  
 And the great houses shall be destroyed.  
*Amos 2.6-8, 3.9-10, 13-15.*