

THE CITY IN HISTORY: BIBLICAL SEQUENCE.....Elliott #703

1. The city as lure to nonurban life: SODOM AND GOMORRAH: INHALATION OF PEOPLE
Counter movement (from Ur and Haran): ABRAHAM

2. The city as energy center of empire:

a. Imperial expansion: NINEVAH: EXHALATION OF POWER
INHALATION OF WEALTH

2K.19.20-37 (Is.37.37)

Jon., a corrective to anti-Assyrian, anti-urban feelings

But Ninevah "shall rise in judgment and condemn"
Jesus' contemporaries: Mt.12.41, L.11.32

b. Imperial consolidation: BABYLON: INHALATION OF PEOPLE not by lure [as in the cases of Sodom and Gomorrah] but by traduction [as in the case of Western enslavement of Africans, beginning with Rome]

Jer.51.24-58

Ps.137.1-6

3. The city as creator and communicator of culture: TYRE AND SIDON

4. The city as centripetal of the sacred: JERUSALEM

5. The city as generator of complex politics with order and freedom: ATHENS

6. The city as center of pan-humane activity: ALEXANDRIA

7. The city as locus of global problems: NEW YORK

8. The city as fantasy feeder toward new humanity: THE NEW JERUSALEM

I've put key passage-references next to only two of the cities.
How about the others?