Isaiah 1:21-26 + 2:2-5: Scansion with Notes on Text, Prosody, and Tropes

When the masoretic accents clash with the proposed scansion, the fact is noted. As in MT, words conjoined with a maqqeph (־) receive a single dominant stress.¹

Symbols

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<td>A strophe made up of three lines, 1:(1:1) in structure</td>
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<td>❧ concludes a strophe; ❧ a sub-stanza; ❧ a stanza; ❧ a section</td>
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2:(2:2)

A line consisting of three versets of two stress units each; the last two form a pair.

Reference to a location within the text.

* MT, if preserved, would violate the general rule or the length rule.

+m or -m The addition or subtraction of a maqqeph vis-à-vis MT.

d, ld Change in verset division, or line division, vis-à-vis MT.

s1d, s2d, or s3d Change in strophe, stanza, or section division vis-à-vis MT.

cv Change in vocalization vis-à-vis MT; MT following.

 cj 4QIsa ינש Conjecture based on witness; MT following.

ce ירה Conjectural emendation vis-à-vis MT; MT following.

4/9/24 A stanza consisting of 4 lines, 9 versets, and 24 stress units.

40/90/216 17/6/2/1 A poetic composition made up of 40 lines, 90 versets, and 216 stress units, with a total of 17 strophes, 6 stanzas, and 2 sections.

p (or h) = 0.5 (20/40) Cases of ssm (semantic-syntactic-morphological) parallelism (or hypotaxis) per verset, averaged over 40 versets.

The first line contains two pairs of two elements; enjambment occurs (hence the i); the second line begins with a pair of elements in chiastic ssm parallelism with the second pair of elements of the first line (hence the j); it concludes with another pair of elements that match up with elements a and b in the first line, but in reverse order (hence the k); enjambment occurs (hence the l).

The first verset’s a is not paralleled in the second, but is gapped (hence the g).

Alternative analysis of parallelism; a^2’s match with a^1 concomitant with a mismatch in one or more fundamental ssm dimensions (hence the a); be is non-parallel vis-à-vis the rest.

The first and second versets are non-parallel. The first, third, and fourth versets are parallel. Nonetheless, x^2 (partially) matches x^1.

ישעיהו א 5:2 – 25:21

3:2 abc;de 1
(2:3) 2 c;e 2:3;e 2 alt a b 1:2 b 2;2:e 1
3:3 a b 1:2 a 2:2
2:2 a b 3;2 c 2
2:1 ab 1:2 c 2
3:2 ab 1:2 c 2

6/14/35 3:2 a b 1:2 a 2:2 -m מושפ ע"ש v21 לא 2x
3:2 abc;e 2:3;e 2 ce שור 2x 내 v23
3:2 ab 1:2 c 2
3:3 x 2:2 yz;abc;e 2:2 ce ס"י ס"כ v22

5/13/32 3:2 abc;de 1:2 d 2
2:2 j 1:2 f 3
3 a b 1:2 a 2:2 ce om ש"כ v21 במחזה ו"ג מ"ב v26
3:2 ab 1:2 c 2
3:3 abc;e 2:2 a 2:2 -m מושפ ע"ש v21
2:2 ab 1:2 a 2:2

6/14/33 3:3 ab 1:2 c 2 ש"כ ה"ב v3d v26b
3:3 ab 1:2 c 2 ש"כ מושפ ע"ש v21
3:2 ab 1:2 c 2 ש"כ מושפ ע"ש v21
2:3 a b 1:2 c 2 ש"כ מושפ ע"ש v3,4
2:2 ab 3:1 c 2 ש"כ מושפ ע"ש v3
5/11/26 2:2 ab 1:2 ef x 5x (incl "ש"כ מושפ ע"ש v3,4)

פ = 3 (157/52) h = 0.3 (14.5/52)