

## The Structural Design of Segment I: Isaiah 1-12

Please read the [Introduction to Isaiah](#)

### Prophecies mainly concerning Judah and Jerusalem

#### Randomly selected passages in Isaiah 1-12 highlighted by 17 and 26

1. YHWH has allowed some inhabitants to escape and survive (1,6-9): **51** (3x17) words.
2. The house of Jacob is rejected because of idolatry (2,6-10): **51** (3x17) words.
3. A prophecy of anarchy in Judah (3,1-12): **136** (8x17) words.
4. Anarchy in Judah provokes YHWH's judgement (3,1-4,6): **338** (13x26) words.
5. Despite YHWH's care, his vineyard yielded a crop of wild grapes (5,1-4): **51** (3x17) words.
6. Denunciation of those who dispossess others and the gluttons (5,8-19): **130** (5x26) words.
7. The vision of Isaiah and his purification (6,1-7): **102** (6x17) words.
8. The Syro-Ephraimitic crisis: Isaiah is sent to Ahaz (7,1-6): **104** (4x26) words.
9. Isaiah must write the name of his son on a tablet (8,1-2): **26** words.
10. YHWH warns the nations and forbids Isaiah to side with the people (8,9-15): **78** (3x26) words.
11. YHWH has freed his people and the new-born prince will rule in justice (9,3-6): **68** (4x17) words.
12. YHWH will raise the Syrians and Philistines against Judah (9,9-11): **34** (2x17) words.
13. An overwhelming disaster for Judah (9,13-17): **68** (4x17) words.
14. Isaiah's message of hope: a new prince is born! (8,19-9,20): **340** (20x17) words.
15. Those who enact unjust laws will not be safe (10,1-3): **34** (2x17) words.
16. Judah should rely on YHWH; a remnant will return (10,20-23): **51** (3x17) words.
17. The peaceful animal world reflects the reign of the new king (11,6-10): **68** (4x17) words.
18. YHWH will recover the remnant and raise an ensign for the nations (11,11-12): **34** (2x17) words.
19. YHWH is a deliverer, a refuge, and defence and should be praised (12,2-6): **51** (3x17) words.
20. The autobiographical Book of Immanuel (6,1-12,6): **1785** (105x17) words.

#### Occurrences of 17 and 26 in Isaiah 1-12 in percentages

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| 21. <b>Part I</b>    | <b>1,1-31</b>    | 14 of the 31 verses ( <b>45%</b> ) and 154 of the 360 words ( <b>43%</b> ).                             |
| 22. <b>Part II</b>   | <b>2,1-22</b>    | 11 of the 22 verse ( <b>50%</b> ) and <b>119</b> of the 253 words ( <b>47%</b> ).                       |
| 23. <b>Part III</b>  | <b>3,1-4,6</b>   | 13 of the 32 verses ( <b>41%</b> ) and <b>338</b> of the <b>338</b> (13x26) words ( <b>100%</b> ).      |
| 24. <b>Part IV</b>   | <b>5,1-5,30</b>  | 22 of the 30 verses ( <b>73%</b> ) and 147 of the 384 words ( <b>38%</b> ).                             |
| 25. <b>Part V</b>    | <b>6,1-13</b>    | 7 of the 13 verses ( <b>54%</b> ) and <b>102</b> of the 188 words ( <b>54%</b> ).                       |
| 26. <b>Part VI</b>   | <b>7,1-25</b>    | 10 of the 25 verses ( <b>40%</b> ) and 147 of the 345 words ( <b>43%</b> ).                             |
| 27. <b>Part VII</b>  | <b>8,1-18</b>    | 10 of the 18 verses ( <b>56%</b> ) and 121 of the 225 words ( <b>54%</b> ).                             |
| 28. <b>Part VIII</b> | <b>8,19-9,20</b> | 12 of the 25 verses ( <b>48%</b> ) and <b>340</b> of the <b>340</b> (20x17) words ( <b>100%</b> ).      |
| 29. <b>Part IX</b>   | <b>10,1-34</b>   | <b>34</b> of the <b>34</b> verses ( <b>100%</b> ) and <b>170</b> of the 406 words ( <b>42%</b> ).       |
| 30. <b>Part X</b>    | <b>11,1-12,6</b> | <b>15</b> of the <b>22</b> verses ( <b>68%</b> ) and <b>196</b> of the <b>281</b> words ( <b>70%</b> ). |
| 31. <b>Parts 1-X</b> | <b>1,1-12,6</b>  | 148 of the 252 verses ( <b>59%</b> ) and 1678 of the <b>3120</b> (120x26) words ( <b>54%</b> ).         |

#### Eleven Different Divisions of Isaiah 1-12

The following overview shows that there is no consensus among commentators concerning the structure of the text. Six of the eleven commentators have manipulated the text to their own taste (marked in blue):

G.B. GRAY (*The Book of Isaiah, I-XXXIX*, in: ICC, Edinburgh, 1912): 1,1-17; 1,18-20; 1,21-28; 1,29-31; 2,1-4; 2,5.6-22; | 3,1-12; 3,13-15; 3,16-4,6; | 5,1-7; 5,8-24; 5,25-30; | 6,1-4; 6,5-8; 6,9-13; | 7,1-8,18; | 8,19-23; 9,1-6; 9,7-10,4; 10,5-17; 10,16-19; 10,20-32; 10,33.34; 11,1-8; 11,9-16; | 12,1-6.

V. HERNRICH (*Der Prophet Jesaja / Kapitel 1-12*, in: ATD 17, Göttingen, 1950): 1,1.2-31; 2,1.2-5; 2,6-22; 3,1-15; 3,16-4,1; 4,2-6; 5,1-7; 5,8-24; 5,25-30; 6,1-13; 7,1-9; 7,10-17; 7,18-25; 8,1-4; 8,5-8; 8,9-10; 8,11-15; 8,16-20; 8,21-22; 8,23; 9,1-6; 9,7-10,4; 10,5-19; 10,20-23; 10,24-27; 10,28-32; 10,33-34; 11,1-9; 11,10-16; 12,1-6.

O. KAISER (*Der Prophet Jesaja / Kapitel 1-12*, in: ATD 17, Göttingen, 1960): 1.2-9; 1,10-20; 1,21-31; 2,1.2-5; 2,6-22+5,15-16 (*sic!*); 3,1-15; 3,16-4,1; 4,2-6; 5,1-7; 5,8-24; + 10,1-4 (*sic!*); 6,1-13; 7,1-9; 7,10-17; 7,18-25; 8,1-4; 8,5-8; 8,9-10; 8,11-15; 8,16-18; 8,19-22; 8,23-9,6; 9,7 + 5,25+5,26-30 (*sic!*); 10,5-15; 10,16-19; 10,20-23; 10,24-27a; 10,27b-32; 10,33-11,16; 12,1-6.

W. EICHRODT (*Der Heilige in Israel: Jesaja 1-12*, in: Die Botschaft des Alten Testaments, Stuttgart, 1960): 1,1; 6,1-13 (*sic!*); 1,2-9; 1,10-17; 1,18-20; 1,21-28; 1,29-31; | 2,1-5; 2,6-22; 3,1-11; 3,12; 3,13-15; 3,16-4,1; 4,2-6; | 5,1-7; 5,8-24; 7,1-9; 7,10-25; 8,1-4+16-18 (*sic!*); 8,5-8; 8,9-10; 8,11-15; 8,19-23; 9,1-6; | 9,7-20+5,25-30 (*sic!*); 10,1-4; 10,5-19; 10,20-27; 10,28-34; 11,1-10; 11,11-16; 12,1-6.

G. FOHRER (*Das Buch Jesaja, 1. Band Kapitel 1-23*, in: Zürcher Bibelkommentare, Zürich/Stuttgart, 1966<sup>2</sup>): 1,1.2-2.5; 2,1.6-4,6; 5,1-24+10,1-4 (*sic!*); 6,1-9,6; 9,7-20+5,25-30+10,5-11,16 (*sic!*); 12,1-6.

L.A. SNIJDERS (*Jesaja, Deel I*, in: POT, Nijkerk, 1969): 1,1.2-9; 1,10-17; 1,18-20; 1,21-26; 1,27-31; 2,1-5; 2,6-11; 2,12-22; 3,1-7; 3,8-15; 3,16-4,1; 4,2-6; 5,1-7; 5,8-24; 5,25-30; 6,1-13; | 7,1.2-9; 7,10-17; 7,18-25; 8,1-4; 8,5-8; 8,9-10; 8,11-18; 8,19-22; 8,23-9,6; 9,7-20; 10,1-4; 10,5-19; 10,20-23; 10,24-27; 10,28-32; 11,1-10; 11,11-16; 12,1-6.

H. WILDBERGER (*Jesaja: 1. Teilband, Jesaja 1-2*, in: BKAT X/I, Neukirchen-Vluyn, 1972): 1,1.2-3; 1,4-9; 1,10-17; 1,18-20; 1,21-28; 1,29-31; 2,1-5; 2,6-22; 3,1-11; 3,12; 3,13-15; 3,16-24; 3,25-4,1; 4,2-6; 5,1-7; 5,8-24+ 10,1-4 (*sic!*); 9,7-20+5,25-30 (*sic!*); 6,1-13; 7,1-17; 7,18-25; 8,1-4; 8,5-8; 8,9-10; 8,11-15; 8,16-20; 8,21-23aα; 8,23aβ-9,6; 10,5-15; 10,16-19; 10,20-23; 10,24-27a; 10,27b-34; 11,1-10; 11,11-16; 12,1-6.

A. SCHOORS (*Jesaja*, in: BOT IXA, Roermond, 1972): 1,1.2-3; 1,4-9; 1,10-20; 1,21-28; 1,29-31; || 2,1-5; 2,6-22; 3,1-12; 3,13-15; 3,16-24; 3,25-4,1; 4,2-6; | 5,1-7; 5,8-24; 5,8-10; 5,11-13; 5,14-17; 5,18-19; 5,20; 5,21; 5,22-24+10,1-4 (*sic!*) || 6,1-13; 7,1-9; 7,10-17; 7,18-25; | 8,1-4; 8,5-8; 8,9-10; 8,11-15; 8,16-18; 8,19-23a; 8,23b-9,6; || 9,7-20+5,25-30 (*sic!*); | 10,5-19; 10,20-23; 10,24-27a; 10,27b-34; | 11,1-5; 11,6-9; 11,10-16; | 12,1-6.

U.F. BERGES (*The Book of Isaiah: Its Composition and Final Form* (Hebrew Bible Monographs, 46), Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012): 1,2-2,5; 2,6-4,6; 5,1-10,4 (?); 6,1-13; 7,1-9 + 8,1-18 (*sic!*); 7,10-14a.17a (*sic!*); 7,14b.16a.ba (*sic!*); 7,18-25; 8,19-9,6 (?); 8,19-23aα (?); 9,1-6; 10,5-34; 11; 12.

D.A. DORSEY (*The Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary on Genesis-Malachi*, Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1999, pp. 217-235): 1,2-4; 1,5-9; 1,10-15; 1,16-20; 1,21-23; 1,24-27; 1,28-31 || 2,2-5; 2,6-9; 2,10-22; 3,1-15; 3,16-17; 3,18-4,1; 4,2-6 || 5,1-7; 5,8-12; 5,13-14; 5,15-17; 5,18-23; 5,24-25; 5,26-30 || 6,1-4; 6,5a; 6,5b-7; 6,8; 6,9-10; 6,11a; 6,11b-13 || 7,1-2; 7,3-9; 7,10-16; 7,17-24; 8,1-4; 8,5-10; 8,11-18 || 8,19-9,6; 9,7-11; 9,12-16; 9,17-20; 10,1-4; 10,5-34; 11,1-9 || 11,10-12,6.

W.A.M. BEUKEN (*Jesaja 1-12*, HTKAT, 2003): 1,2-31; 2,1-5; 2,6-22; 3,1-15; 3,16-4,1; 4,2-6 || 5,1-7; 5,8-30; 6; 7; 8,1-18; 8,19-9,6 || 9,7-10,4; 10,5-34; 11,1-16; 12.

### The compositional structure based on layout markers, content and numerical considerations

Taking the layout markers of the text seriously into consideration and on the basis of its material content and salient numerical features, I came to the conclusion that it can be divided into ten distinct parts. In my opinion this is the nearest we can get to an objective division of the text into larger and smaller parts. There would be a greater measure of consensus among commentators if they would take the layout markers strictly into account and have more respect for the received text and its unmistakable numerical features.

The numbers marked **blue** stand out as being made up of multiples of **17** and **26** in terms of letters, words or verses. As a result, both boundaries of Part III (**338=13x26** words) are assured, as well as the boundary between V and VI, and between VIII and IX. The **1456 (56x26)** letters in Part I, the **1037 (61x17)** letters in Part II, the **1139 (67x17)** letters in X, as well as the **572 (22x26)** words of Parts IV-V, the **340 (20x17)** words of Part VIII, and the **34** verses of Part IX are too conspicuous to be waved aside as a matter of coincidence.

In terms of the numerical features of its verses Segment I divides into **4** sections: **1) Parts I-III (1,1-4,6): 85 (5x17) verses**, **2) Parts IV-V (5,1-6,13): 43 (17+26) verses**, **3) Parts VI-VIII (7,1-9,20): 68 (4x17) verses and 910 (35x17) words**, and **Parts IX-X (10,1-12,6): 56 (34+22) verses**.

Part I: 1,1-31	The sin of YHWH's people and their punishment: <b>S</b>	<b>31</b> vs; 360 w. <b>1456 (56x26)</b> lett.
Part II: 2,1-22	Zion as capital of the world: YHWH's universal reign: <b>P</b>	<b>85</b> <b>22</b> vs; 253 w. <b>1037 (61x17)</b> lett.
Part III: 3,1-4,6	Anarchy in Judah provokes YHWH's judgement: <b>P</b>	<b>32</b> vs; <b>338 (13x26)</b> w.
Part IV: 5,1-30	The Song of the Vineyard and six denunciations: <b>P</b>	<b>30</b> vs; 384 w.
Part V: 6,1-13	The call of Isaiah and his mission: <b>P</b>	<b>43</b> <b>13</b> vs; 188 w. <b>572 (22x26)</b> w.
Part VI: 7,1-25	Isaiah's message to Ahaz and God's sign given to him: <b>P</b>	<b>25</b> vs; 345 w.
Part VII: 8,1-18	Isaiah's children as signs and portents in Judah: <b>S</b>	<b>68</b> <b>18</b> vs; 225 w. <b>910(35x26)</b>
Part VIII: 8,19-9,20	Isaiah's message of hope: A new prince is born: <b>S</b>	<b>25</b> vs; <b>340 (20x17)</b> w.
Part IX: 10,1-34	YHWH's judgements and the future hope of Israel: <b>S</b>	<b>34</b> vs; 406 w.
Part X: 11,1-12,6	The future reign of the Prince of Peace: <b>P</b>	<b>22</b> vs; 281 w. <b>1139 (67x17)</b> lett.

The division of the text into smaller paragraphs below is primarily based on the layout markers (except **6,1-7**, which is finalized and sealed as a distinct literary unit by its **102 (6x17)** words):

<b>Part I</b>	<b>1,1-31</b>	1,1-9 <b>S</b> 1,10-17 <b>S</b> 1,18-20 <b>S</b> 1,21-23 <b>P</b> 1,24-31 <b>S</b>
<b>Part II</b>	<b>2,1-22</b>	2,1-4 <b>P</b> 2,5-11 <b>S</b> 2,12-22 <b>P</b>
<b>Part III</b>	<b>3,1-4,6</b>	3,1-2 <b>S</b> 3,13-15 <b>S</b> 3,16-17 <b>S</b> 3,18-4,1 <b>S</b> 4,2-6 <b>P</b>
<b>Part IV</b>	<b>5,1-6,13</b>	5,1-7 <b>S</b> 5,8-10 <b>P</b> 5,11-19 <b>S</b> 5,20-23 <b>S</b> 5,24-30 <b>P</b>
<b>Part V</b>	<b>6,1-13</b>	<b>6,1-7 []</b> 8-13 <b>P</b> (6,1-7, Isaiah's vision, is made up of <b>102 (6x17)</b> words). [] = no layout marker.
<b>Part VI</b>	<b>7,1-25</b>	7,1-6 <b>S</b> 7,7-9 <b>S</b> 7,10-17 <b>P</b> 7,18-20 <b>S</b> 7,21-25 <b>P</b>
<b>Part VII</b>	<b>8,1-18</b>	8,1-4 <b>S</b> 8,5-8 <b>S</b> 8,9-10 <b>S</b> 8,11-15 <b>S</b> 8,16-18 <b>S</b>
<b>Part VIII</b>	<b>8,19-19,20</b>	8,19-9,6 <b>S</b> 9,7-12 <b>S</b> 9,13-20 <b>S</b>
<b>Part IX</b>	<b>10,1-34</b>	10,1-4 <b>S</b> 10,5-11 <b>S</b> 10,12-19 <b>P</b> 10,20-23 <b>S</b> 10,24-32 <b>S</b> 10,33-34 <b>S</b>
<b>Part X</b>	<b>11,1-12,6</b>	11,1-10 <b>P</b> 11,11-12,6 <b>P</b> .

Most interestingly, in Isaiah 2 the key-phrase, "YHWH alone will be exalted on that day", in v. 11b and 17b demarcates the text as follows: 2,2-11 has **130 (5x26)** words and 2,2-17 has **187 (11x17)** words (taking 2,1 as introduction).

Moreover, taking 1,1 as introduction, Isaiah 1,2-20 is made up of **234 (9x26)** words.

### Part I: 1,1-31 The sinfulness of YHWH's people and their punishment

Vss	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	P/S	Sum words	Compositional structure
1	Isa 1,1	16	68			16	<b>§1 The sinful nation has deserted their God</b>  The texts in which divine speeches (DSS) occur are marked <b>blue</b> . For an overview see page 13 below.
2	Isa 1,2	13 <b>DS 1</b>	52	1		29	
3	Isa 1,3	12 <b>7+18</b>	45			41	
4	Isa 1,4	19	69	2		60	
5	Isa 1,5	12	37			72	
6	Isa 1,6	18+	60			90	<u>1,6-9</u> Despite the sinfulness of the people and the desperate state of Judah, YHWH has allowed some inhabitants to escape and survive, for the daughter of Zion is left: <b>51 (3x17)</b> words.
7	Isa 1,7	13+	60			103	
8	Isa 1,8	9+	40			112	
9	Isa 1,9	11/51 (3x17)	48	3	S	123/123	
10	Isa 1,10	10 <b>DS 2</b>	41	4		133	
11	Isa 1,11	17 <b>12+84</b>	72	5		150	<u>1,11</u> YHWH does not need sacrifices: <b>17</b> words.  <u>1,13-14</u> To bring offerings is futile; moreover, God loathes the festive ceremonies: <b>17+9=26</b> words.
12	Isa 1,12	10	34			160	
13	Isa 1,13	17	61			177	
14	Isa 1,14	9/26	41			186	
15	Isa 1,15	14	57			200	
16	Isa 1,16	9	37			209	
17	Isa 1,17	10	41		S	219/96	
18	Isa 1,18	16 <b>DS 3 2+14</b>	67	6		235	
19	Isa 1,19	6	24			241	<b>§3 Forgiveness for the penitent and obedient</b>
20	Isa 1,20	9	33	7	S	250/31	
21	Isa 1,21	12	50			262	
22	Isa 1,22	6	25			268	
23	Isa 1,23	17	70		P	285/35	
24	Isa 1,24	12+ <b>DS 4 7+27</b>	52	8		297	<b>§4 Lack of righteousness and care for the poor</b>  <u>1,23</u> They pervert justice and deprive the weak: <b>17</b> .  <b>§5 YHWH has punishment and purification in view</b> <u>1,24-26</u> YHWH will wreak vengeance and reinstate purity and righteousness: <b>34 (2x17)</b> words.
25	Isa 1,25	9+	40			306	
26	Isa 1,26	13/34 (2x17)	58			319	
27	Isa 1,27	5	23			324	
28	Isa 1,28	7+	32	9		331	
29	Isa 1,29	9+	40			340	
30	Isa 1,30	10/26	33			350	
31	Isa 1,31	10	46		S	360/75	
<b>31</b>	<b>Part I</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>9x</b>		<b>360</b>	<u>1,28-30</u> Rebels and sinners will perish and their sacred trees will fail to save them: <b>26</b> words.

**Observation 1** Part I is finalized and sealed as a distinct literary entity by its **1456 (56x26)** letters.

Moreover, 14 of the 31 verses (45%) and 154 of the 360 words (43%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**:

1. Despite the sinfulness of the people the daughter of Zion has survived (1,6-9): **51 (3x17)** words.
2. YHWH does not need sacrifices (1,11): **17** words.
3. Offerings are futile; moreover, YHWH loathes festive ceremonies (1,13-14): **17+9=26** words.
4. The leaders pervert justice and deprive the weak (1,23): **17** words.

5. YHWH will wreak vengeance and reinstate purity and righteousness (1,24-26): **34** (2x17) words.
6. Rebels and sinners will perish and their sacred trees will fail to save them (1,28-30): **26** words.

### Part II: 2,1-22 Zion as Capital of the World and YHWH's Universal Reign

Vss	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	P/S	Sum wds	Compositional structure
32	Isa 2,1	9	36			369	<b>§1 The nations come to Zion to be judged</b>
33	Isa 2,2	16	67	10		385	
34	Isa 2,3	24	99	11-12		409	
35	Isa 2,4	21	92		P	430/70	
36	Isa 2,5	6	23	13		436	<b>§2 The house of Jacob is rejected due to idolatry</b> 2,6-10 Since the land is full of traders <sup>1</sup> , soothsayers <sup>2</sup> , silver <sup>3</sup> , gold <sup>4</sup> , horses <sup>5</sup> , chariots <sup>6</sup> , and idols <sup>7</sup> , people will be brought low and humbled by the dread presence of YHWH, and he alone will be exalted: <b>51</b> (3x17) words. Note the <b>7</b> categories here and in the next paragraph, as well as the <b>21</b> in the 4 <sup>th</sup> paragraph of Part III.
37	Isa 2,6	13+	57			449	
38	Isa 2,7	13+	59			462	
39	Isa 2,8	9+	44			471	
40	Isa 2,9	7+	24			478	
41	Isa 2,10	9/51 (3x17)	36	14		487	
42	Isa 2,11	12	47	15	S	499/69	
43	Isa 2,12	12	37	16		511	
44	Isa 2,13	10	41			521	
45	Isa 2,14	8	32			529	
46	Isa 2,15	8	26			537	
47	Isa 2,16	8	30			545	
48	Isa 2,17	11+	45	17		556	
49	Isa 2,18	3+	16			559	
50	Isa 2,19	13+	58	18		572	
51	Isa 2,20	17+	71			589	
52	Isa 2,21	13+	61	19		602	
53	Isa 2,22	11/68 (4x17)	36		P	613/114	
22	Part II	253	1037	10x		253	The signature of Isaiah? See the Observation below.

**Observation 2** Part II is finalized and sealed by its **1037** (61x17) letters. Additionally, 11 of the 22 verses (50%) and 119 of the 253 words (47%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**.

In 2,17-22 we find the first occurrence of **68** words in a distinct passage. This can be interpreted as the signature of Isaiah (יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ=10+21+16+10+5+6=68), but the **68** words in 9,13-17 are a stronger case.

See my note at §3 of Part VII. For the compositional technique of providing a text with the signature of the main character, see pp. 13-14 in the [General Introduction](#).

### Part III: 3,1-4,6 Anarchy in Judah provokes YHWH's judgement

Vss	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	P/S	Sum wds	Compositional structure
54	Isa 3,1	16+	66	20		629	<b>§1 A prophecy of anarchy in Judah</b>  The entire paragraph is highlighted by its <b>136</b> words.
55	Isa 3,2	7+	30			636	
56	Isa 3,3	9+	38			645	
57	Isa 3,4	6+ DS 5 0+17	30			651	
58	Isa 3,5	11+	47			662	
59	Isa 3,6	15+	56			677	
60	Isa 3,7	16+	58			693	
61	Isa 3,8	13+	55	21		706	
62	Isa 3,9	15+	56			721	
63	Isa 3,10	8+	30			729	
64	Isa 3,11	8+	25			737	
65	Isa 3,12	12/136 (8x17)	52		S	749/136	
66	Isa 3,13	6	23	22		755	<b>§2 YHWH takes his stand to judge his people</b>
67	Isa 3,14	13 DS 6 4+12	54	23		768	
68	Isa 3,15	10	42	24	S	778/29	
69	Isa 3,16	17 DS 7 2+15	80	25		795	<b>§3 Doom upon the haughty ladies of Jerusalem</b> 3,16 special emphasis on their behaviour: <b>17</b> words.
70	Isa 3,17	8	33	26	S	803/25	
71	Isa 3,18	9	45			812	<b>§4 Details about how they will be stripped bare</b> Precisely <b>21</b> items of their refinery are mentioned, which
72	Isa 3,19	3	21			815	

73	Isa 3,20	6	35			821	YHWH will take away from them: anklets <sup>1</sup> , discs <sup>2</sup> , crescents <sup>3</sup> , pendants <sup>4</sup> , bracelets <sup>5</sup> , coronets <sup>6</sup> , headbands <sup>7</sup> , armlets <sup>8</sup> , necklaces <sup>9</sup> , lockets <sup>10</sup> , charms <sup>11</sup> , signet rings <sup>12</sup> , nose-rings <sup>13</sup> , fine dresses <sup>14</sup> , mantles <sup>15</sup> , cloaks <sup>16</sup> , flounced skirts <sup>17</sup> , scarves of gauze <sup>18</sup> , linen kerchiefs <sup>19</sup> , turbans <sup>20</sup> , and flowing veils <sup>21</sup> .
74	Isa 3,21	3	14			824	
75	Isa 3,22	4	31			828	
76	Isa 3,23	4	32			832	
77	Isa 3,24	19	70			851	
78	Isa 3,25	5	25			856	
79	Isa 3,26	6	26			862	
80	Isa 4,1	18	76		S	880/77	
81	Isa 4,2	13	60	27		893	
82	Isa 4,3	12	56			905	
83	Isa 4,4	16	59			921	
84	Isa 4,5	21	68	28		942	
85	Isa 4,6	9	41		P	951/71	
32	Part III	338 (13x26)	1434	9x		338	2,1-4,1 has 520 (20x26) words. <b>§5 On that day YHWH's glory will be covering the land</b>  Parts I-III 85 (5x17) verses.

**Observation 3** Part III: 3,1-4,6, has altogether **338** (13x26) words. Additionally, 13 of the 32 verses (41%) and **153** (9x17) of the **338** words (45%) are highlighted by the number **17**. In Parts I-III (1,1-4,6) all **85** (5x17) verses are highlighted by **17**.

Most intriguingly, 2,1-4,1 is a coherent literary entity which is sealed by its **520** (20x26) words.

### Part IV: 5,1-30 The Song of the Vineyard and Six Denunciations

Vss	Texts	Words	Let.	יהוה	P/S	Sum words	Compositional structure
86	Isa 5,1	12+ DS 8	47			963	<b>§1 YHWH's experience with his vineyard</b> 5,1-4 YHWH has done everything that he could have done to enable it to yield choice crops, but it yielded a crop of wild grapes: <b>51</b> (3x17) words. 5,5 YHWH tells what he is about to do: <b>17</b> words. 5,7 Conclusion: he expected justice but found bloodshed, righteousness but found cries of distress: <b>17</b> w.
87	Isa 5,2	16+ 6+77	70			979	
88	Isa 5,3	10+	41			989	
89	Isa 5,4	13/51(3x17)	53			1002	
90	Isa 5,5	17	65			1019	
91	Isa 5,6	15	60			1034	
92	Isa 5,7	17	71	29	S	1051/100	
93	Isa 5,8	14	57			1065 יהוה י	<b>§2 Denunciation 1 &gt; those who dispossess others</b>
94	Isa 5,9	13 DS 9	53	30		1078	
95	Isa 5,10	11 3+21	37		P	1089/38+	
96	Isa 5,11	9	39			1098 יהוה 2-3	<b>§3 Denunciations 2-3 &gt; the wine-bibbers and gluttons</b>
97	Isa 5,12	16	60	31		1114	
98	Isa 5,13	11	40			1125	
99	Isa 5,14	14	57			1139	
100	Isa 5,15	7	31			1146	
101	Isa 5,16	8	37	32		1154	
102	Isa 5,17	7	33			1161	
103	Isa 5,18	8	35			1169	
104	Isa 5,19	12	56		S	1181/92/130	5,8-19, §§2-3, have altogether <b>130</b> (5x26) words.
105	Isa 5,20	16	60		S	1197 יהוה 4	<b>§4 Denunciations 4-6 &gt; the perverters of justice</b> This S draws attention to vs. 21ff. 5,11-23, §§3-4, has also <b>130</b> (5x26) words, which means that the woe-passage is highlighted by <b>26</b> .
106	Isa 5,21	6	29			1203 יהוה 5	
107	Isa 5,22	8	32			1211 יהוה 6	
108	Isa 5,23	8	35		S	1219/38	
109	Isa 5,24	25	92	33		1244	<b>§5 The imminent destruction of Judah</b>  5,27 The soldiers are in a perfect condition: <b>17</b> words.
110	Isa 5,25	25	91	34		1269	
111	Isa 5,26	12	44			1281	
112	Isa 5,27	17	60			1298	
113	Isa 5,28	12	57			1310	
114	Isa 5,29	11	49			1321	
115	Isa 5,30	14	55		P	1335/116	
30	Part IV	384	1546	6x		384	

**Observation 4** In Part IV 22 of the 30 verses (73%) and 147 of the 384 words (38%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**.

### Part V: Isaiah 6,1-13 Isaiah's vision and his divine mission

116	Isa 6,1	16+	59			1351	<b>§1 The vision of Isaiah and his purification</b>  The entire paragraph is highlighted by <b>102</b> (6x17) words.  The string of <b>7</b> woe-cries link Part IV to Part V. The <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> , being 1 <sup>st</sup> person, differs from the preceding six; nevertheless, they constitute a string of <b>7</b> .
117	Isa 6,2	17+	73			1368	
118	Isa 6,3	14+ DS 10	49	35		1382	
119	Isa 6,4	8+ 5+9	35			1390	
120	Isa 6,5	23+	81	36		1413 וינ 7	
121	Isa 6,6	11+DS 11 1+9	45			1424	
122	Isa 6,7	13/102(6x17)	45		[ ]	1437	
123	Isa 6,8	14 DS 12 5+6	47			1451	
124	Isa 6,9	13 DS13 1+30	48			1464	
125	Isa 6,10	18	72			1482	
126	Isa 6,11	18 DS14 1+36	66			1500	
127	Isa 6,12	8	32	37		1508	
128	Isa 6,13	15	59		P	1523/86	
13	Part V	188	711			188	
43	Parts IV-V	572 (22x26)	2257	3x		572 (22x26)	

**Observation 5** In Part V, 7 of the 13 verses (54%) and 102 of the 188 words (54%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. In Parts IV-V (5,1-6,13) 29 of the 43 verses (67%) and **572** of the **572** words (100%) are highlighted. Their unity is underlined by the fact that they have altogether **7** paragraphs and a string of **7** woe-cries.

The 168 words of the six woe-passages in 5,8-23 are highlighted in a special way: 38+92=130 | 92+38=130.

Their total number of words, **168**, is a multiple of **21**, which is the numerical value of יהוי, 'woe' (5+6+10=21).

Parts V-X (6,1-12,6), the so-called Autobiographical Immanuel Book, have altogether **1785** (105x17) words.

Taking 7,1-2 as the historical setting of the prophecies concerning Ahaz, Isaiah 7,3-8,10 has **442** (17x26) words.

The passage in which the two names, *Immanuel* and *Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz* are introduced (respectively in 7,14 and 8,3), namely 6,1-8,4, has **591** words, 3x197, the decimal value of עמנו אל (70+40+50+6+1+30=197). This number reverberates (as observed by Klaas Eikelenboom) in a most sophisticated way in Isaiah 25-26, which has **394** (2x197) words. See Observation 3 in [Isaiah 24-27](#).

### Part VI: 7,1-25 Isaiah's message to Ahaz and God's signs given to him

Vss	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	P/S	Sum words	Compositional structure
129	Isa 7,1	25+	96			1548	<b>§1 The Syro-Ephraimitic crisis: Isaiah is sent to Ahaz</b>  The paragraph is highlighted by <b>104</b> (4x26) words.
130	Isa 7,2	17+	60			1565	
131	Isa 7,3	21+ DS 15 4+58	77	38		1586	
132	Isa 7,4	20+	82			1606	
133	Isa 7,5	10+	36			1616	
134	Isa 7,6	11/104 (4x26)	51		S	1627/104	
135	Isa 7,7	8 DS 16 4+31	26	39		1635	<b>§2 YHWH: The evil plan will not be carried out!</b>
136	Isa 7,8	14	51			1649	
137	Isa 7,9	13	50		S	1662/35	
138	Isa 7,10	6+ DS 17 6+11	21	40		1668	<b>§3 The sign YHWH gives to Ahaz: Immanuel</b> 7,10-11 Ahaz refuses to choose a sign: <b>17</b> words.
139	Isa 7,11	11/17	39	41		1679	
140	Isa 7,12	8	27	42		1687	
141	Isa 7,13	14	48			1701	
142	Isa 7,14	15	51			1716	
143	Isa 7,15	8	33			1724	
144	Isa 7,16	16	56			1740	
145	Isa 7,17	20	70	43	P	1760/98	
146	Isa 7,18	14	59	44		1774	
147	Isa 7,19	11	57			1785	<b>§4 YHWH will bring a great invasion on Judah</b>
148	Isa 7,20	18	71		S	1803/43	
149	Isa 7,21	9	33			1812	<b>§5 The desolate situation in Judah on that day</b>
150	Isa 7,22	14	51			1826	
151	Isa 7,23	16	58			1842	
152	Isa 7,24	10+	37			1852	

153	Isa 7,25	16/26	63		P	1868/65	7,24-25 Judah will become uninhabitable: <b>26</b> words.
25	Part VI	345	1303	7x		345	Parts I-VI (1,1-7,25) <b>153</b> (9x17) verses.

**Observation 6** In Part VI 10 of the 25 verses (40%) and 147 of the 345 words (43%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The unity of the passage is underscored by a string of **7** occurrences of the name YHWH.

Until this point the book has **153** (9x17) verses, which may suggest that it was rounded of, finalized and sealed as a distinct section and that a new phase begins in Chapter 8.

### Part VII: 8,1-18 Isaiah's children as signs and portents in Judah

Vss	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	P/S	Sum words	Compositional structure
154	Isa 8,1	15+ DS 18 3+12	52	45		1883	§1 Isaiah's son, Maher-shalal-hash-baz, is a sign 8,1-2 Isaiah must write the name on a tablet: <b>26</b> words.
155	Isa 8,2	11/26	47			1894	
156	Isa 8,3	15 DS 19 3+23	51	46		1909	
157	Isa 8,4	17	57		S	1926/58	§4 It portends the fall of Damascus and Samaria: <b>17</b> w.
158	Isa 8,5	6 DS 20 6+15	21	47		1932	§2 Flood waters of the Euphrates will sweep into Judah
159	Isa 8,6	15	51			1947	
160	Isa 8,7	24	88			1971	
161	Isa 8,8	15	56		S	1986/60	
162	Isa 8,9	11+	48			1997	§3 The nations are warned: your plans will fail!
163	Isa 8,10	10+	32		S	2007/21	
164	Isa 8,11	13+ DS 21 13+44	46	48		2020	§4 YHWH warns Isaiah: do not side with the people!
165	Isa 8,12	15+	54			2035	
166	Isa 8,13	9+	40	49		2044	§§3-4 (8,9-15) YHWH warns the nations and forbids Isaiah to side with the people: <b>78</b> (3x26) words.
167	Isa 8,14	13+	59			2057	
168	Isa 8,15	7/78 (3x26)	34		S	2064/57	
169	Isa 8,16	5	21			2069	§5 Isaiah seals the instruction and waits for YHWH
170	Isa 8,17	8	37	50		2077	
171	Isa 8,18	16	68	51-52	S	2093/29	
18	Part VII	225	862	8x		225	

**Observation 7** In Part VII, 10 of the 18 verses (56%) and 121 of the 225 words (54%) are highlighted.

### Part VIII: 8,19-9,20 Isaiah's message of hope: A new prince is born!

Vss	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	P/S	Sum words	Compositional structure
172	Isa 8,19	19	81			2112	§1 Warning against necromancy and magic
173	Isa 8,20	11	39			2123	
174	Isa 8,21	13	55			2136	
175	Isa 8,22	10	39			2146	
176	Isa 8,23	21	84		[]	2167/74	
177	Isa 9,1	12	47			2179	§2 The dawn of the dominion of a new prince
178	Isa 9,2	13	57			2192	
179	Isa 9,3	13+	41			2205	9,3-6 YHWH has freed his people and the new-born prince will sit on the throne of David and exercise a dominion of justice: <b>68</b> (4x17) words.
180	Isa 9,4	12+	48			2217	
181	Isa 9,5	20+	66			2237	
182	Isa 9,6	23/68 (4x17)	94	53	S	2260/93	Until this point in the book: <b>182</b> (7x26) verses.
183	Isa 9,7	6	25			2266	§3 Ephraim's pride will be humbled by foreigners
184	Isa 9,8	10	43			2276	
185	Isa 9,9	8+	38			2284	9,9-11 Their self-reliant and God-forgetful temper make it inevitable that YHWH will raise the Syrians and the Philistines against them: <b>34</b> (2x17) words.
186	Isa 9,10	9/17+	35	54		2293	
187	Isa 9,11	17/34 (2x17)	62			2310	
188	Isa 9,12	10	33	55	S	2320/60	
189	Isa 9,13	9+	37	56		2329	§3 An overwhelming disaster and civil war!
190	Isa 9,14	10+	38			2339	
191	Isa 9,15	7+	34			2346	

192	Isa 9,16	29+	95			2375	of Isaiah: ישעיהו=10+21+16+10+5+6=68. At the centre of the five verses (v. 15) mention is made of the aged and honoured prophets as opposed to the false prophets. Being the tail, the latter will be cut off (v. 14!), while the true prophets will remain.
193	Isa 9,17	13/68 = ישעיהו	52			2388	
194	Isa 9,18	14	52	57		2402	
195	Isa 9,19	13	49			2415	
196	Isa 9,20	18	62		S	2433/113	
25	Part VIII	340 (20x17)	1306	13x		340 (20x17)	

**Observation 8** Part VIII is in its entirety governed by the divine name number **17** through its **340** words.

### Part IX: 10,1-34 YHWH's judgements and the future hope of Israel

Vss	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	P/S	Sum words	Compositional structure
197	Isa 10,1	7+	30			2440	§1 Denunciation of those who pervert justice
198	Isa 10,2	13+	57			2453	10,1-3 Those who enact unjust laws, deprive the poor
199	Isa 10,3	14/34 (2x17)	59			2467	of justice and rob the weak will not be safe: <b>34</b> words.
200	Isa 10,4	15	53		S	2482/49	
201	Isa 10,5	8 DS 22 0+72	28			2490	§2 The Assyrian, YHWH's rod, threatens Jerusalem
202	Isa 10,6	15	60			2505	
203	Isa 10,7	15	54			2520	
204	Isa 10,8	6+	21			2526	10,8-11 The Assyrian boasts about his military feats,
205	Isa 10,9	11/17	40			2537	his victory over several cities and their worthless gods.
206	Isa 10,10	8+	44			2545	Jerusalem and her idols have to face the facts: <b>17+17</b> .
207	Isa 10,11	9/17	46		S	2554/72	
208	Isa 10,12	21	76			2575	§3 YHWH will punish the Assyrian for his arrogance
209	Isa 10,13	16	76			2591	
210	Isa 10,14	19	73			2610	
211	Isa 10,15	18	67			2628	
212	Isa 10,16	13	53	58		2641	
213	Isa 10,17	12	53			2653	
214	Isa 10,18	10+	40			2663	10,18-19 The glory of his forest and his fruitful land
215	Isa 10,19	7/17	27		P	2670/116	will be utterly destroyed by YHWH's fire: <b>17</b> words.
216	Isa 10,20	20+	78	59		2690	§4 Judah should rely on YHWH; a remnant will return
217	Isa 10,21	7+	22			2697	The entire paragraph is highlighted by its <b>51</b> words.
218	Isa 10,22	14+	49			2711	
219	Isa 10,23	10/51 (3x17)	37	60	S	2721/51	
220	Isa 10,24	19 DS 23 6+22	71	61		2740	§5 Judah should not fear the Assyrian onslaught
221	Isa 10,25	9	31			2749	
222	Isa 10,26	15	61	62		2764	
223	Isa 10,27	14	52			2778	
224	Isa 10,28	8	30			2786	
225	Isa 10,29	10+	38			2796	10,29-32 Fright when the enemies cross the pass at
226	Isa 10,30	8+	33			2804	Geba and Rama near Jerusalem: <b>34</b> (2x17) words.
227	Isa 10,31	5+	23			2809	
228	Isa 10,32	11/34 (2x17)	40		S	2820/99	
229	Isa 10,33	12	58	63		2832	§6 Destruction of the forest by felling
230	Isa 10,34	7	33		S	2839/19	This is a cliffhanger prelude on the stump of Jesse!
34	Part IX	406	1613	6x		406	For this scribal technique, see p. 4 in <a href="#">Third-Isaiah</a> .

**Observation 9** In Part IX **17** of the **34** (2x17) verses (50%) and **170** (10x17) of the **406** words (42%) are highlighted by the divine name number **17**.

### Part X: 11,1-12,6 The future reign of the prince of peace

Vss	Texts	Words	Letts.	יהוה	P/S	Sum wds	Compositional structure
231	Isa 11,1	7	28			2846	§1 The peaceful situation under the rule of the new king
232	Isa 11,2	14	54	64-65		2860	<b>7</b> qualifications are attributed to the Spirit that rests on this
233	Isa 11,3	11+	51	66		2871	king: the Spirit of YHWH <sup>1</sup> , wisdom <sup>2</sup> , understanding <sup>3</sup> , counsel <sup>4</sup> ,
234	Isa 11,4	15/26	63			2886	power <sup>5</sup> , knowledge <sup>6</sup> , and fear of YHWH <sup>7</sup> . See Observation 11,
235	Isa 11,5	7	32			2893	also for the three other series of <b>7</b> in vs. 3-4 and 6-10.
236	Isa 11,6	16+	54			2909	11,6-10 The peaceful animal world reflects the civil situation at



237	Isa 11,7	10+	44			2919	the time when the new king from the house of Jesse will rally
238	Isa 11,8	11+	40			2930	the nations to YHWH's abode: <b>68 (4x17)</b> words.
239	Isa 11,9	16+	55	67	P	2946	The function of this <b>P</b> is to draw attention to 11,10, which
240	Isa 11,10	15/68 (4x17)	58		P	2961/122	forms an inclusion with 11,1 (both refer to Jesse!).
241	Isa 11,11	22+	97			2983	<b>§2 A remnant will return; praise be to God</b>
242	Isa 11,12	12/34 (2x17)	53			2995	<u>11,11-12</u> YHWH will recover the remnant which is left of his
243	Isa 11,13	16	64			3011	people and raise an ensign for the nations: <b>34 (2x17)</b> words.
244	Isa 11,14	16	64			3027	
245	Isa 11,15	17	72	68		3044	<u>11,15</u> YHWH will divide the Egyptian sea, split the Euphrates
246	Isa 11,16	14	59			3058	into seven channels: <b>17</b> words.
247	Isa 12,1	11	42	69		3069	
248	Isa 12,2	14+	50	70		3083	<u>12,2-6</u> YHWH is a deliverer, a refuge and defence and since he
249	Isa 12,3	5+	26			3088	has triumphed, he should be praised; Israel must shout aloud
250	Isa 12,4	14+	64	71		3102	for the Holy One is among them: <b>51 (3x17)</b> words.
251	Isa 12,5	9+	32	72		3111	The divine name הוה in 12,2 should not be deleted as suggested
252	Isa 12,6	9/51 (3x17)	37		P	3120/159	in BHS, since this would disturb the numerical structures!
22	Part X	281	1139	9x		281	<b>1139 (67x17)</b> letters.
137	6,1-12,6	1785 (105x17)	6934	38x		1785	<b>Autobiographical Book of Immanuel: 1785 (105x17)</b> words.
252	Segment I	3120 (120x26)	12407	72x		3120	<b>Segment I has altogether 42 (6x7) paragraphs.</b>

**Observation 10** There is strong evidence showing that §1 is delineated correctly: 11,1-10 instead of 11,1-9. In Part X (11,1-12,6) 15 of the 22 verses (68%) and 196 of the 281 words (70%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**.

1. Segment I (1,1-12,6) is in its entirety finalized and sealed by its **3120 (120x26)** words.
2. The *Autobiographical Book of Immanuel* is made up of **1785 (105x17)** words (usually taken as 7,1-12,6, but in my view it is 6,1-12,6 - see also A. Schoors in: BOT 1972, p. 57).

**Observation 11** The second series of *seven* can be detected in the deeds ascribed to the future king (11,3-4), with his *judging the poor with justice* in pride of place at the centre, a positioning that gives it special emphasis:

1. His delight is in the fear of YHWH,
2. He does not judge by outward appearance,
3. He does not decide a case on hearsay,
- 4. He judges the poor with justice,**
5. He defends the humble in the land with equity,
6. His verdict strikes the ruthless like a rod,
7. With his word he slays the wicked.

In the next passage (vs. 6-10) dealing with a description of the paradisaical situation to be expected in the messianic era, we detect two series of *seven* references to animals. The first series comprises seven different kinds of animals (v. 6) with **the kid** at the centre:

1. the wolf, 2. the lamb, 3. the leopard,
- 4. the kid,**
5. the calf, 6. the young lion, 7. the fatling (cattle).

Verses 7-8 contain another series of *seven* references to animals with **the lion** at the centre:

1. the cow, 2. the bear, 3. their young,
- 4. the lion,**
5. the ox, 6. the cobra, 7. the viper.

The author of this literary gem (§1, 11,1-10) employed the symbolic number **7** not only to organize the text, but especially to deepen it, imbuing it with a symbolic connotation proclaiming the fullness, completeness, and extensiveness of the messianic era. The symbolism of the **4** series of **7** is that its fullness would extend to the four quarters of the earth.

For more particulars and numerous examples from the Hebrew Bible, as well as from the New Testament, of the use of the number of fullness **7** and the number of fulfilment **11**, see Chapters 2-4 in my [Numerical Secrets of the Bible](#).

**Observation 12** The thanksgiving Song in Chapter 12 are in two parts: **22** words in vs. 1-2 and **29** words in vs. 4-6, altogether **51 (3x17)** words. Most significantly, as can be seen in the table, vs. 2-6 has likewise **51 (3x17)** words.

### The 23 Divine Speeches in Isaiah 1-12

Column 3 contains the introductory formulae (Intro's) and the words referring to YHWH's words (Refs).

DSS	Texts	Intro's/Refs	Speaker > Addressees	Words	Totals
1	1,2-3	7	YHWH > Heaven and Earth	18+	25
2	1,10-17	10+2=12	YHWH > Sodom and Gemorrah	84/102 (6x17)	96
3	1,18	2	YHWH > Israel	14	16
4	1,24-26	7	YHWH > Israel	27	34
5	3,4-5	0	YHWH > about Israel's disposition	17 85 (5x17)	17
6	3,14-15	4	YHWH > Israel	12	16
7	3,16	2	YHWH > re the daughters of Zion	15	17 221(13x17)
8	5,1-6	6	YHWH > about the vineyard	77	83
9	5,9-10	3	YHWH > about the vineyard	21	24
10	6,3	5	Seraph > Seraph	9	14
11	6,7	1	Seraph > Isaiah	9	10
12	6,8a	5	Adonay > Isaiah	6	11 52 (2x26)
13	6,9-10	1	Adonay > Isaiah	30	31
14	6,11b-13	1	Adonay > Isaiah	36 323(19x17)	37
15	7,3-6	4	YHWH > Isaiah	58	62
16	7,7-9	4	Adonay YHWH > Isaiah	31	35 166
17	7,10-11	6	YHWH > Ahaz	11	17
18	8,1	3	YHWH > Isaiah	12	15
19	8,3b-4	3	YHWH > Isaiah	23	26
20	8,5-6	6	YHWH > Isaiah	15	21
21	8,11-15	13	YHWH > Isaiah	44 153 (9x17)	57 204 (12x17)
22	10,5-11	0	YHWH > about Assyria	72	72
23	10,24-25	6	YHWH > Israel	22	28
<b>23 x</b>	<b>1,1-10,25</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>YHWH 17x, Adonay 4x, Seraphs 2x</b>	<b>663 (39x17)</b>	<b>764</b>

**Observation 12** The words ascribed to God and the Seraphs have been organized with pain-staking care in order to weave the numbers **17** and **26**, signifying YHWH's presence, into the text of the 23 divine speeches:

1. The name YHWH occurs **17** times (excluding the combination Adonay YHWH in speech 16).
2. The 23 speeches have **663 (39x17)** words divided into **102 (6x17) + 85 (5x17) + 323 (19x17) + 153 (9x17)**.
3. Note also the significant numbers in all words devoted to the divine speeches in Column 6.
4. The divine speech (4) directed to Israel (1,24-26, including its introduction): **34 (2x17)** words.
5. The divine speech dealing with Israel's disposition (3,4-5): **17** words.
6. YHWH's words dealing with the daughters of Zion, speech 7 (3,16, including its introduction): **17** words.
7. YHWH's words addressed to king Ahaz, speech 17 (7,10-11, including its introduction): **17** words.
8. YHWH's words addressed to Isaiah after the birth of Maher-shalal-hash-baz (speech 19) **26** words.
9. Most remarkably, the **four speeches** which are not introduced by the customary introductory formulae: speeches **5, 8, 9, and 22**, have altogether **187 (11x17)** words (**17+77+21+72**).
10. The **153** words in speeches 20-23 are to be found in 8,5-11,9, which consists of **1020 (60x17)** words.
11. Is it a matter of coincidence that speeches 5-23 with their **520 (20x26)** words are to be found in Isaiah 2-12, which have altogether **221 (13x17)** verses?

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