

APPENDIX 2

List of Chiastic Structures in the Book of Isaiah

The following list presents more than one hundred examples of chiastic structures in Isaiah. Note that many chiastic structures in the Hebrew language are not always evident when translated into English. This is partly due to the different sentence structures in the two languages. Many of the following examples of chiasmus are followed with the word *Hebrew* in parentheses, indicating that the chiasmus exists in the Hebrew but has lost its chiastic value in the English translation.

Isa. 1:21–26 faithful city/judgment . . . righteousness/silver . . .
dross/rulers . . . thieves/the LORD of hosts/ /the Mighty
One of Israel/adversaries . . . enemies/dross . . . slag/judges
. . . counselors/faithful city

Isa. 2:3 go forth from Zion/law/ /word of the LORD/from
Jerusalem

Isa. 2:3–5 house of the God of Jacob . . . wemay walk/nations/
swords into plowshares/ /spears into pruning hooks/nation
. . . nation/house of Jacob . . . let us walk

Isa. 2:10–19 fear of the LORD . . . glory of his majesty/brought low . . . Lord alone will be exalted/and upon all . . . and upon all/ /made low . . . Lord alone will be exalted/fear of the LORD . . . glory of his majesty

Isa. 3:1–8 Jerusalem . . . Judah/bread/judge . . . prophet . . . captain/boys/ /man against man/ /each by his neighbor/child/be our ruler/bread/Jerusalem . . . Judah

Isa. 3:8 has stumbled/Jerusalem/ /Judah/has fallen (Hebrew)

Isa. 5:7 vineyard/house of Israel/ /men of Judah/delightful plant

Isa. 5:11–13 strong drink . . . wine/banquets/deeds of the LORD/ /work of his hands/dying of hunger/thirst

Isa. 5:14–17 opened her mouth/brought down . . . humbled/exalted/ /holy/feed . . . feed

Isa. 5:20 evil/good/ /good/evil

Isa. 5:20 darkness/light/ /light/darkness

Isa. 5:20 bitter/sweet/ /sweet/bitter

Isa. 5:21 wise/in their own eyes/ /in their own sight/clever

Isa. 6:7 is removed/your iniquity/ /your sin/atoned for

Isa. 6:10 heart/ears/eyes/ /eyes/ears/hearts

Isa. 7:7–9 it will not happen/head . . . head/Ephraim will be shattered/ /it is no longer a people/head . . . head/will not be confirmed

Isa. 7:22 eat/butter/ /butter/eat

Isa. 10:4 to crouch/under the prisoners/ /under the slain/to fall (Hebrew)

Isa. 11:1 will come forth/shoot/ /Branch/will bear fruit (Hebrew)

Isa. 11:4 smite the earth/rod of his mouth/ /breath of his
lips/slay the wicked

Isa. 11:6 will dwell/wolf . . . with the lamb/ /leopard . . . with
the kid/will lie down (Hebrew)

Isa. 11:8 will play/nursing babe . . . on the hole of the cobra/
/toddler . . . on the viper's den/will put his hand (Hebrew)

Isa. 11:13 Ephraim/Judah/ /Judah/Ephraim

Isa. 13:10 will be darkened/sun/ /moon/will not permit its
light to shine (Hebrew)

Isa. 13:16 plundered/their houses/ /their wives/ravished

Isa. 13:21 will dwell there/ostriches/ /wild goats/will dance
there (Hebrew)

Isa. 14:15 Sheol/brought down/ /to the depths/pit

Isa. 14:25 removed/his yoke/ /his burden/removed (Hebrew)

Isa. 14:30 grazing/destitute/ /needy/lie down in safety (Hebrew)

Isa. 14:30 I will kill/your root/ /your remnant/he will slay

Isa. 16:7–12 Moab/Kir-hareseth/Heshbon/Sibmah/Jazer/
/Jazer/Sibmah/Heshbon/Kir-hareseth/Moab

Isa. 18:6 feed on them during the summer/birds of prey/ /wild
animals/feed on them during the winter upon them
(Hebrew)

Isa. 21:12 you will/inquire/ /inquire/you

Isa. 22:22 open/shut/ /shut/open

- Isa. 25:10–11 hand of the LORD/trodden down/ /trodden down/his hands
- Isa. 26:7 righteous/level/ /smooth/righteous
- Isa. 26:9–10 righteousness/learn/inhabitants of the world/ /wicked/learn/righteousness (Hebrew)
- Isa. 26:19 will live/dead men/ /corpses/will rise (Hebrew)
- Isa. 27:5 he will make/peace/ /peace/he will make (Hebrew)
- Isa. 27:11 will not have compassion/their Maker/ /their Creator/will show them no favor (Hebrew)
- Isa. 28:12 to those whom he has said/this is the rest/give rest to the weary/this is the place of repose/they would not hear
- Isa. 28:15–18 covenant with death . . . agreement with Sheol/ lies our refuge/foundation/stone/ /stone/foundation/ refuge of lies/covenant with death . . . agreement with Sheol
- Isa. 29:14 will perish/wisdom of their wise and learned/ /understanding of their prudent/will be hid (Hebrew)
- Isa. 29:17 will be turned/Lebanon/fruitful field/ /fruitful field/forest/will be esteemed (Hebrew)
- Isa. 30:8 write it/tablet/ /scroll/inscribe it (Hebrew)
- Isa. 30:22 to be unclean/silver-covered graven images/ /gold-plated molten images/you will cast them away (Hebrew)
- Isa. 32:1 will reign/king/ /princes/will rule (Hebrew)
- Isa. 32:3 will not be closed/eyes of the seers/ /ears of those who hear/will listen (Hebrew)

- Isa. 32:6 speaks/thinks/ /to do/speak (Hebrew)
- Isa. 32:6 folly/speaks/ /thinks/iniquity (Hebrew)
- Isa. 32:6 to make empty/soul of the hungry/ /the thirsty of
drink/to deprive (Hebrew)
- Isa. 33:17 king/your eyes will see/ /they will see/land (Hebrew)
- Isa. 34:4 host/heaven/ /heaven/host
- Isa. 34:5–8 Edom/judgment/fat/lambs and goats/sacrifice/
/slaughter/bulls . . . bulls/fat/vengeance/Zion
- Isa. 35:1–2 rejoice/blossom/ /blossom/rejoice
- Isa. 36:18–19 delivered . . . hand/where are the gods/ /where
are the gods/delivered . . . hand
- Isa. 40:12 measured/hollow of his hand/waters/
/heavens/width of his hand/marked off (Hebrew)
- Isa. 40:14 enlighten him/taught him/ /taught him/showed him
the way of understanding
- Isa. 40:26 Lift up . . . on high/your eyes/ /and see/who created
these (Hebrew)
- Isa. 40:26 calling them all by name/by his great might/
/mighty power/not one is missing
- Isa. 40:27 is hid/my way/from the LORD/ /my God/my
rights/are passed over (Hebrew)
- Isa. 40:28–31 not become tired/grow weary/He gives power to
the weary/strength/youth/ /young men/strength/they will
go up with wings like eagles/not grow weary/not become
tired

Isa. 42:4 he has established/in the earth/justice/ /his law/the islands/will wait (Hebrew)

Isa. 42:12 let them give glory/the LORD/ /his praise/declare

Isa. 42:15 lay waste/mountains and hills/ /all their vegetation/dry up (Hebrew)

Isa. 43:1–21 he who formed you/waters . . . rivers/fire . . . burn/LORD, God, Holy One, Savior/Egypt, Ethiopia, Seba/I give, I will bring, gather, say, created, formed/you are my witnesses/I am the LORD/ /there is no Savior besides me/ /you are my witnesses/I act/Babylon, Chaldeans/LORD, Holy One, Creator, King/extinguished like a wick/waters . . . rivers/I formed this people

Isa. 43:18 do not remember/former things/ /things of old/nor consider

Isa. 43:20–21 wilderness/desert/wild beasts/ /jackals and ostriches/wilderness/desert

Isa. 44:21 Israel/my servant/ /a servant/Israel

Isa. 45:1 before him/I will open/ /to open/before him (Hebrew)

Isa. 45:22–25 ends of the earth/God/righteousness/every knee/ /every tongue/righteousness/LORD/the seed of Israel

Isa. 48:1 are called/Israel/ /Judah/came forth

Isa. 48:1 who swear/by name of the LORD/ /the God of Israel/acknowledge

Isa. 48:3, 5 declared/the former things/ /the beginning/declared

Isa. 48:4 iron/neck/ /forehead/brass (Hebrew)

Isa. 48:18 like a river/your peace/ /your righteousness/like the waves of the sea (Hebrew)

Isa. 48:21 waters/rock/ /rock/water

Isa. 49:1–6 islands/peoples/womb/made me a polished arrow/ you are my servant/ /I have labored/my reward is with my God/womb/tribes of Jacob/end of the earth

Isa. 49:13 has comforted/his people/ /his afflicted/will have mercy (Hebrew)

Isa. 49:14 has forsaken me/LORD/ /Lord/has forgotten me (Hebrew)

Isa. 49:18 as with an ornament/you will surely clothe all of them/ /bind them on/as a bride (Hebrew)

Isa. 49:22 I will lift up/nations/ /people/raise (Hebrew)

Isa. 49:22 they will bring/sons in their bosom/ /daughters . . . upon their shoulders/will be carried (Hebrew)

Isa. 50:1 your mother/put away/sold/ /sold/put away/your mother (Hebrew)

Isa. 50:4 he wakens/morning/ /morning/he wakens

Isa. 51:4 Pay attention/to me/my people/ /my nation/to me/give ear (Hebrew)

Isa. 51:7 fear not/insults of men/ /their revilings/neither be dismayed (Hebrew)

Isa. 51:11 will overtake them/gladness and joy/ /sorrow and sighing/will flee away

Isa. 53:7 he opened not his mouth/as a lamb/ /as a ewe/he openeth not his mouth

Isa. 54:2 enlarge/the place of your tent/ /the curtains of your dwellings/be stretched out (Hebrew)

Isa. 54:2 lengthen/your cords/ /your stakes/strengthen (Hebrew)

Isa. 55:8–9

A For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

B neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

C For as the heavens are higher

C than the earth,

B so are my ways higher than your ways,

A and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa. 56:5 I will give/name/ /name/I will give (Hebrew)

Isa. 56:9 beasts of the field/ /come to eat/ /beasts of the field

Isa. 57:15 contrite/lowly in spirit/ /lowly in spirit/contrite

Isa. 57:20–21 the wicked/tossing sea/it cannot rest/ /its waters toss up mire and dirt/no peace/the wicked

Isa. 58:10 pour out/your soul/ /afflicted soul/satisfy (Hebrew)

Isa. 59:3 have spoken/lies/ /wickedness/mutters (Hebrew)

Isa. 59:16–17 salvation/righteousness/ /righteousness/salvation

Isa. 60:1–3

A Arise,

B shine;

C for your light is come,

D and the glory

E of the LORD

F is risen upon you.

G For, behold, the darkness will cover the earth,

G and thick darkness the people,
F but shall arise upon thee,
E the LORD
D and his glory appears on you,
C and the Gentiles shall come to your light
B and kings to the brightness
A of your rising. (Hebrew)

Isa. 60:13 to beautify/the place of my sanctuary/ /the place of
my feet/make . . . glorious (Hebrew)

Isa. 60:16 you will suck/the milk of nations/ /the breast of
kings/you will suck (Hebrew)

Isa. 62:1 goes forth/as brightness/her righteousness/ /the sal-
vation/as a torch/burning (Hebrew)

Isa. 65:18 be glad and rejoice/I create/ /I create/a rejoicing . . .
a joy