

The Structural Design of Segment VI: Isaiah 40-55

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Segment VI: Isaiah 40-55 Prophecies concerning the exiles in Babylonia

This Segment is from beginning to end a meticulously designed numerical composition governed and highlighted by the holy numbers **17** and **26** as illustrated by the following randomly chosen features:

To begin with, Isaiah 40-55 as a whole, is for **100%** highlighted by its **4335 (255[15x17]x17)** words.
 Chapter 40 (Part I) has **357 (21x17)** words. For the eight Parts, see page 3 below.
 Isaiah 42,14-44,28 (Part III) is made up of **68 (4x17)** verses, which suggest a caesura after Chapter 44.
 Chapters 40-44 (Parts I-III) have altogether **1700** words, which shows that 40-44 is a distinct entity.
 Chapters 45-46 have altogether **510 (30x17)** words, which underscores the caesura between 44 and 45.
 God's Speeches 1-27 (in 40-44) have **1040 (40x26)** words, which also underscores the caesura after 44.
 God's Speeches 28-62 (in 45-53) from Cyrus, God's Servant, until the Suffering Servant: **1326 (51[3x17]x26)** words.
 The **68 (4x17)** Divine Speeches have altogether **2652 (102[6x17]x26)** words. For full particulars, see the last page.
 From *the call to praise* in 42,10 until *the call to praise* in 44,23 there are **833 (49[7x7]x17)** words.
 Chapters 45-48 (Part IV) have **988 (38x26)** words.
 Chapters 40-48 (Parts I-IV) have altogether **2688 (1700[100x17]+988[38x26])** words, by which the whole section is finalized and sealed as a distinct literary unit. It is also sealed by the **68 (4x17)** occurrences of the name יהוה.
 Isaiah 50,4-52,12 (Part VI) is sealed by **26** occurrences of the name יהוה.
 Isaiah 52,13-55,13 (Parts VII-VIII) is sealed by **17** occurrences of the name יהוה.

Randomly selected smaller crucial passages highlighted by 17 and 26

1. There is no likeness to be found for YHWH (40,17-21): **51 (3x17)** words.
2. The first reference to YHWH's incomparability (40,25-26): **26** words.
3. YHWH says: "I am with you! I am your God!" (41,10): **17** words.
4. The Israelites must not fear, for YHWH will help them (41,14-15): **26** words.
5. The idols are nothings and amount to nothing (41,28-29): **17** words.
6. Who has created the heavens? (42,5): **17** words.
7. The servant sees much but perceives little; his ears are open but he hears nothing (42,18-22): **52 (2x26)** words.
8. YHWH has created the Israelites and will not fail them, for he is their God (43,1-2): **34 (2x17)** words.
9. YHWH will do something new: he will make a way in the wilderness (43,19-21): **34 (2x17)** words.
10. YHWH will pour his spirit upon his servant and bless all his descendants (44,2-5): **51 (3x17)** words.
11. There is no rock besides YHWH (44,8): **17** words.
12. Idolators do not realize the folly of worshipping a block of wood (44,18-20): **51 (3x17)** words.
13. The unique Creator is Israel's Redeemer (45,1-48,22): **988 (38x26)** words.
14. The God of Israel, the Creator, is unique (45,5-8): **51 (3x17)** words.
15. Idolators are urged to recognize YHWH's uniqueness (45,20-25): **85 (5x17)** words.
16. Idols are carried and loaded on to beasts, but YHWH carries his people (46,1-4): **51 (3x17)** words.
17. What YHWH does is for his own sake (48,9-11): **26** words.
18. YHWH will guide and care for the exiles along the road to freedom (49,8-11): **51 (3x17)** words.
19. The Israelites will be restored and flourish in peace and prosperity (49,17-21): **68 (4x17)** words.
20. YHWH helps his servant and the people should obey him (50,7-11): **78 (3x26)** words.
21. YHWH's deliverance will be everlasting (51,4-8): **78 (3x26)** words.
22. YHWH has comforted his people and redeemed Jerusalem (52,9-10): **26** words.
23. The essential characteristics of YHWH's servant (53,4-12): **130 (5x26)** words.
24. Sing, rejoice and fear not: YHWH is your Redeemer (54,1-8): **102 (6x17)** words.
25. YHWH will forgive all who turn to him (55,7-9): **34 (2x17)** words. For full particulars, see the table.

The Compositional structure of Isaiah 40-55: seventeen different divisions

C.R. NORTH (*The Second Isaiah*, Oxford, 1964): **40,1-11; 40,12-26; 40,27-31; 41,1-7; 41,8-10; 41,11-13; 41,14-16; 41,17-20; 41,21-29; 42,1-4; 42,5-9; 42,10-17; 42,18-25; 43,1-7; 43,8-13; 43,14-15; 43,16-21; 43,22-28; 44,1-5; 44,6-8; 44,9-20; 44,21-23; 44,24-28; 45,1-7; 45,8; 45,9-13; 45,14-25; 46,1-13; 47,1-15; 48,1-11; 48,12-19; 48,20-22; 49,1-6; 49,7-13; 49,14-21; 49,22-26; 50,1-3; 50,4-11; 51,1-8; 51,9-11; 51,12-16; 51,17-23; 52,1-6; 52,7-10; 52,11-12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-10; 54,11-17; 55,1-5; 55,6-13.**

C. WESTERMANN (*Das Buch Jesaja, Kapitel 40-66*, ATD 19, 1966): **40,1-11; 40,12-31; 41,1-5; 41,6-7; 41,8-13; 41,14-16; 41,17-20; 41,21-29; 42,1-4; 42,5-9; 42,10-13; 42,14-17; 42,18-25; 43,1-7; 43,8-15; 43,16-21; 43,22-28; 44,1-5; 44,6-8+21-22 (sic!); 44,23; 44,9-20; 44,24-28 + 45,1-7 (sic!); 45,8; 45,9-13; 45,14.15.16-17; 45,18-19; 45,20-25; 46,1-4; 46,5-8; 46,9-13; 47,1-15; 48,1-11; 48,12-17; 48,18-19; 48,20-21; 49,1-6; 49,7-12; 49,13; 49,14-26; 50,1-3; 50,4-9; 51,1-2.4-8+50,10-11 (sic!); 51,3 (sic!); 51,9-52,3; 52,4-6; 52,7-10; 52,11-12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-10; 54,11-17; 55,1-5; 55,6-11; 55,12-13.**

H. FREY (*Das Buch der Welt Gottes, Kapitel 40-55 des Buches Jesaja, Die Botschaft des Alten Testaments*, 1958⁵): **40,1-2; 40,3-11; 40,12-31; 41,1-4; 41,5-7; 41,8-20; 41,21-24; 41,25-29; 42,1-4; 42,5-8; 42,9; 42,10-17; 42,18-21; 42,22-25; 43,1-7; 43,8-21; 43,22-28; 44,1-5; 44,6-8; 44,9-20; 44,21-22; 44,23 | 44,24-28; 45,1-13; 45,14-25; 46,1-13; 47,1-15; 48,1-2; 48,3-13; 48,14-22 | 49,1-13; 49,14-21; 49,22-50,3; 50,4-11; 51,1-8; 51,9-16; 51,17-23; 52,1-6; 52,7-12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-17; 55,1-13.**

J.L. MCKENZIE (*Second Isaiah, The Anchor Bible*, 1968): **40,1-11; 40,12-31; 41,1-7; 41,8-20; 41,21-29; 42,1-4; 42,5-9; 42,10-17; 42,18-25; 43,1-7; 43,8-13; 43,14-21; 43,22-28; 44,1-8; 44,9-20; 44,21-23; 44,24-28; 45,1-13; 45,14-25; 46,1-13; 47,1-15; 48,1-22 | 49,1-6; 49,7-13; 49,14-50,3; 50,4-11; 51,1-3; 51,4-6; 51,7-8; 51,9-11; 51,12-16; 51,17-20; 51,21-23; 52,1-6; 52,7-10; 52,11-12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-17; 55,1-13.**

W.A.M. BEUKEN (*Jesaja*, POT deel IIA, 1979; deel IIB, 1983): **Proloog: 40,1-11; Eerste deel 40,12-42,13: I: 40,12-17 40,18-26; 40,27-31; II: 41,1-7; 41,8-13; 41,14-16; 41,17-20; 41,21-29; 42,1-4; 42,5-9; III: 42,10-13; Tweede deel 42,14-44,23: I: 42,14-17 42,18-43,7; 43,8-13; 43,14-21; II: 43,22-44,5; 44,6-8; 44,9-20; 44,21-22; III: 44,23; Derde deel 44,24-48,22: 44,24-28; 45,1-8; 45,9-13; 45,14-17; 45,18-25; II: 46,1-13; 47,1-15; III: 48,1-19; 48,20-22; Vierde deel 49,1-13: 49,1-6; 49,7-12; 49,13; Vijfde deel 49,14-50,11: 49,14-26; 50,1-3; 50,4-9; 50,10-11; Zesde deel 51,1-52,12: 51,1-8; 51,9-16; 51,17-23; 52,1-6; 52,7-10; 52,11-12; Zevende deel 52,13-55,13: 52,13-53,12; 54; 55.**

K. ELLIGER (*Deuterokesaja, 1. Teilband Jesaja 40,1-45,7*, BKAT XI/1, 1978): **40,1-8; 40,9-11; 40,12-17; 40,18-26; 40,27-31; 41,1-7; 41,8-13; 41,14-16; 41,17-20; 41,21-29; 42,1-4; 42,5-9; 42,10-13; 42,14-17; 42,18-43,7; 43,8-13; 43,14-15; 43,16-21; 43,22-44,5; 44,6-8; 44,9-20; 44,21-22; 44,23; 44,24-28; 45,1-7... See HERMISSON 2003 below.**

J.D.W. WATTS (*Isaiah 1-33 and Isaiah 34-66*, Word Biblical Commentary 24, 1985 and 25, 1987): **Act VII: 40,1-44,23; Act VIII: 44,24-48,22; Act IX: 49,1-52,12; Act X: 52,13-57,21; Act XI: 58-61; Act XII: 62-66.**

R.H. O'CONNELL (*Concentricity and Continuity: The Literary Structure of Isaiah* (JSOTSup 188), Sheffield, 1994): **40,1-43,13; 43,14-15; 43,16-46,13; 47,1-7; 48,1-13; 48,14-22; 49,1-54,17 | 55,1-66,24.**

J.L. KOOLE (*Isaiah, Part 3, Vol. I: Isaiah 40-48*, HCOT 1997; Part 3, Vol. II: Isaiah 49-55, HCOT 1998): **40,1-11; 40,12-26; 40,27-31; 41,1-7; 41,8-13; 41,14-16; 41,17-20; 41,21-29; 42,1-9; 42,10-13; 42,14-17; 42,18-25; 43,1-7; 43,8-13; 43,14-15; 43,16-21; 43,22-28; 44,1-5; 44,6-8; 44,9-20; 44,21-22.23; 44,24-28; 45,1-7.8; 45,9-13; 45,14-17; 45,18-25; 46,1-4; 46,5-13; 47,1-15; 48,1-11; 48,12-16a; 48,16b-19; 48,20-22; 49,1-6; 49,7-13; 49,14-21; 49,22-26; 50,1-3; 50,4-9; 50,10-11; 51,1-8; 51,9-16; 51,17-23; 52,1-6; 52,7-10; 52,11-12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-10; 54,11-17; 55,1-5; 55,6-13.**

M.C.A. KORPEL, J.C. de MOOR (*The Structure of Classical Hebrew Poetry: Isaiah 40-55*, OTS 41, Leiden, 1998): **40,1-11; 40,12-24; 40,25-31 | 41,1-7; 41,8-16; 41,17-29 | 42,1-9; 42,10-17; 42,18-25 | 43,1-8; 43,9-13; 43,14-21; 43,22-28 | 44,1-8; 44,9-20; 44,21-28 | 45,1-4; 45,5-8; 45,9-13 | 45,14-17; 45,18-21; 45,22-46,2 | 46,3-7; 46,8-13 | 47,1-7; 47,8-15 | 48,1-11; 48,12-22 | 49,1-6; 49,7-13; 49,14-21; 49,22-26 | 50,1-3; 50,4-11; 51,1-8 | 51,9-16; 51,17-23; 52,1-12 | 52,13-15; 53,1-10a; 53,10b-12 | 54 | 55,1-5; 55,6-9; 55,10-13.**

K. BALTZER (*Deutero-Jesaja*, KAT, X,2, 1999): **40,1-31 Prolog: 1-8; 9-20; 21-31; I. Akt 41-42,13: 41,1-13; 14-16; 17-20; 21-29; 42,1-9; 10,13; II. Akt 42,14-44,23: 42,14-17; 18-25; 43,1-7; 8-15; 16-21; 22-28; 44,1-5; 6-8; 9-20; 21-23; III. Akt 44,24-45,25: 44,24-28; 45,1-8; 9-13; 14-17; 18-19; 20-24.25; IV. Akt 46,1-49,13: 46,1-4; 5-8; 9-13; 47,1-7; 8-15; 48,1-11; 12-15; 48,16; 17-19; 20-22; 49,1-6; 7-12; 13; V. Akt 49,14-52,10: A: 49,14-21; 22-50,1; B: 50,2-3; 4-11; 51,1-3; 4-8; 9-11; 12-16; C: 51,17-23; 52,1-6; 7-10; 9; VI. Akt 52,11-54,17: A: 52,11-12; B: 52,13-53,12; 52,13.14-15; 53,1.2-10.11.12; C: 54,1-17; 54,1.2-3; 4-10; 11-14a; 14b-17; Epilog 55,1-13: A: 1-5; B: 55,6-13.**

B.S. CHILDS (*Isaiah: A Commentary*, The Old Testament Library, 2001): **40,1-11; 40,12-31; 41,1-42,13; 42,14-43,21; 43,22-44,23; 44,24-45,25; 46,1-47,15; 48,1-22 49,1-13; 49,14-50,11; 51,1-52,12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-17; 55,1-13.**

D.A. DORSEY (*The Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary on Genesis-Malachi*, Grand Rapids, 1999): **40,1-31; 41,1-20; 41,21-42,17; 42,18-43,7; 43,8-45,19; 45,20-46,13; 47,1-48,22 | 49,1-26; 50,1-11; 51,1-16; 51,17-23; 52,1-12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-17 | 55,1-3a; 55,3b-5; 55,6-9; 55,10-13; 56,1-2; 56,3-8; 56,9-12....**

J. BLENKINSOPP (*Isaiah 40-55*, The Anchor Bible 19A, 2002): **40,1-8; 40,9-11; 40,12-31; 41,1.6-7 (sic!); 41,2-5; 41,8-16; 41,17-20; 41,21-28; 42,1-9; 42,10-17; 42,18-25; 43,1-7; 43,8-13; 43,14-21; 43,22-44,5; 44,6-8; 44,21-23 (sic!); 44,9-20; 44,24-45,8.9-13; 45,14-19; 45,20-25; 46,1-7; 46,8-13; 47,1-15; 48,1-11; 48,12-22; 49,1-6; 49,7-13; 49,14-23; 49,24-50,3; 50,4-11; 51,1-8; 51,9-16; 51,17-23; 52,1-12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-17; 55,1-13.**

H.-J. HERMISSON (*Deuterokesaja, 2. Teilband Jesaja 45,8-49,13*, BKAT XI/8, 2003): **45,8; 45,9-13; 45,14-17; 45,18-25;**

46,1-7; 46,8-13; 47,1-15; 48,1-11; 48,12-22; 49,1-13; 49,14-16; 50,1-3; 50,4-9.10-11; 51,1-8; 51,9-23; 52,1-12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-10; 54,11-17...

U.F. BERGES (*The Book of Isaiah: Its Composition and Final Form* (Hebrew Bible Monographs, 46), Sheffield, 2012):
40,1-11; I: 40,12-42,10-12; 42,13-44,23; 42,24-45,8; 45,9-48,20-21 II: 49,1-13; 49,14-51,3; 51,4-52,9-12; 52,13-53,12; 54,1-55,12-13. IDEM (*Jesaja 40-48*, HThKAT, 2008): **Ouverture: 40,1-31; I. Akt 41,1-42,12; II. Akt: 42,13-44,23; III. Akt: 44,24-45,25; IV. Akt: 46-48.**

P. VAN DER LUGT (A rhetorical analysis of the poems in Isaiah 40-66, to be published in the near future. Private communication, 2014): **Prelude: 40,1-11. Cycle IA: 40,12-41,20: 40,12-26; 40,27-31; 41,1-7; 41,8-16; 41,17-20. Cycle IB: 41,21-43,7: 41,21-29; 42,1-12; 42,13-17; 42,18-25; 43,1-7. Cycle IIA: 43,8-44,8: 43,8-15; 43,16-21; 43,22-28; 44,1-5; 44,6-8. Cycle IIB: 44,9-45,25: 44,9-20; 44,21-23; 44,24-45,8; 45,9-13; 45,14-25. Cycle III: 46,1-51,8: 1. Isaiah 46: 46,1-13; 47,1-3+5-15 (<4!); 48,1-21. Cycle IV: 49,1-50,3: 49,1-6; 49,7-13; 49,14-21; 49,22-26; 50,1-3. Cycle V: 50,4-52,12: 50,4-11; 51,1-8; 51,9-11; 51,12-16; 51,17-23; 52,1-3; 52,7-12 (<4-6!). Cycle VI: 52,13-55,13: 52,13-53,12; 54,1-10; 54,11-17; 55,1-5; 55,6-13.**

In my opinion, 40-55 divide into **8 Main Parts** with **Parts IV and V** in pride of place at the centre:

Part I: 40:1-31: The coming of the Mighty God to redeem Israel and rule: P	31 vs; 357 (21x17) words
Part II: 41,1-42,13: YHWH controls the course of historical events: S	42 vs; 496 words
Part III: 42,14-44,28: YHWH is unique and incomparable; the folly of idolatry: S	68 (4x17) vs; 847 words
Part IV: 45,1-48,22: The call of Cyrus as YHWH's agent in order to redeem Israel: S	75 vs; 988 (38x26) words
Part V: 49,1-50,3: Divine promises to a devastated city and nation: S	104 (4x26) vs; 421 words
Part VI: 50,4-52,12: The people must obey the voice of the servant: S	43 vs; 618 words
Part VII: 52,13-53,12: YHWH's servant will bring mercy to all his people: S	15 vs; 202 words
Part VIII: 54,1-55,13: YHWH promises redemption and restoration: S	30 vs; 406 words
Parts I-VII: 40-55: Prophecies concerning the exiles in Babylonia	333 vs; 4335 (255x17) words.

The delimitations of **Parts I-V** are additionally determined by the divine name numbers **17** and **26**.

Division of the text into smaller literary units (paragraphs):

Part I: 40:1-31: 40,1-2 S; 40,3-5 S; 40,6-8 S; 40,9-11 S; 40,12-16 S; 40,17-24 S; 40,25-26 S; 40,27-31 P.
Part II: 41,1-42,13: 41,1-7 S; 41,8-13 S; 41,14-16 P; 41,17-20 P; 41,21-29 P; 42,1-4 P; 42,5-9 P; 42,10-13 S.
Part III: 42,14-44,28: 42,14-17 S; 42,18-25 P; 43,1-7 []; 43,11-13 []; 43,14-15 S; 43,16-21 S; 43,22-24 S; 43,25-28 S; 44,1-5 P; 44,6-8 []; 44,9-13 []; 44,14-20 S; 44,21-23 P; 44,24-28 S.
Part IV: 45,1-48,22: 45,1-4 []; 45,5-7 S; 45,8 S; 9 S; 10 S; 45,11-13 P; 45,14-17 P; 45,18-19 []; 45,20-25 []; 46,1-2 S; 46,3-4 S; 46,5-7 S; 46,8-11 S; 46,12-13 S; 47,1-3 S; 47,4-7 S; 47,8-9 []; 47,10-15 S; 48,1-2 S; 48,3-5 []; 48,6-8 []; 48,9-11 S; 48,12-16 S; 48,17-19 []; 48,20-22 S.
Part V: 49,1-50,3: 49,1-6 S; 49,7 []; 49,8-13 S; 49,14-21 S; 49,22-23 S; 49,24-26 S; 50,1-3 S;
Part VI: 50,4-52,12: 50,4-6 []; 50,7-11 P; 51,1-2 S; 51,3 S; 51,4-8 S; 51,9-11 S; 51,12-16 S; 51,17-21 S; 51,22-23 S; 52,1-2 S; 52,3-6 S; 52,7-10 S; 52,11-12 S.
Part VII: 52,13-53,12: 52,13-53,3 []; 53,4-12 S.
Part VIII: 54,1-8 S; 54,9-10 []; 54,11-17 S; 55,1-5 S; 55,6-13 S.

Division of the text based on the layout markers, content, and numerical considerations

Vss	Part I	Words	Letts.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	40,1-31: The coming of the mighty God to rule
767	Isa 40,1	5	21		9904		§1 "Comfort! Comfort my people!" says your God
768	Isa 40,2	19	70	242	9923/24	S	
769	Isa 40,3	10	42	243	9933		§2 A voice cries: "Prepare a highway for our God!"
770	Isa 40,4	12	50		9945		
771	Isa 40,5	11	37	244-245	9956/33	S	
772	Isa 40,6	13	44		9969		§3 A voice says to the prophet: "Proclaim!"
773	Isa 40,7	12	38	246	9981		
774	Isa 40,8	8	32		9989/33	S	
775	Isa 40,9	20	78		10009		§4 YHWH is coming to rule with powerful arm
776	Isa 40,10	13	51	247	10022		
777	Isa 40,11	10	43		10032/43	S	

778	Isa 40,12	16	64		10048		§5 YHWH created the world all by himself
779	Isa 40,13	8	29	248	10056		
780	Isa 40,14	12	57		10068		
781	Isa 40,15	11	42		10079		
782	Isa 40,16	8	28		10087/55	S	
783	Isa 40,17	8+	30		10095		§6 Nations are as naught; YHWH is incomparable
784	Isa 40,18	8+	27		10103		
785	Isa 40,19	9+	37		10112		<u>40,17-21</u> Compared to the incomparable God all
786	Isa 40,20	14+	48		10126		the nations of the earth are next to nothing, for
787	Isa 40,21	12/51 (3x17)	51		10138		there is no likeness to be found for YHWH: 51 w.
788	Isa 40,22	12	51		10150		
789	Isa 40,23	7	29		10157		
790	Isa 40,24	18	57		10175/88	S	
791	Isa 40,25	6+	25		10181		§7 “To whom, then, will you liken me?”
792	Isa 40,26	20/26	75		10201/26	S	The whole paragraph is highlighted by 26 words.
793	Isa 40,27	11	51	249	10212		§8 YHWH does not weary; he gives strength
794	Isa 40,28	18	66	250	10230		
795	Isa 40,29	7+	27		10237		<u>40,29-31</u> YHWH gives vigour to the weary and
796	Isa 40,30	6+	31		10243		new strength to the exhausted: 26 words.
797	Isa 40,31	13/26	54	251	10256/55	P	
31	Part I	357 (21x17)	1385	10x	357		Part I: 40,1-31 has 357 (21x17) words.
Vss	Part II	Words	Let.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	41,1-42,13: YHWH controls the course of events
798	Isa 41,1	12	52		10268		§1 YHWH admonishes the peoples of the region
799	Isa 41,2	17	67		10285		
800	Isa 41,3	7+	29		10292		<u>41,2-7</u> The coastlands must realize that YHWH
801	Isa 41,4	13+	48	252	10305		judges the nations and determines the course of
802	Isa 41,5	8+	37		10313		history; instead they make idols for themselves:
803	Isa 41,6	7+	27		10320		17+52 words.
804	Isa 41,7	17/52 (2x26)	64		10337/81	S	
805	Isa 41,8	9	38		10346		§2 Israel, YHWH’s servant, should not fear
806	Isa 41,9	13	61		10359		
807	Isa 41,10	17	61		10376		<u>41,10</u> “I am with you! I am your God!”: 17 words.
808	Isa 41,11	11	44		10387		
809	Isa 41,12	10	44		10397		Until this point (41,13): 510 (30x17) words and 2002
810	Isa 41,13	12	45	253	10409/72	S	(77x26) letters.
811	Isa 41,14	13+	54	254	10422		§3 YHWH will make Israel a threshing-sledge
812	Isa 41,15	13/26	54		10435		<u>41,14-15</u> Israel must not fear: YHWH helps her: 26 w
813	Isa 41,16	12	53	255	10447/38	P	
814	Isa 41,17	15	68	256	10462		§4 YHWH will make the wilderness habitable
815	Isa 41,18	15	63		10477		
816	Isa 41,19	13	51		10490		
817	Isa 41,20	14	59	257	10504/57	P	
818	Isa 41,21	9	41	258	10513		§5 YHWH challenges the idols to tell the future
819	Isa 41,22	17	77		10530		
820	Isa 41,23	13	58		10543		<u>41,22</u> Tell the former things and those to come: 17 w
821	Isa 41,24	8	31		10551		
822	Isa 41,25	15	62		10566		
823	Isa 41,26	17	64		10583		<u>41,26</u> It is YHWH who has declared this: 17 words.
824	Isa 41,27	7	31		10590		
825	Isa 41,28	9+	39		10599		<u>41,28-29</u> The idols amount to nothing: 17 words.
826	Isa 41,29	8/17	30		10607/103	P	
827	Isa 42,1	13	51		10620		§6 YHWH’s servant will establish justice
828	Isa 42,2	8	28		10628		
829	Isa 42,3	11	42		10639		
830	Isa 42,4	11	44		10650/43	P	
831	Isa 42,5	17	68	259	10667		§7 The Creator of the world has called his servant

832	Isa 42,6	12	51	260	10679		42,5 Who has created the heavens?: 17 words.
833	Isa 42,7	10	43		10689		
834	Isa 42,8	10	41	261	10699		
835	Isa 42,9	10	45		10709/59	P	
836	Isa 42,10	12	52	262	10721		§8 Praise for YHWH who triumphs over his foes
837	Isa 42,11	12	48		10733		
838	Isa 42,12	6	30	263	10739		
839	Isa 42,13	13	53	264	10752/43	S	
42	Part II	853	2039	13x	853		Part II: 41,1-42,13
Vss	Part III	Words	Let.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	42,14-44,23 YHWH is unique; the folly of idolatry
840	Isa 42,14	9	42		10761		§1 YHWH does things without fail
841	Isa 42,15	11	53		10772		
842	Isa 42,16	20	95		10792		
843	Isa 42,17	10	45		10802/50	S	
844	Isa 42,18	5+	27		10807		§2 The blindness/deafness of YHWH's servant
845	Isa 42,19	14+	49	265	10821		
846	Isa 42,20	8+	31		10829		42,18-22 The servant of YHWH have seen much but
847	Isa 42,21	7+	30	266	10836		perceives little; his ears are open but he hears
848	Isa 42,22	18/52 (2x26)	70		10854		nothing: 52 (2x26) words.
849	Isa 42,23	7	27		10861		
850	Isa 42,24	18+	73	267	10879		42,24-25 It was YHWH who handed Israel over for
851	Isa 42,25	16/34 (2x17)	61		10895/93	P	plunder because they have sinned against him: 34 w.
852	Isa 43,1	16+	59	268	10911		§3 YHWH redeems and restores his children
853	Isa 43,2	18/34 (2x17)	60		10929		43,1-2 YHWH has created Israel and will not fail
854	Isa 43,3	13	54	269	10942		them: he is their God: 34 (2x17) words.
855	Isa 43,4	12	53		10954		
856	Isa 43,5	10	38		10964		
857	Isa 43,6	12	51		10976		
858	Isa 43,7	8	38		10984/89	[]	
859	Isa 43,8	8+	33		10992		§4 Israel witnesses: before YHWH no god existed
860	Isa 43,9	18/26	83		11010		43,8-9 The deaf and blind people are challenged: 26.
861	Isa 43,10	22	80	270	11032/48	S	
862	Isa 43,11	6	27	271	11038		§5 None can deliver from YHWH's hand
863	Isa 43,12	13	52	272	11051		
864	Isa 43,13	10	37		11061/29	[]	
865	Isa 43,14	15	70	273	11076		§6 YHWH will send an army to Babylon
866	Isa 43,15	6	27	274	11082/21	S	
867	Isa 43,16	9	34	275	11091		§7 YHWH is about to do new things
868	Isa 43,17	12	49		11103		
869	Isa 43,18	6	29		11109		
870	Isa 43,19	13+	52		11122		43,19-21 YHWH will do something new: he will
871	Isa 43,20	15+	65		11137		make a way in the wilderness: 34 (2x17) words.
872	Isa 43,21	6/34 (2x17)	21		11143/61	S	
873	Isa 43,22	8	27		11151		§8 The Israelites did not serve YHWH properly
874	Isa 43,23	14	60		11165		
875	Isa 43,24	14	64		11179/36	S	
876	Isa 43,25	9	37		11188		§9 YHWH wipes out Israel's sins for his own sake
877	Isa 43,26	7	29		11195		
878	Isa 43,27	6	26		11201		
879	Isa 43,28	8	37		11209/30	S	
880	Isa 44,1	7	28		11216		§10 YHWH's chosen servant must not fear
881	Isa 44,2	14+	53	276	11230		
882	Isa 44,3	15+	52		11245		44,2-5 YHWH has created Israel as his servant and
883	Isa 44,4	7+	28		11252		will pour his spirit upon him and bless all his
884	Isa 44,5	15/51 (3x17)	56	277-278	11267/58	P	descendants: 51 (3x17) words.
885	Isa 44,6	15	63	279-280	11282		§11 YHWH is Israel's king and redeemer

886	Isa 44,7	14	60		11296		
887	Isa 44,8	17	67		11313/46	⌋	44,8 There is no rock besides YHWH: 17 words.
888	Isa 44,9	15	59		11328		§12 Idolators are blind; idols are less than nothing
889	Isa 44,10	7	24		11335		
890	Isa 44,11	13	52		11348		
891	Isa 44,12	18	70		11366		
892	Isa 44,13	17	78		11383/70	⌋	44,13 A carpenter fashions a man out of wood: 17 w
893	Isa 44,14	14	52		11397		§13 The folly of making gods from a piece of wood
894	Isa 44,15	18	65		11415		
895	Isa 44,16	18	63		11433		
896	Isa 44,17	14	60		11447		
897	Isa 44,18	10+	39		11457		44,18-20 Idolators do not realize the folly of
898	Isa 44,19	27+	99		11484		worshipping a block of wood: 51 (3x17) words.
899	Isa 44,20	14/51 (3x17)	49		11498/115	S	
900	Isa 44,21	14	51		11512		§14 YHWH has forgiven and redeemed Israel
901	Isa 44,22	9	40		11521		
902	Isa 44,23	21	76	281-282	11542/44	P	
903	Isa 44,24	17	58	283-284	11559		§15 Cyrus YHWH's servant: Jerusalem will be rebuilt
904	Isa 44,25	10	44		11569		44,24 YHWH, your Redeemer is your Creator: 17 w.
905	Isa 44,26	14	70		11583		
906	Isa 44,27	5	25		11588		
907	Isa 44,28	11	48		11599/57	S	Part III: 42,14-44,28 is sealed by 68 (4x17) verses.
68	Part III	847	3433	20x	847		Parts I-III (40-44) have altogether 1700 words.
Vss	Part IV	Words	Lett.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	44,24-48,22 The unique Creator is Israel's Redeemer
908	Isa 45,1	20	88	285	11619/20		§1 YHWH will help Cyrus, his anointed servant
909	Isa 45,2	11	50		11630		
910	Isa 45,3	15+	62	286	11645		45,3-4 It is the God of Israel who calls you by your
911	Isa 45,4	11/26	47		11656/37	⌋	name for the sake of Israel: 26 words.
912	Isa 45,5	10+	41	287	11666		§2 The God of Israel, the Creator, is unique
913	Isa 45,6	12+	47	288	11678		The S after v. 7 draws attention to v. 8.
914	Isa 45,7	13+	44	289	11691	S	The whole paragraph is highlighted by 51 words.
915	Isa 45,8	16/51 (3x17)	68	290	11707/51	S	
13	44,24-45,8	165 (15x11)	722	8x	165 (15x11)		For this poem, see Observation 1 on page 10.
916	Isa 45,9	17	57		11724	S	§3 Who would dare to question the Creator?
917	Isa 45,10	8	29		11732/25	S	45,9 Woe to him who strives with his Maker: 17 w.
918	Isa 45,11	14	54	291	11746		
919	Isa 45,12	13	50		11759		
920	Isa 45,13	18	74	292	11777/45	P	
921	Isa 45,14	29	115	293	11806		§4 Foreign nations will bow in submission to Cyrus
922	Isa 45,15	7	27		11813		
923	Isa 45,16	9	37		11822		
924	Isa 45,17	12	48	294	11834/57	P	
925	Isa 45,18	22	79	295-296	11856		§5 The Creator God speaks what is right
926	Isa 45,19	18	69	297	11874/40	⌋	
927	Isa 45,20	17+	68		11891		§6 Idolators urged to recognize YHWH's uniqueness
928	Isa 45,21	23+	93	298	11914		
929	Isa 45,22	11+	35		11925		The whole paragraph is highlighted by 85 words.
930	Isa 45,23	16+	51		11941		
931	Isa 45,24	12+	43	299	11953		
932	Isa 45,25	6/85 (5x17)	27	300	11959/85	⌋	
933	Isa 46,1	12+	51		11971		§7 Idols are carried and loaded on to beasts
934	Isa 46,2	10+	37		11981/22	S	
935	Isa 46,3	14+	54		11995		§8 Israel, however, has been carried by YHWH
936	Isa 46,4	15/51 (3x17)	55		12010/29	S	46,1-4 §§9-10 51 (3x17) words.

937	Isa 46,5	5	28		12015		§9 YHWH is incomparable; idolatry is futile
938	Isa 46,6	13	55		12028		
939	Isa 46,7	18	76		12046/36	S	
940	Isa 46,8	7	29		12053		§10 YHWH is God and accomplishes what he plans
941	Isa 46,9	11	44		12064		
942	Isa 46,10	13	51		12077		
943	Isa 46,11	14	53		12091/45	S	
944	Isa 46,12	6	26		12097		§11 YHWH will carry out what he plans
945	Isa 46,13	12	56		12109/18	S	45,1-46,13 has altogether 510 (30x17) words.
946	Isa 47,1	20	67		12129		§12 Babylon will be degraded and humiliated
947	Isa 47,2	12	44		12141		
948	Isa 47,3	10	35		12151/42	S	This S draws attention to v. 4 which disturbs the flow
949	Isa 47,4	6	26	301	12157		of the text. Nevertheless, it is part of the text in its
950	Isa 47,5	13	49		12170		finalized form consisting of 4335 (255x17) words.
951	Isa 47,6	16	58		12186		In any case, 47,4 is not part of the divine speech.
952	Isa 47,7	13	46		12199/48	S	
953	Isa 47,8	17	67		12216		§13 Her fate is loss of children and widowhood
954	Isa 47,9	17	65		12233/34	[]	The whole paragraph is highlighted by 17+17 words.
955	Isa 47,10	14	62		12247		§14 There is no one to save Babylon
956	Isa 47,11	18	64		12265		
957	Isa 47,12	13	60		12278		
958	Isa 47,13	15	71		12293		
959	Isa 47,14	17	58		12310		47,14 The magicians are like stubble: 17 words.
960	Isa 47,15	12	46		12322/89	S	
961	Isa 48,1	20	87	302	12342		§15 The dishonest house of Jacob is called to listen
962	Isa 48,2	11	44	303	12353/31	S	
963	Isa 48,3	9	45		12362		§16 YHWH has foretold Israel many things
964	Isa 48,4	9	35		12371		
965	Isa 48,5	13	51		12384/31	[]	
966	Isa 48,6	12	53		12396		§17 YHWH will show them new things
967	Isa 48,7	12	45		12408		
968	Isa 48,8	19	60		12427/43	[]	
969	Isa 48,9	9+	38		12436		§18 What YHWH does is for his own sake
970	Isa 48,10	7+	29		12443		The whole paragraph is highlighted by 26 words.
971	Isa 48,11	10/26	37		12453/26	S	
972	Isa 48,12	12	45		12465		§19 YHWH the Creator is the first and the last
973	Isa 48,13	12	46		12477		
974	Isa 48,14	15	58	304	12492		
975	Isa 48,15	8	36		12500		
976	Isa 48,16	17=12+5	64	305	12517/64	P	48,16 YHWH has never spoken in secret: 17 words.
977	Isa 48,17	14	58	306-307	12531		§20 Obedience is the prerequisite for peace
978	Isa 48,18	9	40		12540		
979	Isa 48,19	12	49		12552/35	[]	
980	Isa 48,20	18	73	308	12570		§21 YHWH has redeemed his servant Jacob
981	Isa 48,21	12	49		12582		
982	Isa 48,22	5	20	309	12587/35	S	
75	Part IV	988 (38x26)	3898	25x	988		Part IV: 45,1-48,22 has 988 (38x26) words.
216	Parts I-IV	2688	45689	68x	2688		2688 = 1700+988(38x26) words! Note 68x YHWH.
Vss	Part V	Words	Let.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	49,1-50,3 Divine promises to a devastated nation
983	Isa 49,1	13	56	310	12600		§1 The task of God's servant is to restore Israel
984	Isa 49,2	12	53		12612		
985	Isa 49,3	8	29		12620		
986	Isa 49,4	15+	60	311	12635		49,4-5 YHWH has formed his servant in the womb
987	Isa 49,5	19/34 (2x17)	75	312-313	12654		to bring Jacob back to him: 34 (2x17) words.
988	Isa 49,6	1+19	84		12674/87	S	

989	Isa 49,7	24	99	314-315	12698/24	[]	§2 These were the words of Israel's Redeemer
990	Isa 49,8	18+	79	316	12716		§3 He will free the prisoners and bring them home
991	Isa 49,9	12+	52		12728		
992	Isa 49,10	15+	56		12743		49,8-11 YHWH will guide and care for the exiles along the road to freedom: 51 (3x17) words.
993	Isa 49,11	6/51 (3x17)	25		12749		
994	Isa 49,12	11	44		12760		
995	Isa 49,13	13	48	317	12773/75	S	
996	Isa 49,14	6	28	318	12779		§4 YHWH has inscribed the city plan on his palms
997	Isa 49,15	12	45		12791		(Van der Lugt in an unpublished article)
998	Isa 49,16	7	27		12798		
999	Isa 49,17	6+	28		12804		49,17-21 The Israelites will be restored in their land and flourish in peace and prosperity: 68 (4x17) w.
1000	Isa 49,18	18+	66	319	12822		
1001	Isa 49,19	11+	50		12833		
1002	Isa 49,20	11+	41		12844		
1003	Isa 49,21	22/68 (4x17)	79		12866/93	P	
1004	Isa 49,22	20	73	320	12886		§5 YHWH promises to bring them home
1005	Isa 49,23	20	85	321	12906/40	S	
1006	Isa 49,24	7+	28		12913		§6 He will free the captives and punish the captors
1007	Isa 49,25	19/26	69	322	12932		49,24-25 YHWH will contend with all who contend
1008	Isa 49,26	18	73	323	12950/44	S	with his people: 26 words.
1009	Isa 50,1	23+	90	324	12973		§7 YHWH has punished Israel for its wickedness
1010	Isa 50,2	29/52 (2x26)	111		13002		50,1-2 Their mother was put away for their misconduct, but YHWH has the power to save her: 52 w.
1011	Isa 50,3	6	26		13008/58	S	
29	Part V	421	1679	15x	421		Part V: 49,1-50,3
Vss	Part VI	Words	Letts.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	50,4-52,12 The people must obey YHWH's servant
1012	Isa 50,4	19	71	325	13027		§1 The servant is equipped for his future service
1013	Isa 50,5	11	40	326	13038		
1014	Isa 50,6	10	43		13048/40	[]	
1015	Isa 50,7	17+	56	327	13065		§2 YHWH helps his servant; he must be obeyed
1016	Isa 50,8	12+	43		13077		
1017	Isa 50,9	14+	48	328	13091		The whole paragraph is highlighted by 78 words.
1018	Isa 50,10	18+	65	329-330	13109		
1019	Isa 50,11	17/78 (3x26)	71		13126/78	P	
1020	Isa 51,1	14+	53	331	13140		§3 Abraham and Sarah are archetypal persons
1021	Isa 51,2	12/26	54		13152/26	S	The whole paragraph is highlighted by 26 words.
1022	Isa 51,3	20	77	332-333	13172/20	S	§4 YHWH has comforted Zion and the ruined homes
1023	Isa 51,4	14+	59		13186		§5 YHWH's deliverance will be everlasting
1024	Isa 51,5	13+	53		13199		
1025	Isa 51,6	24+	102		13223		The whole paragraph is highlighted by 78 words.
1026	Isa 51,7	14+	53		13237		
1027	Isa 51,8	13/78 (3x26)	56		13250/78	S	
1028	Isa 51,9	18	71	334	13268		§6 Call on YHWH to act and set his people free
1029	Isa 51,10	14	50		13282		
1030	Isa 51,11	16	70	335	13298/48	S	
1031	Isa 51,12	13+	51		13311		§7 YHWH assures his people that he is their God
1032	Isa 51,13	20+	80	336	13331		51,12-15 It is YHWH who comforts his people, the mighty Creator who stirred up the sea: 52 (2x26) w.
1033	Isa 51,14	9+	33		13340		
1034	Isa 51,15	10/52 (2x26)	41	337-338	13350		
1035	Isa 51,16	14	58		13364/66	S	
1036	Isa 51,17	17	70	339	13381		§8 Jerusalem is called to arouse herself and listen
1037	Isa 51,18	12	44		13393		51,17 She has drunk the cup of God's wrath: 17 w.
1038	Isa 51,19	12	46		13405		
1039	Isa 51,20	13	53	340	13418		
1040	Isa 51,21	8	28		13426/62	S	
1041	Isa 51,22	21+	80	341	13447		§9 YHWH will plead the cause of his people

1042	Isa 51,23	13/34 (2x17)	59		13460/34	S	The whole paragraph is highlighted by 34 words.
1043	Isa 52,1	19	70		13479		§10 The city must put on splendid garments
1044	Isa 52,2	11	49		13490/30	S	
1045	Isa 52,3	9	32	342	13499		§11 The people will know that it is God who speaks
1046	Isa 52,4	14	51	343	13513		
1047	Isa 52,5	19	64	344-345	13532		
1048	Isa 52,6	12	40		13544/54	[]	
1049	Isa 52,7	16	63		13560		§12 The world will witness YHWH's deliverance
1050	Isa 52,8	13	48	346	13573		
1051	Isa 52,9	11+	44	347	13584		<u>52,9-10</u> YHWH has comforted, redeemed Zion: 26 w
1052	Isa 52,10	15/26	55	348	13599/55	S	
1053	Isa 52,11	13	46	349	13612		§13 Israel must leave Babylon accompanied by God
1054	Isa 52,12	14	59	350	13626/27	S	
43	Part VI	618	2399	26x	618		Part VI: 50,4-52,12 26x YHWH
Vss	Part VII	Words	Let.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	52,13-53,12 God's servant will bring mercy to all
1055	Isa 52,13	7+	27		13633		§1 He will have succes although he is despised
1056	Isa 52,14	11+	43		13644		
1057	Isa 52,15	18/36	64		13662		
1058	Isa 53,1	8	32	351	13670		
1059	Isa 53,2	15	59		13685		
1060	Isa 53,3	13	57		13698/72	[]	
1061	Isa 53,4	12+	55		13710		§2 Essential characteristics of YHWH's servant
1062	Isa 53,5	11+	54		13721		
1063	Isa 53,6	12+	47	352	13733		The whole paragraph is highlighted by 130 words.
1064	Isa 53,7	16+	61		13749		<u>53,6</u> constitutes the mathematical centre of Part VII:
1065	Isa 53,8	15+	54		13764		95+12+95 (Van der Lugt, private communication).
1066	Isa 53,9	14+	48		13778		
1067	Isa 53,10	16+	61	353-354	13794		
1068	Isa 53,11	12+	52		13806		
1069	Isa 53,12	22/130 (5x26)	86		13828/130	S	
15	Part VII	202	800	4x	202		Part VII: 52,13-53,12
Part VIII							54,1-55,13 YHWH promises redemption, restoration
1070	Isa 54,1	17+	60	355	13845		§3 Sing, rejoice, fear not: YHWH is your Redeemer
1071	Isa 54,2	12+	62		13857		
1072	Isa 54,3	10+	46		13867		The whole paragraph is highlighted by 102 words.
1073	Isa 54,4	19+	73		13886		
1074	Isa 54,5	13+	51	356	13899		
1075	Isa 54,6	13+	52	357	13912		
1076	Isa 54,7	6+	30		13918		
1077	Isa 54,8	12/102 (6x17)	48	358	13930/102	S	
1078	Isa 54,9	19	60		13949		§4 God's love will be immovable and will never fail
1079	Isa 54,10	16	68	359	13965/35	S	
1080	Isa 54,11	11	49		13976		§5 YHWH will rebuild Jerusalem as a safe city
1081	Isa 54,12	10	46		13986		
1082	Isa 54,13	7	27	360	13993		
1083	Isa 54,14	12	46		14005		
1084	Isa 54,15	10	32		14015		
1085	Isa 54,16	14+	57		14029		<u>54,16-17</u> Although YHWH created the weapon smith
1086	Isa 54,17	20/34 (2x17)	76	361-362	14049/84	S	no weapon will ever prevail against Israel: 34 words.
1087	Isa 55,1	20	70		14069		§6 YHWH invites all to listen to his words and live
1088	Isa 55,2	16	68		14085		
1089	Isa 55,3	14	59		14099		
1090	Isa 55,4	7	29		14106		
1091	Isa 55,5	17	64	363	14123/74	S	<u>55,5</u> Israel will summon foreign nations: 17 words.
1092	Isa 55,6	6	29	364	14129		§7 YHWH's word will not return to him empty
1093	Isa 55,7	15+	62	365	14144		

1094	Isa 55,8	9+	40	366	14153		55,7-9 YHWH will forgive all who turn to him, for his
1095	Isa 55,9	10/34 (2x17)	47		14163		ways are high above those of humans: 34 (2x17) w.
1096	Isa 55,10	22	82		14185		
1097	Isa 55,11	19	64		14204		
1098	Isa 55,12	15	66		14219		
1099	Isa 55,13	15	58	367	14234/111	S	
30	Part VIII	406	1621	13x	406		Parts VII-VIII: 52,13-55,13 17x YHWH
333	Segm. VI	4335 (255x17)	17254	126x	4335		Segment VI: 40,1-55,13

Observation 1 Pieter van der Lugt (in a private communication) has drawn my attention to the fact that **44,24-45,8**, dealing with Cyrus as YHWH's instrument to save Israel, is an indubitable literary entity in which the number of fulfilment, **11**, plays an important structuring role. The **165** (15x11) words divide into **77(7x11)+11+77(7x11)**, with the **11** words of **45,2** at the mathematical centre as the meaningful centre of the poem. Moreover, in terms of its 53 cola, the central colon is **45,2a** (53=26+1+26), and in terms of its **11** strophes, the central strophe is **45,2** (11=5+1+5). So there can be no doubt about its architecture.

The problem we are faced with is that this poem lies astride the caesura between Chapters 44 and Chapter 45, which is a very strong one, as I have demonstrated above. At this stage of our investigations, I can only say that Van der Lugt's approach (based on the rhetorical analysis of the poems) and my approach (based on layout markers, content and numerical considerations) are both true and therefore sustainable. Though they may seem incompatible, they would not exclude each other, if we assume that the overall structure of the text as a whole is secondary to the compositional structure of the individual poems. Van der Lugt is, at the time I am writing this, working on a rhetorical analysis of the poetry in Isaiah 40-66 to be published in the near future. I am confident that he will shed more light on the problem of the relationship between the poems and their contextual environment, and more specifically on their relationship with the divine speeches which is a crucial textual category – see the table below.

The words attributed to God in Isaiah 40-55

The divine speeches are very difficult to detect and to delimit precisely: in many cases they are not introduced by the customary introductory formulae at the beginning of the speeches. The formulae referring to God's words, such as נאם־יהוה and אמר/אמר יהוה within or at the end of the speeches, are registered together with the introductions as Divine Speech Formulae (Column 4). The four Voice Speeches (numbers 2-5) stand apart.

DS	Text	Speaker and Addressee	DS Formulae	Divine Speech	Total
1	40,1-2	YHWH > Angels	2	22	24
2	40,3-5	A Voice > Israelites	2	31	33
3	40,6a	A Voice > Isaiah	2	1	3
4	40,6b-8	A Voice > Isaiah	0	27	102 (6x17)
5	40,9-11	A Voice > Zion/Jerusalem	0	43	43
6	40,25	The Holy One > Israel	2	4	6
7	41,1-4	YHWH > the nations	0	49	49
8	41,8-13	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	72	72
9	41,14-16	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	2	36	38
10	41,17-20	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	57	306 (18x17)
11	41,21-29	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	5	98	103
12	42,1-4	YHWH > Israel	0	43	43
13	42,5-9	YHWH > Israel	17	42	59
14	42,14-17	YHWH > Israel	0	50	119 (7x17)
15	42,18-20	YHWH > the deaf and blind	0	27	27
16	43,1-7	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	8	81	89
17	43,8-9	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	26	26
18	43,10	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	2	20	22
19	43,11-13	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	2	27	29
20	43,14-15	YHWH > Israel	6	15	21

21	43,16-21	YHWH > Israel	21	40	61
22	43,22-24	YHWH > Israel	0	36	36
23	43,25-28	YHWH > Israel	0	30	30
24	44,1-5	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	7	51 (3x17)	58
25	44,6-8	YHWH > Israel	8	38	46
26	44,21-22	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	23	23
27	44,24-28	YHWH > Israel	6	51 (3x17)	57
27	Isa. 40-44		92	1040 (40x26)	1132
28	45,1-7	YHWH > his servant Cyrus	4	88+	92
29	45,8	The heavens	0	16/104 (4x26)	16
30	45,11-13	YHWH > Israel	9	36	45
31	45,14	YHWH > Israel	3	26	29
32	45,18-19	YHWH > Israel	18	22	40
33	45,20-25	YHWH > Israel	0	85 (5x17)	85 (5x17)
34	46,3-4	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	29+	29
35	46,5	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	5/34 (2x17)	29
36	46,8-11	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	45	45
37	46,12-13	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	18	18
38	47,1-3	YHWH > Daughter of Babylon	0	42	42
39	47,6-15	YHWH > Daughter of Babylon	0	152	152
40	48,3-11	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	100	100
41	48,12-13	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	24	24
42	48,14-16a	YHWH > Jacob/Israel	0	35	35
43	48,17-19	YHWH > Israel	6	29	35
44	48,22	YHWH > Israel	2	3	5
17	45-48		42	755	797
45	49,3	YHWH > Israel, his Servant	2	6	8
46	49,5-6	YHWH > Israel, his Servant	20	19	39
47	49,7	YHWH > Israel, his Servant	12	5	17
48	49,8-12	YHWH > Israel, his Servant	3	59 260	62
49	49,14-18	YHWH > reacting to Zion	2	47	49
50	49,22-23	YHWH > reacting to Zion	4	36	40
51	49,25-26	YHWH > reacting to Zion	4	33	37
52	50,1-3	YHWH > Israel	3	55	58
53	50,11bβ	YHWH > Israel	0	6	6
54	51,1-2	YHWH > Israelites seeking YHWH	0	26	26
55	51,4-6	YHWH > Israel	0	51 (3x17)	51 (3x17)
56	51,7-8	YHWH > Israel	0	27	27
57	51,12-16	YHWH > Israel	0	63	63
58	51,22-23	YHWH > Israel	7	27	34 (2x17)
59	52,3	YHWH > Zion/Jerusalem	4	5	9
60	52,4-6	YHWH > Zion/Jerusalem	9	36	45
61	52,13-15	YHWH > Zion/Jerusalem	0	36	36
62	53,11-12	YHWH > Israel	0	34 (2x17)	34 (2x17)
63	54,1-3	YHWH > Zion/Jerusalem	2	28	30
64	54,6b-8	YHWH > Zion/Jerusalem	5	19	24
65	54,9-10	YHWH > Zion/Jerusalem	3	32	35
66	54,11-17	YHWH > Zion/Jerusalem	2	82 286 (11x26)	84
67	55,1-5a	YHWH > Israel	0	67	67
68	55,8-11	YHWH > Israel	2	58	60
24	48-55		84	857	941
68	40-55		218	2652 (102x26)	2870

Observation 2 Even though some of the summations in Column 5 may be due to coincidence, they are too conspicuous to be waved aside as coincidence. Note the following significant features:

1. The **68 (4x17)** Speeches have altogether **2652 (102x26=[6x17]x26)** words.
2. *Speeches 2-5 (A Voice as speaker) have altogether 102 (6x17) words.* *I owe Observations 2, 3, and 17*
3. *Speeches 1 + 6-68 (YHWH as speaker) have altogether 2550 (150x17) words.* *to Klaas Eikelenboom.**
4. Speeches 8-12 (41,8-42,4) have altogether **306 (18x17)** words.
5. Speeches 13-15 (42,5-20) have altogether **119 (7x17)** words.
6. Speech **17** (43,8-9) has **26** words.
7. Speech 24 (44,1-5) has **51 (3x17)** words.
8. Speech 27 (44,24-28) has **51 (3x17)** words.
9. Speeches 1-27 (40-44), before God's legitimization of *Cyrus* (45,1-7) have altogether **1040 (40x26)** words.
10. Speeches 28-29 (45,1-8), *directed to Cyrus and the heavens*, have **104 (4x26)** words.
11. Speech 31 (45,14) has **26** words.
12. Speeches 34-35 (45,20-25) have altogether **85 (5x17)** words.
13. Speeches 45-52 (49,3-50,3) have altogether **260** words.
14. Speech 54 (51,1-2) has **26** words.
15. Speech 55 (51,4-6) has **51 (3x17)** words.
16. Speech 62 (53,11-12) has **34 (2x17)** words.
17. *Speeches 28-62 (45,1-53,12) from Cyrus as God's Servant until the Servant in 52,13-53,12: 1326 (51x26) words.*
*See item 9: **Speeches 1-27** (before YHWH's servant Cyrus,): 1040 (40x26) words;*
Speeches 28-62 (from the Servant Cyrus until the Servant of Isaiah 53): **1326 (51[3x17]x26)** words.
18. Speeches 63-68 (54-55) have altogether **286 (11x26)** words.

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