

## The City Boundaries of Roman Trans-Jordan

(with map)

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After a summary of the literary, epigraphical and archaeological sources, the author, following the method used in his *Map of Roman Palestine*, outlines the boundaries of the following cities and territories: Caesarea Paneas, Gaulanitis, Batanea, Hippos, Hauranitis and Trachonitis, Dium, Abila, Gadara, Gerasa, Peraea, Philadelphia, Heshbon, (Esbu), Madaba.

## "Gilead, a city of them that work iniquity"

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In dealing with Hosea vi, 4-9 the author proposes to relate חצבתי (v.5) to the Acc.-Ar. ḥaṣabu "to multiply" and to emend הרגתים into הודגתים from דגה "grow into a multitude". ומשפטיך אור is read אור ומשפטיך connected with the Urim and Tumim. Vv. 7-9 are related to the slaughter of Ephraim by Gilead, as told in Judges xii 4-6; האדם is read באדם and referred to Adam, Tell-ed Damiye, on the Jordan; the מדם in the following v. is understood as מאדם, in the same sense. V. 9 is emended to כמני ובחכי איש, גדודים חבר למני הדרך from כמני in the sense: "to ambush."

## Ugaritic Gleanings

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1) *Aplb* (II *bmt*) in the two funeral passages I\* AB, vi: 20 foll. and I AB, i: 4 foll. is explained as two words: *ap lb*, "the face of the heart" i. e. "bosom", parallel to *bmt* "back" (or "shoulder", or "neck"?).

2) *Cassuto* (*Orientalia* N. S. 1 [1938], pp. 285 foll.) connected Jer. ix: 20 with the window-affair in II AB, v-vii. Accordingly the colourless בְּאַרְמוֹתֵינוּ (II בְּחִלּוֹנֵינוּ) 'in (?) our palaces,' is emended into בְּאַרְבוֹתֵינוּ 'through (!) our lattices'. *Urbt* (= אַרְוֶבָה) parallels *hln* (= חִלּוֹן) in the Ugaritic passages.

3) In II AB, vii: 156 foll. the writer scans: *astm Ktr bn ym / Ktr bnm dt* etc., and translates: I do put (*scil.* the window), oh Kathir, within a day (i. e. at once) / oh Kathir, within a day-time (i. e. immediately) / etc. I. e. this is Ba'al's final decision in the window-affair,