

## The Structural Design of Segment IV: Isaiah 28-35

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### Segment IV: Isaiah 28-35 Prophecies Concerning YHWH's Transformation of the World

In terms of a presumed tripartite structure of the book (1-27; 28-39; 40-66), 28-39 constitutes the middle Part, which W.A.M. Beuken has called a 'unified whole'....'clearly preceded by a caesura' (after 27), and of course also followed by a clear caesura (after 39), since Chapter 40 represents a completely different world. This does, however, not exclude that 28-39 divides into two totally different parts: 28-35 and 36-39. Within the *sevenfold* structure, 28-35 once again occupies pride of place as the focal point of attention:

1-12; 13-23; 24-27; **28-35**; 36-39; 40-55; 56-66.

In Segment IV 80 of the 166 verses (**48%**) and 1078 of the 2178 words (**49%**) are highlighted by **17** and **26**.

#### Crucial passages in Isaiah 28-35 highlighted by 17 and 26

1. YHWH's judgement on the corrupt leaders (28,1-10): **130 (5x26)** words.
2. YHWH will execute judgement in a strange way (28,16-20): **68 (4x17)** words.
3. YHWH will punish Ariel's enemies in an instant (29,5-8): **68 (4x17)** words.
4. YHWH will punish those who pay him lip service (29,13-14): **34 (2x17)** words.
5. Safety and strength lie in quiet trust (30,15-17): **51 (3x17)** words.
6. YHWH will heal the wounds and give prosperity (30,23-26): **68 (4x17)** words.
7. YHWH will appear on the scene and destroy Assyria (30,27-32): **85 (5x17)** words.
8. The Israelites will spurn their idols and Assyria will fall (31,6-9): **51 (3x17)** words.
9. What happens when a king and his ministers rule with justice (32,1-8): **85 (5x17)** words.
10. Women who live at ease are called to mourn over the sad situation (32,9-13): **51 (3x17)** words.
11. When a spirit comes from on high, a wilderness will become a garden (32,14-16): **34 (2x17)** words.
12. A prayer of petition for protection and salvation (33,2-4): **26** words.
13. Sinners quake with terror; the upright prosper (33,13-16): **52 (2x26)** words.
14. The upright will live without fear in their own country (33,17-20): **51 (3x17)** words.
15. In the new situation there will be prosperity and abundance for all (33,23-24): **17+9=26** words.
16. For YHWH it will be a day of vengeance on Edom (34,5-8): **52 (2x26)** words.
17. Even nature will see YHWH's glory and rejoice (35,1-2): **26** words.

#### The Compositional structure of Isaiah 28-35: nine different divisions

W. EICHRODT (*Der Heilige in Israel: Jesaja 28-39*, Die Botschaft des Alten Testaments, 1960): **28,1-4; 28,5-6; 28,7-13; 28,14-22; 28,23-29; 29,1-6; 29,7-8; 29,9-12; 29,13-14; 29,15-16; 29,17-24; 30,1-5; 30,6-7; 30,8; 30,9-17; 30,18-26; 30,27-33; 31,1-3; 31,4-9; 32,1-8; 32,9-14; 32,15-20; 33,1-6; 33,7-16; 33,17-24; 34,1-17; 35,1-10... . 36,1-37,38; 38,1-22; 39,1-8.**

G. FOHRER (*Das Buch Jesaja, 2. Band Kapitel 24-39*, Zürcher Bibelkommentare, 1967<sup>2</sup>): **28,1-4; 28,5-6; 28,7-13; 28,14-22; 28,23-29; 29,1-8; 29,9-12; 29,13-14; 29,15-16; 29,17-24; 30,1-5; 30,6-7; 30,8-14; 30,15-17; 30,18-26; 30,27-33; 31,1-3; 31,4-9; 32,1-5; 32,6-8; 32,9-14; 32,15-20; 33,1-6; 33,7-24; 34-35.**

L.A. SNIJDERS (*Jesaja, Deel I*, POT, Nijkerk, 1969): **28,1-6; 28,7-22; 28,23-29; 29,1-16; 29,17-24; 30,1-7; 30,8-17; 30,18-26; 30,27-33; 31,1-3; 31,4-9; 32,1-5; 32,6-8; 32,9-20; 33,1-24; 34,1-17; 35,1-10; 38,9-22 (*sic!*).**

A. SCHOORS (*Jesaja*, BOT, IXA, Roermond, 1972): **28,1-4; 28,5-6; 28,7-13; 28,14-22; 28,23-29; 29,1-8; 29,9-12; 29,13-14; 29,15-16; 29,17-24; 30,1-5; 30,6-7; 30,8-14; 30,15-17; 30,18-26; 30,27-30; 30,31-33; 31,1-3; 31,4-9; 32,1-5; 32,6-8; 32,9-14; 32,15-20; 33,1; 33,2-9; 33,10-13; 33,14-16; 33,17-24; | | 34,1-4; 34,5-17; 35,1-7; 35,8-10.**

O. KAISER (*Der Prophet Jesaja Kapitel 13-39*, ATD 18, 1973): **28,1-4; 28,5-6; 28,7-13; 28,14-22; 28,23-29; 29,1-8; 29,9-12; 29,13-14; 29,15-16; 29,17-24; 30,1-5; 30,6-7; 30,8-17; 30,18; 30,19-26; 30,27-33; 31,1-3; 31,4-9; 32,1-8; 32,9-14; 32,15-20; 33,1-24; 34-35.....36,1-37,38; 38,1-22; 39,1-8.**

H. WILDBERGER (*Jesaja: 2. Teilband, Jesaja 28-39*, BKAT X/3, Neukirchen-Vluyn, 1978): **28,1-6; 28,7-13; 28,14-22; 28,23-29; 29,1-8; 29,9-12; 29,13-14; 29,15-16; 29,17-24; 30,1-5; 30,6-7; 30,8-11; 30,12-14; 30,15-17; 30,18-26; 30,27-33; 31,1-3; 31,4-9; 32,1-8; 32,9-14; 32,15-20; 33,1-6; 33,7-16; 33,17-24; 34,1-17; 35,1-10.**

D.A. DORSEY (*The Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary on Genesis-Malachi*, Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1999, pp. 217-235): **28,1-29; 29,1-24; 30,1-33; 31,1-32,8; 32,9-20; 33,1-24; 34,1-35,10.**

J. BLENKINSOPP (*Isaiah 1-39*, The Anchor Bible, 2000): **28,1-13; 28,14-22; 28,23-29; 29,1-8; 29,9-14; 29,15-24; 30,1-5; 30,6-7; 30,8-14; 30,15-17; 30,18-26; 30,27-33; 31,1-9; 32,1-8; 32,9-20; 33,1; 33,2-6; 33,7-13; 33,14-16; 33,17-24; 34,1-17; 35,1-10.....36,1-37,38; 38,1-22; 39,1-8.**

W.A.M. BEUKEN (*Jesaja 28-39*, HTKAT, 2010): **I: A: 28; 29-1-14; 29,15-24; 30; 31; B: 32,1-8; 32,9-20; C: 33; II: 34; 35.**

My own division of the text into **4** main Parts with **39** paragraphs is primarily based on the layout markers (insofar as they are present), and on the subject matter as well as numerical considerations:

**Part 1: Prophecies concerning the remnant (28-32):** 115 verses; 1557 words; **6032** (232x26) letters.

**28,1-4 S; 28,5-6 S; 28,7-8 S; 28,9-10 P; 28,11-15 S; 28,16-20 []; 28,21-22 []; 28,23-29 S; 29,1-8 S; 29,9-12 S; 29,13-14 S; 29,15-16 []; 29,17-21 S; 29,22-30,5 S; 30,6-7 []; 30,8-11 S; 30,12-14 P; 30,15-18 S; 30,19-22 []; 30,23-26 S; 30,27-33 S; 31,1-3 S; 31,4-9 S; 32,1-8 P; 32,9-13 []; 32,14-20 S.**

**Part 2: A bright future for Jerusalem (33,1-24):** 24 verses; 275 words; 1060 letters.

**33,1 S; 33,2-6 S; 33,7-12 S; 33,13-16 []; 33,17-20 []; 33,21-24 [].**

**Part 3: Total ruin for Edom (34,1-17):** 17 verses; 220 words; 876 letters.

**34,1-4 []; 34,5-8 []; 34,9-17 S.**

**Part 4: The final restoration of Judah (35,1-10):** 10 verses; 126 words; **510** (30x17) letters.

**35,1-2 S; 35,3-4 []; 35,5-7 []; 35,8-10 P.**

Vss	Text	Words	Let.	יהוה	P/S	Sum w.	Compositional Structure
<b>Part 1</b>		<b>28-32</b>	<b>Prophecies concerning the remnant</b>				
1	Isa 28,1	16+	60			16	§1 YHWH's judgement on the corrupt leaders
2	Isa 28,2	15+	57			31	
3	Isa 28,3	6+ 6+	30			37	28,3-4 The crown of the drunkards will be trodden
4	Isa 28,4	20+ 20/26	80		S	57/57	under foot: 26 words.
5	Isa 28,5	11+	48	1		68	§2 YHWH will be a crown of glory to the remnant
6	Isa 28,6	9+	42		S	77/20	
7	Isa 28,7	20+	72			97	§3 The detestable state of the drunkards
8	Isa 28,8	8+	27		S	105/28	
9	Isa 28,9	12+	44			117	§4 They behave like newly weaned babes
10	Isa 28,10	13/130 (5x26)	34		P	130/25	§§1-4 (28,1-10) are highlighted by 130 (5x26) words.
11	Isa 28,11	9	32			139	§5 YHWH will address them with a strange tongue
12	Isa 28,12	12 3+6=9	50		DS 1	151	
13	Isa 28,13	23 4+13=17	81	2	DS 2	174	
14	Isa 28,14	11 4+29=33	42	3	DS 3	185	
15	Isa 28,15	22	81		S	207/77	
16	Isa 28,16	18+ 5+63=68	64	4	DS 4	225	§6 The strange way YHWH executes justice

17	Isa 28,17	12+	49			237	
18	Isa 28,18	16+	60			253	
19	Isa 28,19	15+	57			268	28,16-20 YHWH will lay a precious corner-stone in Zion
20	Isa 28,20	7/68 (4x17)	30			275	and execute justice on the inhabitants: 68 (4x17) w.
21	Isa 28,21	16	69	5		291	
22	Isa 28,22	17	67	6	[]	308/101	28,22 YHWH has decreed destruction for the land: 17.
23	Isa 28,23	6	31			314	§7 The parable of the good farmer
24	Isa 28,24	8	33			322	
25	Isa 28,25	15	58			337	
26	Isa 28,26	4	20			341	
27	Isa 28,27	16	55			357	
28	Isa 28,28	13	51			370	
29	Isa 28,29	10	39	7	S	380/72	
30	Isa 29,1	12 0+42=42	43		DS 5	392	§8 Ariel will be besieged but YHWH will save it
31	Isa 29,2	8+	42			400	
32	Isa 29,3	9/17	41			409	29,2-3 Ariel will be reduced to sore straits: 17 words.
33	Isa 29,4	13	58			422	
34	Isa 29,5	12+	47			434	29,5-8 Yet YHWH will punish Ariel's enemies in an
35	Isa 29,6	13+	53	8		447	instant: 68 (4x17) words.
36	Isa 29,7	15+	64			462	
37	Isa 29,8	28/68 (4x17)	111		S	490/110	
38	Isa 29,9	10	42			500	§9 YHWH will send blindness and confusion
39	Isa 29,10	15	61	9		515	
40	Isa 29,11	23	78			538	
41	Isa 29,12	15	46		S	553/63	
42	Isa 29,13	19+ 2+32=34	77		DS 6	572	§10 YHWH will punish those who pay him lip service.
43	Isa 29,14	15/34 (2x17)	62		S	587/34	29,13-14 The whole paragraph is highlighted by 34 w.
44	Isa 29,15	13	59	10		600	§11 Some think they can hide their plans from God
45	Isa 29,16	16	59		[]	616/29	
46	Isa 29,17	10	41			626	§12 Prospects of a better future
47	Isa 29,18	11	51			637	
48	Isa 29,19	9	44	11		646	
49	Isa 29,20	9	30			655	
50	Isa 29,21	9	41		S	664/48	
51	Isa 29,22	19 11+31=42	62	12	DS 7	683	§13 The house of Jacob will return to YHWH
52	Isa 29,23	16	68			699	
53	Isa 29,24	7	30		[]	706/42	
54	Isa 30,1	18 0+37=39	68	13	DS 8	724	§14 The futility of relying on Egypt for help
55	Isa 30,2	12	51			736	
56	Isa 30,3	9/59	38			745	
57	Isa 30,4	7	28			752	
58	Isa 30,5	15	51		S	767/61	
59	Isa 30,6	25 0+47=47	96		DS 9	792	§15 YHWH calls Egypt 'Rahab Subdued'
60	Isa 30,7	10	38		[]	802	
61	Isa 30,8	15	49			817	§16 The order to write it on a tablet as a witness
62	Isa 30,9	12	40	14		829	
63	Isa 30,10	15+	59			844	30,10-11 Those who forbid the prophets to prophecy
64	Isa 30,11	11/26	42		S	855/88	are a rebellious people: 26 words.

65	Isa 30,12	14	5+41=46	57		DS 10	869	§17 The downfall of the sinners
66	Isa 30,13	15		57			884	
67	Isa 30,14	17		68		P	901/46	30,14 The metaphor of the shattered earthen jar: 17.
68	Isa 30,15	16+	7+44=51	69	15	DS 11	917	§18 Those who wait for YHWH will be saved
69	Isa 30,16	16+		52			933	
70	Isa 30,17	19/51	(3x17)	66			952	30,15-17 Safety and strength lie in quiet trust: 51 w.
71	Isa 30,18	15		58	16-17	S	967/66	
72	Isa 30,19	14		53			981	§19 Comfort and forgiveness for the penitent
73	Isa 30,20	16		58			997	
74	Isa 30,21	13	5+4=9	54		DS 12	1010	
75	Isa 30,22	15		54		[]	1025/58	
76	Isa 30,23	19+		73			1044	§20 YHWH will heal the wounds and give prosperity
77	Isa 30,24	11+		52			1055	The entire paragraph is highlighted by 68 (4x17) words.
78	Isa 30,25	17+		57			1072	
79	Isa 30,26	21/68	(4x17)	82	18	S	1093/68	
80	Isa 30,27	15+		55	19		1108	§21 YHWH will load the nations with an evil yoke
81	Isa 30,28	15+		57			1123	
82	Isa 30,29	16+		61	20		1139	30,27-32 YHWH will appear on the scene in a terrible
83	Isa 30,30	17+		63	21		1156	theophany which will punish and destroy Assyria:
84	Isa 30,31	7+		24	22		1163	85 (5x17) words.
85	Isa 30,32	15/85	(5x17)	64	23		1178	
86	Isa 30,33	20		77	24	S	1198/105	
87	Isa 31,1	26		93	25		1224	§22 Woe betide those who seek help from Egypt
88	Isa 31,2	17		56			1241	31,1-2 YHWH will rise up against those who rely on
89	Isa 31,3	18		70	26	S	1259/61	Egypt and do not seek his guidance: 26+17 words.
90	Isa 31,4	32	5+17-22	114	27-28	DS 13	1291	§23 YHWH's resolve to protect Jerusalem
91	Isa 31,5	12		50	29		1303	
92	Isa 31,6	6+		25			1309	31,6-9 The Israelites will spurn their idols and Assyria
93	Isa 31,7	14+		55			1323	will fall according to YHWH's word: 51 (3x17) words.
94	Isa 31,8	16+	22+9	58		DS 14	1339	
95	Isa 31,9	15/51	(3x17)	60	30	S	1354/95	
96	Isa 32,1	7+		28			1361	§24 What happens when a king rules with justice
97	Isa 32,2	14+		52			1375	
98	Isa 32,3	7+		33			1382	The entire paragraph is highlighted by 85 (5x17) words.
99	Isa 32,4	9+		40			1391	
100	Isa 32,5	9+		32			1400	
101	Isa 32,6	19+		71	31		1419	
102	Isa 32,7	13+		53			1432	
103	Isa 32,8	7/85	(5x17)	30		P	1439/85	
104	Isa 32,9	9+		42			1448	§25 Women are called to mourn over the situation
105	Isa 32,10	11+		39			1459	
106	Isa 32,11	9+		40			1468	The entire paragraph is highlighted by 51 (3x17) words.
107	Isa 32,12	9+		28			1477	
108	Isa 32,13	13/51	(3x17)	42		[]	1490	
109	Isa 32,14	17+		62			1507	§26 It will change when a spirit from on high comes
110	Isa 32,15	11+		45			1518	32,14-16 When a spirit comes from on high, the wil-
111	Isa 32,16	6/34	(2x17)	26			1524	derness will become a garden of righteousness: 34 w.
112	Isa 32,17	10		41			1534	
113	Isa 32,18	8		42			1542	

114	Isa 32,19	6	26			1548	
115	Isa 32,20	9	35		S	1557/118	
<b>115</b>	<b>28,1-32,20</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>6032</b>	<b>31x</b>		<b>1557</b>	Part 1 (28-32) has <b>6032=232x26</b> letters.
	<b>Part 2</b>	<b>33,1-24</b>					<b>A bright future for Jerusalem</b>
116	Isa 33,1	16	60		S	1573/16	<b>§27 Woe betide the destroyer and betrayer!</b>
117	<b>Isa 33,2</b>	<b>11+</b>	43	<b>32</b>		1584	<b>§28 A prayer of petition and a hymn of praise</b>
118	<b>Isa 33,3</b>	<b>7+</b>	31			1591	<b>33,2-4</b> The prayer of petition for protection and salvation is made up of <b>26</b> words.
119	<b>Isa 33,4</b>	<b>8/26</b>	31			1599	
120	Isa 33,5	9	33	<b>33</b>		1608	
121	Isa 33,6	11	45	<b>34</b>	S	1619/46	
122	Isa 33,7	8	31			1627	<b>§29 Seeing the social disaster, YHWH will act</b>
123	Isa 33,8	12	41			1639	
124	Isa 33,9	12	49			1651	
125	<b>Isa 33,10</b>	<b>8 2+28=30</b>	30	<b>35</b>	<b>DS 15</b>	1659	
126	<b>Isa 33,11</b>	<b>7</b>	26			1666	
127	<b>Isa 33,12</b>	<b>8</b>	35		S	1674/55	
128	<b>Isa 33,13</b>	<b>7+</b>	33			1681	<b>§30 Sinners quake with terror; the upright prosper</b>
129	<b>Isa 33,14</b>	<b>16+</b>	61			1697	The entire paragraph is highlighted by <b>52 (2x26)</b> words.
130	<b>Isa 33,15</b>	<b>19+</b>	78			1716	
131	<b>Isa 33,16</b>	<b>10/52 (2x26)</b>	46		[]	1726/52	
132	<b>Isa 33,17</b>	<b>7+</b>	34			1733	<b>§31 They will live without fear in their own country</b>
133	<b>Isa 33,18</b>	<b>11+</b>	38			1744	The entire paragraph is highlighted by <b>51 (3x17)</b> words.
134	<b>Isa 33,19</b>	<b>13+</b>	43			1757	
135	<b>Isa 33,20</b>	<b>20/51 (3x17)</b>	80		[]	1777/51	
136	Isa 33,21	20	67	<b>36</b>		1797	<b>§32 YHWH will be judge, king, and lawgiver</b>
137	Isa 33,22	9	40	<b>37-39</b>		1806	
138	<b>Isa 33,23</b>	<b>17+</b>	55			1823	<b>33,23-24</b> The situation will change dramatically: there
139	<b>Isa 33,24</b>	<b>9/26</b>	30		[]	1832/55	will be prosperity and abundance for all: <b>17+9=26</b> .
<b>24</b>	<b>33,1-24</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>8x</b>		<b>275</b>	
	<b>Part 3</b>	<b>34,1-17</b>					<b>Total ruin for Edom</b>
140	Isa 34,1	11	49			1843	<b>§33 YHWH's judgement on the nations</b>
141	Isa 34,2	13	45	<b>40</b>		1856	
142	Isa 34,3	8	40			1864	
143	Isa 34,4	15	62		[]	1879/47	
144	<b>Isa 34,5</b>	<b>12+ 0+12=12</b>	41		<b>DS 16</b>	1891	<b>§34 For YHWH it will be a day of vengeance on Edom</b>
145	<b>Isa 34,6</b>	<b>20+</b>	82	<b>41-42</b>		1911	The entire paragraph is highlighted by <b>52 (2x26)</b> words.
146	<b>Isa 34,7</b>	<b>12+</b>	51			1923	
147	<b>Isa 34,8</b>	<b>8/52 (2x26)</b>	30	<b>43</b>	[]	1931/52	
148	Isa 34,9	9	43			1940	<b>§35 The total destruction of Edom</b>
149	Isa 34,10	15	57			1955	
150	Isa 34,11	13	52			1968	
151	Isa 34,12	9	34			1977	
152	Isa 34,13	12	57			1989	
153	Isa 34,14	15	56			2004	
154	Isa 34,15	13	51			2017	
155	Isa 34,16	20	69	<b>44</b>		2037	
<b>156</b>	<b>Isa 34,17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>57</b>		S	<b>2052/121</b>	Until this point in Segment IV: <b>156 (6x26)</b> verses.
<b>17</b>	<b>34,1-17</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>5x</b>		<b>220</b>	Chapter 34 is finalized and sealed by its <b>17</b> verses.
	<b>Part 4</b>	<b>35,1-10</b>					<b>The final restoration of Judah</b>

157	Isa 35,1	7+	32			2059	§36 Even nature will see YHWH's glory and rejoice
158	Isa 35,2	19/26	74	45	S	2078/26	The entire paragraph is highlighted by 26 words.
159	Isa 35,3	6	27			2084	§37 Be strong, fear not! YHWH comes to save you!
160	Isa 35,4	15	61		[]	2099/21	
161	Isa 35,5	7	33			2106	§38 The disabled will be healed and sing for joy!
162	Isa 35,6	13	50			2119	
163	Isa 35,7	12	51		[]	2131/32	
164	Isa 35,8	18	66			2149	§39 There will be a highway for the people to return!
165	Isa 35,9	13	47			2162	
166	Isa 35,10	16	69	46	P	2178/47	
10	35,1-10	126	510	2x		126	Chapter 35 is made up of 510 (30x17) letters.
166	Segment IV	2178	8478	46x		2178	
676	1,1-35,10	8521	33458	202x		8521	Until this point the book has 676 (26x26) verses.

**Observation 1** In Segment IV 80 of the 166 verses (48%) and 1078 of the 2178 words (49%) are highlighted by 17 and 26.

**Observation 2** In terms of the book as a whole, the 676 (26x26) verses until Chapter 35 (Segments I-IV) suggest a strong caesura after Chapter 35 – compare the 510 (30x17) verses until the end of Chapter 27! This is additional evidence in support of the delimitation of Segment IV (28-35), and Segment V (36-39). That Segments IV and V must be regarded as two distinct literary entities is underscored by the fact that Segment V (36-39) is finalized and sealed by its 1378 (53x26) words.

**Observation 3** As we have seen, in the book as a whole with its 7 Segments, Segment IV (28-35) occupies pride of place at the focal point of attention (7=3+1+3): 1-12; 13-23; 24-27; 28-35; 36-39; 40-55; 56-66. This is not surprising, because the gist of its message is the clear prospect of hope for the future through YHWH's radical transformation of the world. It is exactly in this respect that 28-35 pave the way for the message of 40-45 predicting the return of the exiles.

However, 28-35 are flanked on either side by 24-27 and 36-39, which do the same in their own way. In other words, in terms of the compositional structure of the book in its final form the three central Segments, 24-27, 28-35, and 36-39, form a bridge between the prophecies in 1-23 and 40-66.

### The fourteen divine speeches in Isaiah 28-35

DSS	Texts	Introductions	Speaker > Addressee	Words	Totals
1	28,12	3	[YHWH] > the people of Israel	6	9
2	28,13	4	YHWH > the people of Israel	13	17
3	28,14-15	4	YHWH > the rulers of the Israelites in Jerusalem	29	33
4	28,16-20	5	Adonay YHWH > the Israelites	63	68 (4x17)
5	29,1-4	0	[YHWH] > the Israelites	42	42
6	29,13-14	2	Adonay > the Israelites	32	34 (2x17)
7	29,22-24	11	YHWH > the Israelites	31+	42
8	30,1-3	2	YHWH > the Israelites	37/68 (4x17)	39
9	30,6-8	0	[YHWH] > the Israelites	47	47
10	30,12-14	5	The Holy One of Israel > the Israelites	41+	46
11	30,15-17	7	Adonay YHWH the Holy One of Israel > the Israelites	44/85 (5x17)	51 (3x17)
12	30,21	5	[YHWH] A word heard by the Israelites	4	9
13	31,4	5	YHWH > the prophet	17	22
14	31,8-9	9	YHWH > the Israelites	22	31
15	33,10-13	2	YHWH > the Israelites	28	30
16	34,5	0	[YHWH] > the Israelites	12	12
	Isa 28-34	56+8=64		357 (21x17) + 111 = 468	468 (18x26)

**Observation 4** Except for Speech 1 (28,12) and Speech 11 (30,21b<sub>α</sub>) all DSS are addressed to the Israelites through the prophet. In Speeches 1, 5, 9, 12, and 16 the speaker is not explicitly mentioned, but he can only be YHWH. Thus: [YHWH]. Only two of them, Speeches 1, and 12, are introduced (28,12), by 3+5 words. Most intriguingly, the remaining eleven speeches have altogether 357 (21x) words. The sixteen divine utterances have altogether 468 (18x26) words. Speeches 10 and 11 have altogether 85 (5x17) words.

Speeches 4, 6, and 11 stand out by 68 (4x17), 34 (2x17), and 51 (3x17) words, including the introductions.

Speech 8 may be limited to 30,1-3, while vs. 4-5 contain the prophet's comment. However, another option is to take 30,1-5 in its entirety as YHWH's words, seeing that it is a close-knit literary unit. See for instance the translations of the Revised English Bible and the Revised Standard Version.

DS 13 is limited to 31,4a because 4b-5 is an elaboration by the prophet who speaks *about* YHWH.

Verse 4a: For this is what YHWH intimated to me: "*As a lion or a young lion grows over its prey.....*", 4b-5: *so* YHWH of hosts will come down to fight. *Like hovering birds, so* YHWH of hosts will be a shield...".

Speech 16 is to be found in 34,5: "Indeed, my sword *has drunk its fill* in the heavens; see how it descends in judgement on Edom, on a people I have doomed to destruction", while v. 4 belongs to the previous passage, vs. 1-4. For the verb רָיַהַב, 'to drink one's fill' (qal), see Jer. 46,10, also said of YHWH's sword!

Therefore, I propose to read רַיַהַבָּ, 'it (YHWH's sword) *has drunk its fill*'.

Isa. 34,16 is not a DS in the strict sense of the word, but a citation from 'the book of YHWH'.

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