

THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE BOOK OF ISAIAH IS BOTH LINEAR, ABB'XABB', & CHIASTIC/'MENORAHIC', 123C3'2'1':

Traditionally: THE ASSYRIAN BACKGROUND TO ISAIAH’S PROPHECIES		2 Kings 18.17-20.19 (38.9-20 is added by redactor)		THE BABYLONIAN BACKGROUND TO THE PROPHECIES	
Now, in Literary Terms: ‘THE COMPLICATION’		‘THE TURNING POINT’		‘THE DÉNOUEMENT’	
Thematically: THE OLD COVENANT: EXILES, WARS, WOES & BURDENS YAHWEH’S POWER EXHIBITED A NEW COVENANT: RIGHTEOUSNESS & A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH					
Isaiah’s Prophecies on Judah and Jerusalem A 1.1-31; Israel -a sinful nation that has rebelled against the LORD, hence destruction B 2.1-5.2; visions of future restoration of Judah B’ 5.3-30; coming destruction of Judah by a nation far off X 6.1-13; Isaiah’s call A 7.1-8.15; coming destruction of Judah by far off Assyria B 8.16-10-14; visions of future restoration of Israel B’ 10.15-12.6; Israel’s future restoration and obedience (a reversal of 1.1-31) ‘Sing to the Lord’		Isaiah’s Prophecies on Foreign Nations including Apocalypse A 13.1-14.32; The Fall of Babylon; Judah’s restoration B 15.1-18.7; ‘Burden’ on Judah’s neighbour, Moab B’ 19.1-25; Burden mostly on Egypt and Ethiopia X 20.1-6; Isaiah – naked and barefoot as an illustration A 21.1-22.25; Burden on Jerusalem and Egyptian(?) Shebna B 23.1-18; Burden on Judah’s neighbour, Tyre B’ 24.1-27.13; The Fall of (Babylon) ‘the lofty city’; Judah’s restoration ‘Worship the Lord’		Isaiah’s Prophecies on Judah including Apocalypse A 28.1-29; Yahweh’s coming overthrow of Judah’s enemy to the north B 29.1-24; Coming (Assyrian) attack on Jerusalem; promise of Yahweh’s rescue B’ 30.1-33; Warning to Judah; do not rely on Egypt X 31.1-9; God will defend Jerusalem, Assyria will fall A 32.1-20; A king will reign in righteousness B 33.1-24; Yahweh, the Lord will be Judge, Lawgiver and King; a Lamentation B’ 34.1-35.10; Y’s coming overthrow of J’s enemy to south; ‘a highway will be there’ ‘Joy and Gladness; Sorrow and Sighing fleeing’	
The Isaiah Narratives Presented as all sections in 7 parts in chiasm: A 36.1-10; Hezekiah and an Assyrian emissary B 36.11-21; Hezekiah appeals B’ 36.22-37.8; Hezekiah sends to Isaiah X 37.9-38; The Nations will know the Lord: Yahweh kills 185,000 Assyrians A 38.1-8; Hezekiah near to death B 38.9-22; Hezekiah appeals B’ 39.1-8; Hezekiah and Babylonian emissaries		The Prophet’s Commission: ‘Comfort’, Lessons from the Exile A 40.1-31; Good News for Jerusalem; her sin is paid for, doubly; prepare a highway B 41.1-20; Yahweh, superior to idols, raises help from the east B’ 41.21-42.17; Yahweh’s challenge to idols – can they tell ‘the future’? X 42.18-43.7; Call to sinful Israel to respond to Yahweh A 43.8-45.19; Yahweh’s challenge to idols – can they tell ‘the future’? B 45.20-46.13; Yahweh, superior to idols, calls for help from the east B’ 47.1-48.22; Bad News for Babylon ‘no peace for the ‘wicked’			
The disillusioned Prophet is encouraged: God is Faithful A 49.1-26; Servant Israel - called B 50.1-11; The suffering servant and Israel’s sins B’ 51.1-8; Righteousness: near and forever X 51.9-52.6; Awake, Awake: the Lord, Jerusalem and Zion! A 52.7-53.12; God’s Suffering Servant; he will act wisely B 54.1-55.13; Comfort, fear not for the covenant of peace B’ 56.1-57.21; Take hold of the covenant ‘no peace for the ‘wicked’		The Prophet tells of an Everlasting Covenant with All Nations A 58.1-14; The people have transgressed, but with all nations there is a New Covenant B 59.1-21; Iniquities have caused separation; Condemnation of God’s wicked people B’ 60.1-22; Call to restoration of true righteousness; the Glory of the Lord X 61.1-62.12; The Spirit of the Lord; a proclamation of ‘the acceptable year’ A 63.1-19; The loving-kindness of God; future restoration of true righteousness B 64.1-65.16; a Lamentation for punishment of wicked; ‘prepare the way’; a highway B’ 65.17-66.24; A ‘new heaven and a new earth’ is promised; those who rebelled - ‘their worm will not die’			
A	literally & thematically	B		B’	
1	in terms of details	2		3	
C				X	
3’				A	
2’				B	
1’				B’	

We can note here that **The Book of Isaiah** and **the Gospel of Mark** share the same literary and thematic structures: 3 parts Old Covenant Completion/1 part Turning Point/3 parts New Covenant Formation. Both books share the very same purpose: their writers respond theologically to the exiles that followed attacks on Jerusalem and its temple. In Isaiah's time, it was the Assyrians and the Babylonians with whom Jerusalem had to contend (key dates: 722 and 587 BC). In the time of the writing of Mark's Gospel, it was the Romans (key date: AD 70). (For details, turn to my Isaiah presentation.) Homer's literary influence lies behind both books: his *lliad* centres on waking Achilles and, as a book, it is both linear and chiastic.

**ISAIAH FROM 'THE JEWISH BIBLE', RE-PRESENTED TO EXHIBIT THE WRITER'S
LITERARY STRUCTURE AND STYLE AND HIS PURPOSE FOR HIS COMPOSITION:**
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IN LITERARY TERMS: 'THE COMPLICATION': 1.1-35.10

SECTION ABB'XABB': 1.1-12.6

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Levels of literary structure:

Isaiah's Prophecies on Judah and Jerusalem; God's Case against his People

PART ABB'XABB': 1.1-1.31

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			8	7	6	5	4	3
1:1	The vision of Isaiah	the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.		(a) (a')	a	A	A	<u>A</u>
1:2	Hear O heavens, and give ear O earth: for the LORD has spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have <u>rebelled</u> against me.			(a) (b) (b')	a	B		
1:3	The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.	.a .a' .a .a'		(a) (a')	a	B'		
1:4	Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger, they have turned their backs.	.a .a' .a .a' .a		(a) (a')	b			
1:5	Why should you be stricken any more; why do you rebel more and more? The whole head is sick and the whole heart is faint.			(a) (a') (a')	a	A	B	
1:6	From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither soothed with ointment.			(a) (b) (b') (a) (b) (b')	a b	B		
1:7	Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land... <u>foreigners</u> devour it in your presence and it is desolate as overthrown by <u>foreigners</u>			(a) (b) (b')	a	B'		
1:8	and the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.			(a) (b) (b')	b'			
1:9	Except the LORD of hosts had left to us a very small remnant, <u>we should have been as Sodom,</u> <u>and we should have been as Gomorrah.</u>				a b b'	A	B'	
1:10	<u>Hear the word</u> of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom. <u>Give ear to the law</u> of our God, you people of Gomorrah.				a a' a a'	B B'		
1:11	To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to me? says the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats.			(a) (a')	a	A	A	<u>B</u>
1:12	When you come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand, to tread my courts?				a b b'	A	B	
1:13	Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination to me; the New Moon and Sabbath, the calling of a meeting,			(a) (b)	a b	B		

	I cannot endure evil;	(b')				
1:14	And the assembly, your New Moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates: they are a trouble to me; I am weary of putting up with them.		a	B'		
1:15	And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you: yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.	(a) (a') (a) (a')	a	A	B'	
1:16	Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the <u>evil</u> of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do <u>evil</u> .	(a) (a')	a	B		
1:17	learn to do good; seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge for the fatherless, plead for the widow.	(a) (a') (a) (a')	b' a b b'	B'		
1:18	Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.		a	A	A	<u>B'</u>
1:19	If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land:					
1:20	But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it.					
1:21	How the faithful city has become a harlot! it was full of justice; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.					B
1:22	Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water:					
1:23	Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: Everyone loves gifts and follows after rewards: they defend not the fatherless, neither does the cause of the widow come into their thinking .					
1:24	<u>Therefore</u> says the LORD, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel: Ah, I will ease myself of my adversaries, and avenge myself of my enemies:			A	B	
1:25	And I will turn my hand upon you, and purely purge away your dross, and take away all your impurities:			B		
1:26	And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counsellors as at the beginning: afterward you shall be called, The City of Righteousness, the Faithful City.			B'		
1:27	Zion will be redeemed with justice, and her penitents with righteousness			A	B'	
1:28	and the destruction of <u>rebels</u> and of <u>sinners</u> will be together, and they that forsake the LORD will be consumed					
1:29	For you will be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired; you will be disgraced for the gardens that you have chosen;			B		
1:30	you will be as an oak whose leaf fades, and as a garden that has no water.					
1:31	And the strong shall be as tinder, and its gatherers as a spark, and they will both burn together, and no-one will quench them.			B'		

PART ABB'XABB': 2.1-5.2

2:1	The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem .	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
2:2	And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established in the top of the mountains, and will be exalted above the hills; and all nations will flow to it.	B			

2:3	And many peoples will come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD , to the house of the God of Jacob ; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion will go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem .	B'		
2:4	And he will judge among the nations, and he will rebuke many peoples: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war any more.	A	B	
2:5	O house of Jacob , come, let us walk in the light of the LORD .	B		
2:6	You have forsaken your people, house of Jacob , because they are full of superstitions from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and do business with foreigners .	B'		
2:7	<u>Their land also is full of silver and gold</u> , neither is there any end to their treasures; <u>their land is also full of horses</u> , neither is there any end to their chariots:	A	B'	
2:8	<u>their land also is full of idols</u> ; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:			
2:9	And the mean man will be brought low, and the great man humbled: do not raise them up.	B		
2:10	Enter into the rocks, and hide in the dust, <u>for fear of the LORD</u> , <u>and for the glory of his majesty</u> .	B'		
2:11	<u>The arrogant looks of man shall be humbled</u> , <u>and the haughtiness of men will be bowed down</u> , <u>and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day</u> .	A	B	
2:12	For the day of the LORD of hosts will be <u>upon</u> every one that is proud and lofty, <u>upon</u> every one that is lifted up; and who will be brought low:	B		
2:13	<u>And upon</u> all the cedars of Lebanon, that are <u>high and lifted up</u> ,			
2:14	<u>and upon</u> all the oaks of Bashan, <u>And upon</u> all the high mountains,	B'		
2:15	<u>and upon</u> all the hills that are lifted up, <u>And upon</u> every high tower,			
2:16	<u>and upon</u> every fortified wall, <u>And upon</u> all the ships of Tarshish, all stately vessels.			
2:17	<u>And the arrogance of man shall be bowed down</u> , <u>and the haughtiness of men will be made low</u> : <u>and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day</u> .	A	B'	
2:18	And the idols he will utterly abolish.	B		
2:19	And they will go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, <u>for fear of the LORD</u> , <u>and for the glory of his majesty</u> , <u>when he arises to shake terribly the earth</u> .			
2:20	In that day men will cast away / his idols of silver, / and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats	B'		
2:21	to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, <u>for fear of the LORD</u> , <u>and for the glory of his majesty</u> , <u>when he arises to shake terribly the earth</u> .			
2:22	Cease trusting in man; his breath is in his nostrils; of what account is he?	A	A	<u>B</u>
3:1	For, behold, <u>the Lord, the LORD of hosts</u> , is about to take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of food and the whole stay of water.	B		
3:2	the hero, / the warrior / and the judge the prophet / and the prudent / and the elder,			
3:3	the captain of fifty and man of rank			

3:4	and the counselor / and skilled craftsman / and eloquent orator. And I will give children to be their princes,			B'
3:5	and babes shall rule over them. And the people will be oppressed, <u>everyone</u> by another, and <u>everyone</u> by his neighbour: the child will behave himself proudly against the elder, and the base against the honourable.			
3:6	<u>When</u> a man takes hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, You have <u>clothing</u> , be our <u>ruler</u> , and let this ruin be under your hand:			
3:7	<u>In that day</u> he will swear, saying, I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither food nor <u>clothing</u> : do not make me a <u>ruler</u> of the people.			
3:8	For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD , to provoke the eyes of his glory.	A	A	B
3:9	The look on their faces testifies against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they do not hide it.	B		
3:10	Woe unto their souls! for they have rewarded evil to themselves. Say to <u>the righteous</u> , that it will be well with them: for they will eat the fruit of their doings.	B'		
3:11	Woe to <u>the wicked</u> it will be ill with him: for the reward of his hands will be given him.			
3:12	As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.	A	B	
3:13	O my people, they which lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths.	B		
3:14	The LORD stands up to plead, and stands to judge the people.	B'		
3:15	The LORD will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and their princes: for you have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of <u>the poor</u> is in your houses;	A	B'	
3:16	what do you intend when you beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of <u>the poor</u> ? said the Lord GOD of hosts .	B		
3:17	Moreover the LORD said, Because the daughters of Zion are arrogant, and walk with stretched forth necks and glancing wantonly, walking and mincing along, and making a tinkling with their feet:	A	A	B'
3:18	the LORD , therefore, will bring sores on the heads of the daughters of Zion , and the LORD will lay bare their scalps.	B'		
3:19	<u>In that day</u> , the Lord will take away the beauty/ of the anklets / and the headbands / and the crescent necklaces,	A	B	
3:20	the pendants / and the bracelets / and the veils, the millinery, / the ankle chains / and sashes, the lockets / and the charms / and (3:21) the rings the nose rings, / (3:22) fine robes / and the capes and the cloaks, / the purses / (3:23) and the mirrors and the linen garments, / hoods / and veils.	B		
3:24	And there will be / <u>instead</u> of sweet perfume / a smell of decay; and there will be / <u>instead</u> of a sash / a rope; and <u>instead</u> of well-set hair / baldness; and <u>instead</u> of fine clothing / a girding of sackcloth; and branding / instead of beauty.	B'		
3:25	Your men will fall by the sword, and your warriors in war	A	B'	
3:26	and her gates will lament and mourn; and she being desolate will sit upon the ground.	B		
4:1	And seven women will take hold of one man <u>in that day</u> , saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach.	B'		
4:2	<u>In that day</u> the branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious,			
		A	A	B'

4:3	and the fruit of the earth will be excellent and comely for those who have escaped from Israel and it will be that he that is left in Zion and he that remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, even everyone that is written among the living in Jerusalem:	B		
4:4	When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion , and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning,	A		B
4:5	The LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion , and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory will be a canopy;	B		
4:6	It will be a protection and shade in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a shelter / from storm / and from rain.	B'		
5:1	Now I will sing to my <u>well-beloved</u> a song of <u>my beloved</u> touching his <u>vineyard</u> : my <u>well-beloved</u> has a <u>vineyard</u> on a very fruitful hillside:	A		B'
5:2	and he fenced it and removed its stones, and planted it with the choicest vines, and built a watchtower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth choice grapes, but it brought forth wild fruit.	B		
		B'		

PART ABB'XABB': 5.3-5.30

5:3	Now, / O inhabitants of Jerusalem , / and men of Judah , Judge, I pray you, between me and my <u>vineyard</u> .	A	A	<u>A</u>
5:4	What more could have been done to my <u>vineyard</u> , that I have not done in it? When I looked that it should bring forth grapes, it brought forth wild fruit?	B		
		B'		
5:5	And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my <u>vineyard</u> : I will take away the hedge thereof, and it will be destroyed; and I will break down its wall, and it will be trodden down:	A		B
5:6	And I will lay it waste: it will not be pruned, nor dug; but there will come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain / no rain / upon it.	B		
		B'		
5:7	For the <u>vineyard</u> of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel , and the men of Judah are his garden of delight: and he looked for justice, <u>but behold</u> , bloodshed; for righteousness, <u>but behold</u> , a cry of distress.	A		B'
		B		
		B'		
5:8	Woe to those who join house to house, who lay field to field, till there be no place left, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the land!	A	A	<u>B</u>
5:9	I have heard this, / said the LORD of hosts , Of a truth many houses will be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.	B		
		B'		
5:10	Yea, ten acres of vineyard will yield one bath, and the seed of a homer will yield an ephah.			
5:11	Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night till wine inflames them!	A		B
5:12	And the harp, and the lyre, the tambourine, and flute, and wine,			

	are at their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD , neither consider the work of his hands.			
5:13	Therefore my people are gone into captivity, / because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.	B		
5:14	Therefore Sheol has enlarged herself and opened its mouth without measure: and their glory, / and their multitude, / and their pomp, and he that rejoices, will descend into it; and man will be brought down , and humankind will be humbled , and the eyes of the arrogant will be humbled '	B'		
5:16	But the LORD of hosts will be exalted by his justice and the holy God will show himself to be holy by his righteousness .	A	B'	
5:17	Then the lambs will feed after their manner. And in the waste places, strangers will eat the fleshy ones.	B B'		
5:18	Woe to them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope	A	A	B'
5:19	that say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come that we may know it!			
5:20	Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!	B		
5:21	Woe to them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!	B'		
5:22	Woe to them that are heroes at drinking wine, and champions at mixing strong drinks:	A	B	
5:23	who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deny justice to the innocent!			
5:24	Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom blow away as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts , and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel .	B		
5:25	Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he has stretched forth his hand against them, and he has smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. <u>For all this, however,</u> <u>his anger is not turned away,</u> <u>but his hand is stretched out still.</u>	B'		(see also: 9:12,17,21,10:4)
5:26	And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and he will whistle to them from the end of the earth and behold, / they will come with speed / swiftly:	A	B'	(for 'whistle', see 7:18)
5:27	None will be weary / nor stumble among them; none will slumber / nor sleep; neither will the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken,	B		
5:28	whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted <u>like</u> flint, and their wheels <u>like</u> a whirlwind:			
5:29	Their roaring will be like a lion, they will roar like young lions: yea, they will roar, and lay hold of the prey, and will carry it away securely, and none will rescue it.			
5:30	<u>And in that day</u> / they will roar against them / like the roaring of the sea: and if one looks to the land, behold darkness and distress, and the light will be darkened by clouds.	B'		

For ABB'A', see A(ABB') ; B B' ; A' (ABB')

6:1	In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple	(a) (b) (b')	a b	A	A	<u>A</u>
6:2	Above, stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly.	(a) (b) (b')	b' a b b'	B		
6:3	And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts : the whole earth is full of his glory.		a	B'		
6:4	And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the temple was filled with smoke.		b b'			
6:5	Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.			A	B	
6:6	Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:					
6:7	And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin atoned for.			B		
6:8	Also, I heard the voice of the Lord , saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.	(a) (b) (b') (a) (b) (b')				<u>B</u> <u>B'</u>
6:9	And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, / but understand not; and see ye indeed, / but perceive not.			A B	A	<u>A'</u>
6:10	Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and repent and be healed.			B'		
6:11	Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be ruined and without inhabitant. Until the houses are left deserted and the land be utterly desolate.			A B B' A	B	
6:12	Until the LORD has removed men far away and the land is utterly forsaken.		a b b'		B'	
6:13	And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down: so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.			B B'		

PART ABB'XABB': 7.1-8.15

7:1	And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham , the son of Uzziah , king of Judah , that Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel , went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.			A	A	<u>A</u>
7:2	And it was told the house of David , saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim . And his heart was moved and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.			B B'		

7:3	Then said the LORD to Isaiah , Go forth now to meet Ahaz , you and Shearjashub your son, <u>at the end of the conduit of the upper pool</u> in the highway of the fuller's field;	A	B	(see 36:2)
7:4	and say to him, Take heed, / keep calm / and fear not , neither be fainthearted for the two stubs of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria and of the son of Remaliah.	B		
7:5	Syria, Ephraim , and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against you, saying,			
7:6	Let us go up against Judah , and tear it apart, and let us divide it up among ourselves, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal:	B'		
7:7	Yet, said the Lord GOD , It will not take place, neither shall it come to pass.	A	B'	
7:8	For <u>the head</u> of Syria is Damascus, and <u>the head</u> of Damascus is Rezin; and within threescore and five years Ephraim will be broken, no longer a people.	B		
7:9	And <u>the head</u> of Ephraim is Samaria, and <u>the head</u> of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, surely you will not stand at all.	B'		
7:10	<u>Moreover</u> the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying ,	A	A	<u>B</u>
7:11	Ask thee a sign of the LORD your God . Ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.			
7:12	But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD .	B		
7:13	And he said, Hear you now, O house of David ; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?	B'		
7:14	Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and will call his name Immanuel.			
7:15	Butter and honey will he eat, that he may know to refuse evil, and choose what is good.			
7:16	For before the child will know to refuse evil, and choose what is good, the land that you abhor will be forsaken of both her kings.			
7:17	The LORD will bring upon you, and upon your people, and upon your father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah ; even the king of Assyria.	A	B	
7:18	<u>And it will come to pass in that day</u> , that the LORD will whistle for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria .	B		(for 'whistle', see 5:26)
7:19	And they will come. And all of them will settle in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.			
7:20	<u>In the same day</u> the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired, namely by them beyond the river, by <u>the king of Assyria</u> , the head, and the hair of the feet: and it will also consume the beard.	B'		
7:21	<u>And it will come to pass in that day</u> , that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;	A	B'	
7:22	<u>And it will come to pass</u> ,	B		

	for the abundance of milk that they will give he will eat butter: for butter and honey every one will eat what is left in the land.			
7:23	<u>And it will come to pass in that day</u> , that every place will be, where there were a thousand vines worth a thousand silver shekels, there will be only briers and thorns.		B'	
7:24	With arrows and with bows will men come thither; because all the land will become briers and thorns.			
7:25	And on all hills that will be dug with the mattock, there will not come near the fear of briers and thorns: but it will be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.			
8:1	Moreover the LORD said to me, (<i>cf. 3.16 & 7.10 for the first like it</i>) Take thee a great scroll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalalhashbaz.	A	A	<u>B'</u>
8:2	And I took to me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, / and Zechariah / the son of Jeberechiah.		B	
8:3	And I went unto the prophetess; / and she conceived, / and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me,		B'	
8:4	Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be taken away before <u>the king of Assyria</u> .			
8:5	The LORD spoke also to me again, saying,	A	B	
8:6	Forasmuch as this people refuses <u>the waters</u> of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoices over Rezin and Remaliah's son;			
8:7	now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up upon them <u>the waters</u> of the river that are strong and many, even <u>the king of Assyria</u> , and all his glory: And it will overflow all its channels, and run over all its banks:		B	
8:8	and it will sweep through Judah; it will flood everywhere, it will reach even to the neck; and its outspread wings will cover the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.			
8:9	Engage in battle, O you nations, <u>and you will be broken in pieces</u> ; give ear all you distant lands: arm yourselves, <u>and you will be broken in pieces</u> ; arm yourselves, <u>and you will be broken in pieces</u> .		B'	
8:10	Devise your strategy together, and it will come to nothing. Propose your plan, and it will not stand: for God is with us.			
8:11	For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand on me, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,	A	B'	
8:12	Do not call for a treaty everything that these people call a treaty, neither <u>fear</u> what they fear, nor <u>dread</u> it.		B	
8:13	Holy is the LORD of hosts himself; let him be your <u>fear</u> , and let him be your <u>dread</u>		B'	
8:14	and he will be a sanctuary; but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel , and a trap / and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem			
8:15	and many among them will stumble / and fall and be broken, / snared, / and taken.			

PART ABB'XABB': 8.16-10.14

8:16	Bind up <u>the testimony</u> ,	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
	seal up <u>the law</u> among my disciples,				
8:17	and I will wait for the LORD ,	B			
	who hides his face from <u>the house of Jacob</u> ,				
	and I will look for him.	B'			
8:18	Behold,		A	B	
	I and the children whom the LORD has given me				
	are for signs and for wonders in Israel				
	from the LORD of hosts ,				
	who dwells in mount Zion .				
8:19	And when they say to you,		B		
	Consult those who have prophetic spirits,				
	and wizards who whisper and mutter:				
	should not a people enquire of their God		B'		
	rather than the living of the dead?				
8:20	To <u>the law</u> and to <u>the testimony</u> :		A	B'	
	if they speak not according to this word,				
	it is because there is <u>no light</u> in them.				
8:21	And they shall pass through the land, distressed and hungry	A	B		
	And it will come to pass,	B			
	that when they are hungry,				
	they shall fret,				
	and curse their king and their God ,				
	and look upward.				
8:22	And they will look to the earth;	B'			
	and behold distress and darkness,				
	fearful gloom;				
	and they will be thrust into utter darkness.				
9:1	Nevertheless the gloom will not be such as was in her distress,	A	B'		
	when at the first he lightly afflicted	B			
	the land of Zebulun				
	and the land of Naphtali,				
	and afterward did more grievously afflict her	B'			
	by the way of the sea,				
	beyond Jordan in Galilee of the nations.				
9:2	The people that walked in darkness have seen <u>a great light</u> :		A	A	<u>B</u>
	they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,	B			
	upon them has <u>the light</u> shined.	B'			
9:3	You have multiplied the nation,	A	B		
	and increased its joy:				
	they joy before thee				
	according to the joy in harvest				
	and as men rejoice				
	when they divide the spoil.				
9:4	For you have broken the yoke of his burden,		B		
	and the staff of his shoulder,				
	the rod of his oppressor,				
	as in the day of Midian.				
9:5	For every warrior's boot used in battle		B'		
	and every garment rolled in blood;				
	will be for burning / and fuel for <u>a fire</u> .				
9:6	For to us a child is born,	A	B'		
	to us a son is given:				
	and the government will be upon his shoulder:				
	and his name will be called:				
	Wonderful,				
	Counsellor,				
	the mighty God ,				
	the everlasting Father ,				
	the Prince of Peace .				
9:7	Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,		B		
	upon the throne of David,				
	and upon his kingdom,				
	to order it,				
	and to establish it				
	with justice				
	and with righteousness				
	from henceforth				
	even for evermore.				
	The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.		B'		
9:8	The Lord sent a word into Jacob ,	A	A	<u>B'</u>	
	and it has alighted upon Israel .				
9:9	And all the people will know,	B			
	even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria,				
	that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,				

9:10	The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars.				
9:11	Therefore the LORD will set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together;			B'	
9:12	the Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they will devour Israel with open mouth. <u>For all this,</u> <u>his anger is not turned away,</u> <u>but his hand is stretched out still.</u>				
9:13	For the people turn not to him that smites them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.	A			B
9:14	Therefore the LORD will cut off / from Israel / head and tail, branch and reed in one day.			B	
9:15	The elders and honourable, they are the head; and the prophets who teach lies, they are the tail.				
9:16	For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they who are led by them are destroyed.				
9:17	Therefore the LORD will have no joy in their young men, neither will he have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for everyone is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. <u>For all this</u> <u>his anger is not turned away,</u> <u>but his hand is stretched out still.</u>			B'	
9:18	For wickedness burns like <u>the fire</u> : it devours briars and thorns, and sets ablaze the thickets of the forest, and rises upwards as a column of smoke.	A B		A	B'
9:19	Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts the land is darkened, and the people shall be as <u>fuel for the fire</u> : no man shall spare his brother; and he will snatch on <u>the right hand</u> , and be hungry; and he will eat <u>on the left hand</u> , and they will not be satisfied.			B	
9:20	They will eat every man the flesh of his own offspring: Manasseh, Ephraim ; Ephraim , Manasseh; and they together will be against Judah . <u>For all this</u> <u>his anger is not turned away,</u> <u>but his hand is stretched out still.</u>			B'	
10:1	Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, and who write grievousness which they have prescribed;	A		A	A B'
10:2	to turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!	B B'			
10:3	What will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your glory?			B	
10:4	Without me they will bow down under the prisoners and they will fall under the slain. <u>For all this</u> <u>his anger is not turned away,</u> <u>but his hand is stretched out still.</u>			B'	
10:5	O Assyrian, the rod of my anger, and the staff in their hand is my indignation.			A	B
10:6	I will send him against a hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath I will give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.			B	
10:7	Howbeit he means not so,			B'	

	neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.				
10:8	For he says,				
10:9	Are not my princes altogether kings? Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?				
10:10	As my hand has seized the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;	A	A	B'	
10:11	Will I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?	B			
10:12	Therefore it will come to pass, that when the Lord has performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem , I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the <u>king of Assyria</u> , and the glory of his high looks.	B'			
10:13	For he said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:	A	B		
10:14	And my hand has found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathers eggs that are left, I have gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.			B'	

PART ABB'XABB': 10.15-12.6

10:15	Will <u>the axe</u> boast itself against him that hews therewith? or will the saw show itself greater the he who employs it? as if the rod should employ itself against those who lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were not just wood.	A B B'	A	A	A	A
10:16	Therefore will the Lord , the Lord of hosts , send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he will kindle <u>a burning</u> <u>like the burning of a fire</u> .	A B B'	B			
10:17	And the light of Israel will be <u>for a fire</u> , and his Holy One for a flame: and it <u>will burn</u> and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;	A	B'			
10:18	And will <u>consume</u> the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer faints	B				
10:19	And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may number them.	B'				
10:20	<u>And it shall come to pass in that day</u> , that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, will no more again stay <u>upon him</u> that smote them; but will stay <u>upon the LORD</u> , / the Holy One of Israel , / in truth.	A	A	B		
10:21	The remnant will return, / even the remnant of Jacob, / to the mighty God .			B		
10:22	For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the <u>consumption</u> decreed will overflow with righteousness.					
10:23	For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make <u>a consumption</u> , even determined, in the midst of all the land.					
10:24	Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts , O my people that dwell in Zion , be not afraid of the Assyrian. He will smite thee with a rod, and will lift up his staff against you, after the manner of Egypt .			B'		
10:25	For yet a very little while, and the indignation will cease,					

	and my anger in their destruction.				
10:26	And the LORD of hosts will stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.				
10:27	<u>And it shall come to pass in that day,</u> that his burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.	A		B'	
10:28	He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages:				
10:29	They are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled.				
10:30	Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard to Laish, O poor Anathoth.	B			
10:31	Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.				
10:32	As yet he shall remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.	B'			
10:33	Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts , will lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature will be hewn down, and the haughty will be humbled.				
10:34	And he will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon will fall by a mighty one.				
11:1	And there will come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse , and a Branch will grow out of his roots.	A		A	<u>B</u>
11:2	And the spirit of the LORD will rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD ;	B			
11:3	And it will make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD : And he will not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:	B'			
11:4	But with <u>righteousness</u> he will judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and he will smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.	A		B	
11:5	And <u>righteousness</u> shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.	B'			
11:6	The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.	A		B'	
11:7	And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox				B
11:8	and the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.				
11:9	They shall not hurt / nor destroy / in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD , as the waters cover the sea.	B'			
11:10	<u>And in that day</u> there will be a root of Jesse , which will stand for <u>an ensign</u> of the people; to it will the Gentiles seek: and his rest will be glorious.	A B B'	A	A	<u>B'</u>
11:11	And it will come to pass in that day, that the Lord will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which will be left, from Assyria and from Egypt and from Pathros, and from Cush and from Elam and from Shinar, and from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.	A B	B		
11:12	And he will set up <u>an ensign</u> for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.	B'			
11:13	The envy also of Ephraim will depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah , and Judah shall not vex Ephraim .	A B B'	A	B	
11:14	But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines	A B	B		

	toward <u>the west</u> .	B'			
	They shall spoil them of <u>the east</u> together:	A	B'		
	they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab;	B			
	and the children of Ammon shall obey them.	B'			
11:15	And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea;	A	A	B'	
	and with his mighty wind				
	he will shake his hand over the river,				
	and shall smite it in the seven streams,				
	and make men go over with dry feet.				
11:16	And there shall be a highway	B			
	for the remnant of his people,				
	which shall be left from Assyria;				
	just as it was to Israel	B'			
	in the day that he came up				
	out of the land of Egypt.				
12:1	<u>And in that day</u> you will say, O LORD , I will praise thee:	A	B		
	though you were angry with me,				
	your anger is turned away,				
	and you have comforted me.				
12:2	Behold, God is my salvation; / I will trust, / and not be afraid:				
	for the LORD YAHWEH is my strength and my song;	B			
	he also is become my salvation.				
12:3	Therefore with joy you will draw water out of the wells of salvation.	B'			
12:4	<u>And in that day</u> you will say, Praise the LORD , call upon his name,	A	B'		
	declare his doings among the people,				
	make mention that his name is exalted.				
12:5	Sing to the LORD ;	B			
	for he has done marvellous things:				
	this is known in all the earth.				
12:6	Cry out and shout,	B'			
	inhabitant of Zion :				
	for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.				

SECTION **ABB'XABB'**: 13.1-27.13

Isaiah's Prophecies on Foreign Nations, including Apocalypse

PART **ABB'XABB'**: 13.1-14.32

13:1	<u>The burden</u> of Babylon ,	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
	which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see:				
13:2	Raise a banner upon the high mountain..	B			
	lift your voice to them,				
	signal to them,				
	that they may enter the gates of the nobles.				
13:3	I have commanded my sanctified ones,	B'			
	I have also summoned my warriors				
	in my anger,				
	even those who rejoice in my high status.				
13:4	The noise of a multitude in the mountains,	A	B		
	like as of a great people;				
	a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together:				
	the LORD of hosts musters the hosts of the battle:				
13:5	they come	B			
	from a far country,				
	from the ends of heaven,				
	even the LORD	B'			
	and the weapons of his indignation				
	to destroy the whole land.				
13:6	Howl ye;	A	B'		
	for the day of the LORD is at hand;				
	it will come as a destruction from the Almighty .				
13:7	Because all hands will be faint,	B			
	and every man's heart will melt				
	and they will be afraid:				
13:8	pangs and sorrows will take hold of them;	B'			
	they will be in pain as a woman in labour:				
	they will be amazed at one another;				
	their faces shall be as flames.				
13:9	Behold, the day of the LORD comes,	A	A	B	
	cruel both with wrath				
	and fierce anger,				
	to lay the land desolate:	B			
	and to destroy the sinners within it.	B'			
13:10	For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof will not give their light:	A	B		
	the sun will be darkened in his going forth,				
	and the moon will not cause her light to shine.				
13:11	And I will punish	B			
	the world for its evil,				

	and the wicked for their iniquity.			
	And I will put an end to the arrogance of the proud,	B'		
	and I will humble the haughtiness of the ruthless.			
13:12	I will make a man / more precious / than fine gold;	A	B'	
	even a man / (more precious) / than the golden wedge of Ophir.			
13:13	Therefore I will shake the heavens,	B		
	and the earth will tremble from its place,			
	in the wrath of the LORD of hosts ,	B'		
	and in the day of his fierce anger.			
13:14	And it will be as the chased roe,	A	A	B'
	and as a sheep without a shepherd:			
	they will turn every man to his own people,			
	and <u>everyone</u> will flee into his own land:	B		
13:15	<u>everyone</u> / that is found / will be thrust through;			
	<u>and everyone</u> / that is joined to them / will fall by the sword:			
13:16	their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes;	B'		
	their houses will be spoiled,			
	and their wives raped.			
13:17	Behold,	A	B	
	I will stir up the Medes			
	against them,			
	who will not regard silver;			
	and as for gold,			
	they will not delight in it.			
13:18	Their bows also will dash the young men to pieces;	B		
	and they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb;			
	their eyes will not spare children.			
13:19	And Babylon ,	B'		
	the glory of kingdoms,			
	the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency,			
	will be as			
	when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah .			
13:20	It will never be inhabited,	A	B'	
	<u>neither will</u> it be dwelt in			
	from generation to generation:			
	<u>neither will</u> the Arabian pitch tent there;			
	<u>neither will</u> the shepherds establish their sheepfolds there,			
13:21	But <u>wild beasts</u> of the desert will lie there;	B		
	and their houses will be full of jackals;			
	and owls will dwell there,			
	and wild goats will leap about there.			
13:22	And the <u>wild beasts</u> of the islands will cry in their desolate houses,	B'		
	and jackals in their luxurious palaces:			
	her time comes near,			
	but her days will not be prolonged.			
14:1	For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob ,	A	A	<u>B</u>
	and will yet choose Israel ,			
	and set them in their own land:			
	strangers will be joined with them,			
	and they will cleave to the house of Jacob .			
14:2	And the people will take them,	B		
	and bring them to their place:			
	and the house of Israel will possess them			
	in the land of the LORD			
	for servants and handmaids:			
	and they will take them captives,			
	whose captives they were;			
	and they will rule over their oppressors.			
14:3	And it shall come to pass in the day	B'		
	<u>that the LORD</u> will give you rest <u>from your</u> sorrow,			
	and <u>from your</u> fear,			
	<u>and from</u> the hard bondage			
	in which you were made to serve,			
14:4	<u>that</u> you will take up this taunt			
	against <u>the king of Babylon</u> ,			
	and say,			
	How the oppressor has come to an end!	A	B	
	His golden city too!			
14:5	The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,			
	and the sceptre of the rulers,			
14:6	he who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke,			
	he that subdued the nations in anger,			
	with relentless aggression.			
14:7	The whole earth is at rest,	B		
	and is quiet:			
	they break forth into singing.			
14:8	Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee,			
	and the cedars of Lebanon,			
	are saying:			
	Since you have been subdued,			
	no lumberjack comes to cut us down!			
14:9	<u>The grave</u> below is stirred for thee	B'		

	to meet thee at thy coming: it stirs up the dead for thee, even all the leaders of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones <u>all the kings of the nations.</u>		
14:10	All they will speak and say to thee, Are you also become weak as we? Are you become like us?	A	B'
14:11	Thy pomp is brought down to <u>the grave</u> , and the noise of thy viols: worms are spread under thee, and worms cover thee.		
14:12	How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who did weaken the nations!	B	
14:13	For you have said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God : I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:		
14:14	I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High .		
14:15	Yet you are brought down to <u>the grave</u> ,	B'	
14:16	to the sides of the pit. Those who see you stare at you, and consider you, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;		
14:17	that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?		
14:18	<u>All the kings of the nations</u> ,	A	A B'
	even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own tomb.		
14:19	but you are cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit;		
14:20	As a carcass trodden under foot. you will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, and slain your people:		
14:21	The offspring of evildoers will never be renowned. Prepare slaughter for the children for the iniquity of their fathers. They do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.	B	
14:22	For I will rise up against them, says the LORD of hosts . And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, her offspring and descendents, says the LORD .	B'	
14:23	I will also turn her into a place for owls and a place of swamplands: And I will sweep her with the broom of destruction, says the LORD of hosts .		
14:24	The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so will it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so will it stand:	A	B
14:25	that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke <u>depart from off</u> them, and his burden <u>depart from off</u> their shoulders.	B	
14:26	This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is <u>stretched out</u> upon all the nations.	B'	
14:27	For the LORD of hosts has purposed this, and who will thwart it? His hand is <u>stretched out</u> , and who will turn it back?		
14:28	In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden :	A	B'
14:29	Rejoice not all you Palestinians. because the rod of him that smote thee is broken. Out of the serpent's root will come forth a viper, and his fruit will be a fiery venomous snake.	B	
14:30	The poorest of the poor will feed,		

	and the needy will lie down in safety: but I will kill your root with famine, and it will slay your remnant.	
14:31	Howl, O gate!	B'
	Cry, O city! All you Palestinians, melt away! For there will come forth from the north smoke, and none will be a straggler in its ranks.	
14:32	What will one then answer the envoys of the nation? That the LORD has established Zion , and the poorest of his people will find refuge in it.	

PART **ABB'**XABB': 15.1-18.7

15:1	<u>The burden</u> of Moab.		A	A	<u>A</u>
	Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence;				
15:2	He is gone up / to Bajith, / and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab will howl / over Nebo, / and over Medeba: every head is shaven, and every beard cut off.		B		
15:3	In their streets they will gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, everyone will howl, weeping abundantly;				
15:4	and Heshbon will cry out, and Elealeh: their voice will be heard even all the way to Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab will cry out; their lives will not be sustained.		B'		
15:5	My heart will cry out for Moab; his fugitives will flee unto Zoar, as far as Eglath Shelkishivah: for by climbing the way of Luhith with weeping they will go up; for in the way of Horonaim they will raise up a cry of destruction.	A	A		B
		B			
		B'			
15:6	For the waters of Nimrim will be dried up: for the hay is withered away, the grass fails, there is no green thing, therefore the wealth they have acquired, and that which they have stored up, will they carry away over the Ravine of the Poplars.		B		
15:7					
15:8	For the cry is gone out around about the borders of Moab ; the howling thereof as far as Eglaim, and the howling thereof as far as Beer Elim.		B'		
15:9	For the waters of Dimon will be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon those who escape from Moab , and upon the remnant of the land.				
16:1	Send ye the lamb as tribute	A	A		B'
	to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, to the mount of the daughter of Zion .				
16:2	For it will be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab will be at the fords of Arnon.	B			
16:3	Take counsel, execute judgment; make your shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the fugitives; betray not the refugees.	B'			
16:4	Let my fugitives stay with you, Moab ; be a shelter for them from the face of the destroyer: for oppression will come to an end, destruction will cease, aggression will vanish from the land.		B		
16:5	And in mercy the throne will be established: and he will sit upon it / in truth / in the tabernacle of David , judging, / and seeking judgment, / and hasting righteousness.		B'		
16:6	We have heard of the pride of Moab ; she is very proud: even of her haughtiness,	A	A		<u>B</u>

16:7	and her pride, and her wrath: but her boasts are empty. Therefore will Moab howl for Moab ,				B
16:8	every one will howl: for the foundations of Kirhareth will you mourn; surely they are stricken, for the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come even to Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea.				B'
16:9	Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, / O Heshbon, / and Elealeh: for the shouting / for your summer fruits / and for your harvest is fallen.	A B B'	A		B
16:10	And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there will be no singing, neither will there be shouting: those who tread will tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.				B'
16:11	Wherefore my bowels will sound like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kirhareth.		A		B'
16:12	And it will come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary at her high place, that she will come to her sanctuary to pray, but it will be to no avail,		B		
16:13	This is the word				B'
16:14	that the LORD has spoken already concerning Moab. But now the LORD has spoken again, saying, Within <u>three years</u> , as the years of a paid servant, the glory of Moab will be shown contempt, along with all her great multitude; and the remnant will be very few and feeble.				
17:1	<u>The burden</u> of Damascus.	A	A	A	B'
17:2	Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap. The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they will be for flocks, which will lie down, and none will make them afraid.		B		
17:3	The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they will be as the glory of the children of Israel, says the LORD of hosts .		B'		
17:4	<u>And in that day</u> it will come to pass, that the glory of Jacob will be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh will wax lean,	A	B		
17:5	and it will be as when the harvester gathers the corn, and reaps the ears with his arm; and it will be as he that gathers ears in the valley of Rephaim.				
17:6	Yet gleaning grapes will be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, says the LORD God of Israel .		B		
17:7	In that day <u>a man</u> will look to his Maker , and <u>his</u> eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel .		B'		
17:8	And <u>he</u> will not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither will <u>he</u> respect that which <u>his</u> fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.				
17:9	<u>And in that day</u> <u>his</u> strong cities will be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel : and there will be desolation,	A	B'		
17:10	because you have forgotten the God of your salvation ,	B			

	and have not remembered the Rock of your strength, therefore you will plant pleasant plants, and will set it with strange slips: 17:11 <u>in the day</u> you will make your plant to grow, and in the morning you will make your seed to flourish: but the harvest will be a heap <u>in the day</u> of grief and of desperate sorrow.	B'		
17:12	Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!	A		B
17:13	The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters: but God will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and they will be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.	B		
17:14	And behold, in the evening, sudden terror and before the morning they are gone! This is the portion of those who loot us, and the lot of those who plunder us.	B'		
18:1	Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; 18:2 that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!	A	A	B'
18:3	All you inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see, when he lifts up an ensign on the mountains; and when he blows a trumpet, hear ye!	B		
18:4	For so the LORD said to me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.	A	B	
18:5	For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches.	B		B'
18:6	They shall be left together for the fowl of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls will summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth will winter upon them.	A	B'	
18:7	In that time will the present be brought to the LORD of hosts from a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning till now; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.	B		B'

PART ABB'XABB': 19.1-25

19:1	<u>The burden</u> of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rides upon a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt : and the idols of Egypt will be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt in the midst of it.	A	A	A
19:2	And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians : and they will fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.	B B' A		B
19:3	And the spirit of Egypt will fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they will seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.	B		
19:4	And the Egyptians will I give over	B'		

	into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, says the LORD , the LORD of hosts.			
19:5	And the waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be parched and dried up.	A	B'	
19:6	And they will turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of defence will be emptied and dried up: the reeds and rushes will wither.			
19:7	The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and everything sown by the brooks, will wither, / be driven away, / and be no more.			
19:8	The fishermen also will mourn, and all those who cast angle into the brooks will lament, and those who spread nets upon the waters will languish.	B		
19:9	Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave fine linen, will be confounded.	B'		
19:10	And the workers in cloth will be dejected, and all the wage earners will be sick at heart.			
19:11	Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh has become brutish: how say you to Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?	A B	A	<u>B</u>
19:12	Where are they? Where are your wise men? Let them tell you now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts has purposed upon Egypt .	B'		
19:13	The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt , even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof.	A	B	
19:14	The LORD has mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.	B		
19:15	Neither will there be any work for Egypt , which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.	B'		
19:16	<u>In that day</u> will Egypt be likened to women: and it will be afraid and be fearful because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts , which he shakes over it.	A	B'	
19:17	And the land of Judah will be a terror unto Egypt , every one that makes mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts , which he hath determined against it.	B		
19:18	<u>In that day</u> five cities in the land of Egypt will speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts ; one shall be called, The city of destruction.	B'		
19:19	<u>In that day</u> there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt , and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD .	A	A	<u>B'</u>
19:20	And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt : for they will cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and he will send them a saviour, and a great one, and he will deliver them.	B B'		
19:21	And the LORD will be known to Egypt , and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day, and do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they will vow a vow to the LORD , and perform it.	A B	B	
19:22	And the LORD shall smite Egypt : he will smite and heal it: and they will return even to the LORD ,	B'		
		A	B'	

	and he will be intreated of them, and he will heal them.	
19:23	<u>In that day</u> there will be a <u>highway</u> out of Egypt to Assyria , and the Assyrian will come into Egypt , and the Egyptian into Assyria , and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians .	B
19:24	<u>In that day</u> will Israel be the third / with Egypt / and with Assyria , even a blessing in the midst of the land:	B'
19:25	Whom the LORD of hosts will bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.	

PART ABB'XABB': 20.1-20.6

ABB'A'

20:1	In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod, when Sargon <u>the king of Assyria</u> sent him, and fought against Ashdod, and took it;	A	<u>A</u>
20:2	at the same time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz , saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off your loins, and put off your shoe from your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot ;	A	<u>B</u>
20:3	and the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia ;	B	
20:4	So will <u>the king of Assyria</u> lead away the Egyptian prisoners, and the Ethiopian captives, young and old, naked and barefoot , even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt .	B'	
20:5	And they will be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.	A	<u>B'</u>
20:6	And the inhabitant of this isle will say in that day, behold, such is our expectation, where will we flee for help to be delivered from <u>the king of Assyria</u> : and how will we escape?	B	<u>A'</u>
		B'	

PART ABB'XABB': 21.1-22.25

21:1	<u>The burden</u> of the Desert by the Sea : as whirlwinds in the south pass through; so an invader comes from the desert, from a land of terror.	A B	A	A	<u>A</u>
21:2	A grievous vision is declared to me; the traitor betrays, and the looter loots.	B'			
	Attack, O Elam! Lay a siege, O Media. All the sighing thereof have I made to cease.	A B B'	B		
21:3	Therefore are my loins racked with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman in labour:		B'		
	I am staggered at the hearing of it; I am bewildered at the seeing of it.		A	B	
21:4	My heart pants, Fear makes me tremble: the night I longed for has turned to fear for me.		B B'		
21:5	Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, you officers, and oil the shields.		A B	B'	
			B'		

21:6	For thus has the LORD said to me,	Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees.	A	A	A	<u>B</u>
21:7		And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he listened diligently with much heed:	B			
21:8		and he cried out, My lord,	B'			
	I stand continually	upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set at my post all night,	A	B		
21:9		and, behold, there comes a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen.	B			
	And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he has smashed to the ground.	B'				
21:10	O my people,	crushed on the threshing floor. That which I have heard from the LORD of hosts, / the God of Israel , I have declared to you.	A	B'		
21:11	The burden of Dumah:	he calls to me out of Seir, Watchman, / what of the night? Watchman, / what of the night?	B			
21:12	The watchman said,	The morning comes, / and also the night. If you will enquire, / enquire: return, / come.	B'			
21:13	The burden upon Arabia:	in the forest in Arabia you will lodge, O travelling caravans of Dedanim.	A		B'	
21:14	Inhabitants of the land of Tema	bring water to those who are thirsty, bring food for the fugitives.	B			
21:15	For they flee from the sword,	from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of battle.	B'			
21:16	For thus has the LORD said to me,	Within a year, according to the years of a paid servant, all the glory of Kedar will fail:	A	A		<u>B'</u>
21:17	And the residue of the archers, and the warriors of the children of Kedar, will be few,	for the LORD God of Israel has spoken.	B			
22:1	The burden of the Valley of Vision.	What ails you now that you are wholly gone up to the housetops?	B'			
22:2	You who are full of commotion, a tumultuous city, a joyous city. Your slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.		A		B	
22:3	All your rulers have fled together, they are captives of archers: all who are caught were taken prisoner together, having fled while the enemy was far away.		B			
22:4	Therefore said I, Look away from me; I weep bitterly. Labour not to comfort me, over the destruction of my people.					
22:5	For it is a day of tumult, and of trampling down, and of terror by the Lord GOD of hosts in the Valley of Vision , breaking down the walls, and crying out to the mountains		B'			
22:6	and Elam bare the quiver with her chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.					
22:7	<u>And it will come to pass,</u>		A	A		B'

	that your choicest valleys will be full of chariots, and horsemen will be posted in line at the gate.			
22:8	The defences of Judah are stripped away, and you did look in that day to the weapons of the Palace of the Forest ;	B		
22:9	you have seen also the breaches of the City of David , that they are many: and you stored up water in the Lower Pool .			
22:10	And you have numbered the houses of Jerusalem , and you have demolished houses to fortify the wall.	B'		
22:11	You made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the Old Pool : but you have not looked to the Maker thereof, neither had respect for him who fashioned it long ago.			
22:12	<u>And the LORD of hosts in that day</u> did call to weeping, and to mourning, and to shaved head, and to girding with sackcloth:	A	B	
22:13	And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: <u>let us eat and drink;</u> <u>for tomorrow we die.</u>			
22:14	And it was revealed in my ears by the LORD of hosts , Surely this iniquity will not be purged from you until you die, says the Lord GOD of hosts .			
22:15	Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts , Go, get thee to this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say,	B		
22:16	What have you here? and whom have you here, that you have hewn yourself a sepulchre here, as the one who hews himself out a sepulchre on high, and who carves for himself a habitation in rock?			
22:17	Behold, the LORD will carry you away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover you.	B'		
22:18	He will surely violently turn and toss you like a ball into a large country: there you will die, and there the chariots of your glory will be the shame of your lord's house			
22:19	and I will drive you from your station, and from your state you will be pulled down.			
22:20	<u>And it will come to pass in that day,</u>	A	B'	
22:21	that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit your government to his hand: and he will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem , and to the house of Judah .			
22:22	And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.	B		
22:23	And I will fasten him as <u>a nail</u> in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.			
22:24	And they will hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.			
22:25	<u>In that day,</u> says the LORD of hosts , will <u>the nail</u> that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and <u>the burden</u> that was upon it will be cut off for the LORD has spoken it.	B'		

PART ABB'XAB'B': 23.1-23.18

23:1	<u>The burden</u> of Tyre:	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
	Howl, ye ships of Tarshish ; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.				

23:2	Be still,	inhabitants of the isle; you whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea have replenished.	B			
23:3	And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations.		B'			
23:4	Be thou ashamed, O Zidon:	for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying,	A	B		
	I travail not ,	nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.	B			
23:5	As at the report concerning Egypt, so will they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre .		B'			
23:6	Pass ye over to Tarshish ;	howl, you inhabitants of the isle.	A	B'		
23:7	Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? Her own feet will carry her to settle afar off.					
23:8	Who has taken this counsel against Tyre , the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?		A	A	<u>B</u>	
23:9	The LORD of hosts has purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.		B			
23:10	Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish : there is no more strength.		B'			
23:11	He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD has given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong holds thereof.		A	B		
23:12	And he said, You will rejoice no more, O oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: Arise, / pass over to Chittim; there also will you have no rest.		B			
23:13	Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for those who dwell in the wilderness: they set up its towers, they raised up its palaces and he brought them to ruin.		A B	B'		
23:14	Howl ,	ye ships of Tarshish for your strength is laid waste.	A B B'	A	<u>B'</u>	
23:15	<u>And it will come to pass in that day</u> , that Tyre will be forgotten <u>seventy years</u> , according to the days of one king. After the end of <u>seventy years</u> Tyre will sing as an harlot.		A	B		
23:16	Take a harp,	go about the city, you harlot that has been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may be remembered.	B			
23:17	<u>And it will come to pass after the end of seventy years</u> , that the LORD will visit Tyre , and she will return to her hire, and will commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.		A	B'		
23:18	And her profit and her earnings will be set apart for the LORD : it will not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise will be for those who dwell before the LORD , to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.		B'			

PART ABB'XABB': 24.1-27.12

24:1	Behold,	the LORD makes the earth empty,	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
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	and makes it waste and he turns it upside down, and he scatters abroad its inhabitants			
24:2	and it will be: as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest to him.	B		
24:3	The earth will be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD has spoken this word.	A	B	
24:4	The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.	B		
24:5	The earth also is defiled under its inhabitants; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.	B'		
24:6	Therefore has the curse devoured the earth , they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned up, and few men left.	A	B'	
24:7	The new wine dries up, the vine withers, all the merrymakers do sigh.	B		
24:8	The gaiety of tambourines ceases, the noise of those who rejoice ends, the joyful harp ceases.			
24:9	They will not drink wine with a song; strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it.			
24:10	The ruined city lies desolate: the entry to every house is barred, that no man may come in.	B'		
24:11	There is a crying out for wine in the streets; all joy turns to gloom, gaiety in the land is gone.			
24:12	The city is left in ruins, and its gate is smitten with destruction.			
24:13	When thus it will be / in the midst of the land / among the nations. It will be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the harvest is done.	A	A	B
24:14	They will lift up their voice, they will sing for the majesty of the LORD , they will cry aloud from the sea.	B		
24:15	Therefore glorify the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.			
24:16	From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, / My leanness, / my leanness, Woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.	B'		
24:17	Fear, / and the pit, / and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth .			
24:18	<u>And it will come to pass,</u> that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.	A	B	
24:19	The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.	B		
24:20	The earth will reel to and fro like a drunkard, and it will be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it will fall, and not rise again.	B'		
24:21	<u>And it will come to pass in that day,</u> that the LORD will punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth	A	B'	
24:22	and they will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and they will be shut up in the prison, and after many days will they be visited.	B		B'

24:23	<u>Then</u> the moon will be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts reigns in mount Zion , and in Jerusalem , and before its elders gloriously.	A B	A	B'
25:1	O Lord , thou art my God; / I will exalt thee, / I will praise thy name. For thou hast done marvellous things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.	B' A B	B	
25:2	For thou hast made of a city a heap; of a fortified city a ruin: a palace of foreigners to be no city; it will never be rebuilt.	B'		
25:3	Therefore will strong peoples glorify thee, cities of ruthless nations will fear thee.	A	B'	
25:4	For you have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the ruthless is as a storm against the wall.	B		
25:5	You will bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones will be brought low.	B'		
25:6	<u>On this mountain</u> will the LORD of hosts make for all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.	A	A	A <u>B</u>
25:7	And he will destroy <u>on this mountain</u> the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.	B		
25:8	He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people will he take away from off all the earth : for the LORD hath spoken it.	B'		
25:9	And it shall be said <u>in that day</u> , Lo, <u>this is our God</u> ; <u>we have waited for him</u> , and he will save us: <u>this is the LORD</u> ; <u>we have waited for him</u> , we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.	A B B'	B	
25:10	For <u>on this mountain</u> will the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab will be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.	A	B'	
25:11	And he will spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swims spreads forth his hands to swim: and he will bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.	B		
25:12	And the fortress of the high fort of your walls will he bring down, lay low, and bring <u>to the ground</u> , <u>even to the dust</u> .	B'		
26:1	<u>In that day</u> will this song be sung in the land of Judah ; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.	A	A	B
26:2	Open ye the gates, that the <u>righteous</u> nation which keeps the truth may enter in.			
26:3	You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee.			
26:4	Trust in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD YAHWEH is everlasting strength:		B	
26:5	for he brings down those who dwell on high; the lofty city, he lays it low ; he lays it low , even <u>to the ground</u> ; he brings it <u>even to the dust</u> .			
26:6	The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.			
26:7	The way of the just is uprightness: you, most upright, do weigh the path of the just.		B'	
26:8	Yea, in the way of your judgments, O LORD , have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is on your name, and to the remembrance of thee.			
26:9	With my soul have I desired you in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early:			

	for when your judgments are in the earth , the inhabitants of the world will learn <u>righteousness</u> .				
26:10	If grace be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness he will not deal justly, and he will not behold the majesty of the LORD .	A	A	B'	
26:11	LORD , / when your hand is lifted up, / <u>they will not see</u> : but <u>they will see</u> , and be ashamed for their envy of the people; yea, the fire of your enemies will devour them.				
26:12	LORD , you will ordain peace for us: for you also have wrought all our works in us.	A	B		
26:13	O LORD our God , other lords beside you have had dominion over us: but by you only will we make mention of your name.				
26:14	They are dead, / they will not live; they are deceased, / they will not rise: because you have visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.				
26:15	You have increased the nation, O LORD , you have increased the nation: you are glorified: you have removed it far away to all the ends of the earth.				
26:16	LORD , / in trouble / they have visited you, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.	A	B'		
26:17	Like as a woman <u>with child</u> , that draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and cries out in her pangs; so have we been in your sight, O LORD .				
26:18	We have been with <u>child</u> , we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth ; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.				
26:19	Your dead men will live, together with my dead body will they arise. Awake and sing, you that dwell in dust: for your dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth will give birth to her dead.				
26:20	Come, my people, enter into your rooms, and shut your doors behind you: hide yourself as it were for a little moment, until his wrath is past over.	A	A	A	B'
26:21	For, behold, the LORD comes out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also will disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain.		B		
27:1	<u>In that day</u> the LORD with his fierce and great and powerful sword will punish Leviathan the piercing serpent, even Leviathan that crooked serpent; and he will slay the Dragon that is in the sea.		B'		
27:2	<u>In that day</u> sing to her, A vineyard of red wine.	A	A	B	
27:3	I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it / night / and day.				
27:4	Fury is not in me: who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.				
27:5	Or let him take hold of my strength, that <u>he may make peace with me</u> ; and <u>he will make peace with me</u> .				
27:6	He will cause those who come from Jacob to take root: Israel will blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with <u>fruit</u> .		B		
27:7	Has he smitten him, as he smote				

	those who smote him? Or is he slain according to the slaughter of those who are slain by him?				
27:8	In measure, when it shoots forth, you will contend with it. He stays his rough wind in the day of the east wind:				
27:9	by this therefore the iniquity of Jacob will be atoned for; and this is all the <u>fruit</u> to take away his sin;				B'
	When he makes all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images will not stand up.				
27:10	Yet the fortified city will be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there, the calf will feed, and there he will lie down, and strip the branches bare.				
27:11	When their boughs are withered, they will be broken off: the women will come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will show them no grace.	A		B'	
27:12	<u>And it will come to pass in that day,</u> that the LORD will beat off from the channel of the river to the stream of Egypt , and you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel .				B
27:13	<u>And it will come to pass in that day,</u> that the great trumpet will be blown, and they will come who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria , and as outcasts in the land of Egypt, and they will worship the LORD in <u>the holy mount</u> at Jerusalem .				B'

SECTION ABB'XABB': 28.1-35.10

Isaiah's Warnings of a Coming Judgement for the Nations, A Lamentation and Apocalypse

PART ABB'XABB': 28.1-28.29

28:1	Woe to the <u>crown of pride</u> , to the drunkards of Ephraim , whose <u>glorious beauty</u> is <u>a fading flower</u> , who inhabit the heads of their fertile valleys and are overcome with wine!	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
28:2	Behold, the Lord has one who is mighty and strong; like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, like a flood of mighty waters overflowing, he will throw it forcefully to the ground with his hand.				B
28:3	The <u>crown of pride</u> , <u>the drunkards of Ephraim</u> , will be trodden under foot:				B'
28:4	And its <u>glorious beauty</u> , which is on the heads of the fertile valleys, will be <u>a fading flower</u> , and like the early fruit before the summer; which when he who looks upon it sees, while it is yet in his hand he eats it up.				
28:5	<u>In that day</u> will the LORD of hosts be for <u>a crown of glory</u> , and for a diadem of beauty, to the residue of his people,	A	A	B	
28:6	and for a spirit of judgment to him who sits <u>in judgment</u> , and for strength				B B'

	to those who turn the battle to the gate.				
28:7	But they also have erred through wine, and <u>through strong drink</u> are <u>out of the way</u> . The priest and the prophet have erred <u>through strong drink</u> , they are befuddled with wine. They are <u>out of the way through strong drink</u> ; they err in vision, they stumble <u>in judgment</u> .	A B B' A B	B B'		
28:8	For all their tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no clean place.		B'		
28:9	To whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand teaching? They who are weaned from the milk drawn from the breast.	A B	A 	B'	
28:10	For <u>precept must be upon precept</u> , <u>precept upon precept</u> ; <u>line upon line</u> , <u>line upon line</u> ; <u>here a little</u> , <u>and there a little</u> .		B'		
28:11	For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people to whom he said,	A	B		
28:12	This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.	B B'			
28:13	But <u>the word of the LORD</u> was to them <u>precept upon precept</u> , <u>precept upon precept</u> ; <u>line upon line</u> , <u>line upon line</u> ; <u>here a little</u> , <u>and there a little</u> ;	A 	B' 		
	that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.	B B'			
28:14	Therefore hear <u>the word of the LORD</u> , you scornful men , who rule this people who are in Jerusalem .		A 	A 	B
28:15	Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death , and with Sheol are we in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through it will not come over us: for we have made our refuge a lie, and under falsehood a hiding place.		B B'		
28:16	Therefore thus says the Lord GOD , Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation:		A 	B 	
	He who believes will never be dismayed.		B		
28:17	Justice also will I make the measuring line. And righteousness the plumb-line. Hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow your hiding place.		B		
28:18	Your covenant with death will be disannulled, your agreement with Sheol will not stand; When the overflowing scourge passes through ; you will be trodden down by it.				
28:19	From the time that it goes forth it will take you away: for morning by morning will it pass over, by day and by night. It will be terrifying only to understand the report, for the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.		A B	B'	
28:20	For the LORD will rise up as in mount Perazim, he will be full of wrath as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.			B'	
28:21					
28:22	Now therefore be ye not mockers ,	A	A	A	B'

	lest your chains become heavier: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts about a destruction decreed over the whole earth.	A' A B B' A	B	
28:23	Give ear, and hear my voice; Listen, and hear my speech.	A'		
28:24	Does the plowman plow all day to sow? Does he keep on breaking up and harrowing the soil?	A A'	A	B
28:25	When he has made level the surface, does he not sow <u>caraway</u> , and scatter cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the selected barley and the rye in their place?	A B B'	B	
28:26	For his God does instruct him to judge rightly, and does teach him.	A A'	B'	
28:27	For <u>the caraway</u> are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cartwheel turned about upon the cummin; but <u>the caraway</u> are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.		A	B'
28:28	Bread corn must be ground; he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor grind it with his horsemen.		B	
28:29	This also comes forth from the LORD of hosts , who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.		B'	

PART **A****B****B'**X**A****B****B'**: 29.1-29.24

29:1	Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them keep sacrificing.	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
29:2	Yet I will distress Ariel, and there will be heaviness and sorrow: and it will be to me as 'an altar hearth'.				
29:3	And I will camp against you round about, and I will lay siege against you with a mount, and I will raise forts against you.		B		
29:4	And you will be brought down, and you will speak <u>out of the ground</u> , and your speech will be low <u>out of the dust</u> , and your voice will be, as of one that has a familiar spirit, <u>out of the ground</u> , and your speech will whisper <u>out of the dust</u> .				
29:5	Moreover the multitude of your strangers will be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones will be as chaff that passes away: yea, it will be at an instant suddenly.				
29:6	You will be visited by the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.		B'		
29:7	And the hordes of all the nations that fight against Ariel , even all that fight against her and her weapons, and all that distress her, will be as a dream of a night vision.				
29:8	It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams, and, behold, he eats; but he awakes and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreams, and, behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul has appetite: so shall the hordes of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.				
29:9	Be stunned and amazed; cry out, and cry: they are drunk, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink	A B	A	A	<u>B</u>
29:10	for the LORD has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets and your rulers, the seers he has covered.	B'			

29:11	The vision of all is become for you as the words of a scroll that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is learned, saying, <u>Read this, / I pray thee:</u> and he says, I cannot; for it is sealed:	A B B'	B		
29:12	And the scroll is delivered to him who is not learned, saying, <u>Read this, / I pray thee:</u> and he says, I am not learned.	A B B'	B'		
29:13	Therefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as these people draw near to me with their mouth, and with their lips they do honour me, nevertheless they have removed their hearts far from me, Their fear toward me is taught by the precepts of men.		A B B'	B	B
29:14	Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the understanding of their prudent men will vanish.				
29:15	Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their counsel from the LORD , and their works are done in the dark, and they say, Who sees us? Who knows us?		A	B'	B'
29:16	O your perversity! Will the potter be mistaken for the clay: for will the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or will the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?			B B'	
29:17	Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon will be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be esteemed as a forest?	A	A	A	<u>B'</u>
29:18	And in that day will the deaf hear the words of the scroll, and the eyes of the blind will see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.				
29:19	The meek also will increase their joy in the LORD , and the poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.			B	
29:20	For the terrible one is brought to <u>nought</u> , and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:				
29:21	That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of <u>nought</u> .				
29:22	Therefore thus says the LORD , who redeemed Abraham , concerning the house of Jacob , Jacob will not now be ashamed, neither will his face now wax pale.			B'	
29:23	But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they will sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob , and fear the God of Israel ;				
29:24	They also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who complained will accept instruction.				

PART ABB'XABB': 30.1-30.33.

30:1	Woe to the rebellious children, says the LORD , that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
30:2	that walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!				
30:3	Therefore will the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.				
30:4	For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.				
30:5	They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be a help / nor profit, but a shame, / also a reproach.				

30:6	The burden concerning the animals of the Negev : Through a land of trouble and anguish, from which come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying snake, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon herds of camels, to a people who will not profit them.	B		
30:7	for the Egyptians will help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this: Their strength is to sit still.			
30:8	Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and note it in a scroll, that it may be known for the time to come forever and ever:	B'		
30:9	that this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD			
30:10	who say to the seers, / See not; and to the prophets, / Prophecy not to us right things, speak to us easy things, prophecy deceits:			
30:11	Get out of the way, turn aside from this path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.			
30:12	Therefore <u>thus says the Holy One of Israel</u> , Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and depend on these things:	A	B	
30:13	this iniquity will be to you as a high wall ready to fall, cracking dangerously, whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant;	B		
30:14	for he will break it: as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces, he will not spare: so that there will not be found in the bursting of it any fragment to take fire from the hearth, or to take water out of the cistern.	B'		
30:15	For <u>thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel</u> ; In returning and rest will you be saved; in quietness and in confidence will be your strength: but you would not.	A	B'	
30:16	But you said, No; for we will flee upon horses. Therefore you will flee: and, We will ride upon the swift. Therefore those who pursue you will be swift.	B		
30:17	One thousand will flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five will you flee: till you are left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.	B'		
30:18	And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious to you, therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of justice: Blessed are all those who wait for him.	A	A	B
30:19	for the people will dwell in Zion at Jerusalem . You will weep no more: He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you.			
30:20	And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet your teachers will not be removed into a corner any more, but your eyes will see your teachers and your ears will hear a word behind you, saying,			
30:21	This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left.	A	B	
30:22	You will defile also the covering of your graven images of silver, and the ornament of your molten images of gold: You will cast them away as a menstruous cloth;			

	you will say to it, Get thee hence.			
30:23	Then will he send rain, for your seed that you will sow in the ground; and the food that comes from the increase of the earth, will be rich and plenteous.	B		
	In that day will your cattle feed in large pastures:	B'		
30:24	the oxen likewise and the young asses that work the ground will eat clean produce, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork.			
30:25	And there will be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.	A	B'	
30:26	Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the open wounds of his people, and heals the wounds he inflicted.	B		
		B'		
30:27	Behold, the name of the LORD comes from far, burning with his anger, and its burden is heavy. His lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire	A	A	<u>B'</u>
	and his <u>breath</u> , as an overflowing stream, will reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity.	B		
30:28	And there will be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to go astray,	B'		
30:29	but you will have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD , to the mighty One of Israel .			
30:30	And the LORD will cause his glorious <u>voice</u> to be heard, and he will show them the coming down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.	A B	B	
30:31	For through the <u>voice</u> of the LORD will the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.	B'		
	And in every place where the grounded staff will pass, which the LORD shall lay upon him, it will be with tambourines and harps: and in noisy battles that he will fight with it.	A	B'	
30:32	For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he has made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the <u>breath</u> of the LORD , like a stream of brimstone, does kindle it.	B		
30:33		B'		

PART ABB'XABB': 31.1-31.9

31:1	Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely (stay) on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; But they look not to the Holy One of Israel , neither do they seek the LORD !	A	A	<u>A</u>
		B		
		B'		
31:2	Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not take back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of those who work iniquity.	A A' A	B B'	
31:3	Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helps will fall, and he that is helped will fall, and they will all fail together.	A		<u>B</u>
		B		
		B'		

31:4	For thus has the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them.	A B B'	<u>B'</u>
	So will the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion , and for the hill thereof.	A	<u>A</u> A <u>A'</u>
31:5	As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.		B
31:6	Turn to him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.		
31:7	For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made to you for a sin.		
31:8	Then will the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he will flee from the sword, and his young men will be discomfited.		B'
31:9	And he will pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes will be afraid of the ensign, says the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.		

PART **ABB'XABB'**: 32.1-32.20

32:1	Behold, a king will reign in righteousness , and princes will rule with justice .	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
32:2	And a man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a refuge from the tempest; like streams of water in a dry place, like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land;			B	
32:3	and the eyes of those who see will not be dim, and the ears of those who hear will listen;				
32:4	the heart also of the rash will understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly.				
32:5	The vile person will be called noble no longer, nor the scoundrel said to be respected,			B'	
32:6	for the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity to practise hypocrisy and to spread error concerning the LORD , to make empty the soul of the hungry and cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.				
32:7	The instruments also of the scoundrel are evil: he devises wicked ways to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speak right.				
32:8	But the noble devises noble things; and with noble things he will stand.				
32:9	Rise up, <u>you women who are at ease</u> ; hear my voice, / you careless daughters; give ear to my words.			A	<u>B</u>
32:10	Many days and years will you be troubled, you careless women: for the wine harvest will fail, the gathering will not come.				
32:11	Tremble, <u>you women who are at ease</u> ; be troubled, / you careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.			B	
32:12	They will beat their breasts, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.			B'	
32:13	Upon the land of my people will come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city:				
32:14	Because the palaces will be forsaken; the multitude of the city will be left; the forts and towers will be for dens forever,				

		a delight for wild asses, a pasture for flocks.			
32:15	When the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,			A	<u>B'</u>
		and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field seems like a forest,			
32:16	justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.				
32:17	The work of righteousness			B	
		will be peace and the effect of righteousness will be quietness and assurance forever			
32:18		and my people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;			
32:19	When it hails,			B'	
		it will flatten the forest; The city will be levelled completely.			
32:20	But blessed will you be				
		who sow seed beside every stream, who send out the ox and the ass to graze.			

PART ABB'XABBB': 33.1-33.24

33:1	Woe to you that spoils and you who were not spoiled; and they dealt not treacherously with thee!	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
	When you cease to spoil, you will be spoiled; and when you make an end to deal treacherously, they will deal treacherously with you.		B	B'	
33:2	O LORD , be gracious unto us;		A	B	
	we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.				
33:3	At the noise of the tumult		B		
	the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.				
33:4	And your spoil will be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts he will be run upon them.		B'		
33:5	The LORD is exalted;		A	B'	
	for he dwells on high: he has filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.				
33:6	And wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.		B	B'	
33:7	Behold, their valiant ones shall cry out in the open: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.		A	A	<u>B</u>
33:8	The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceases: he has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, he regards no man.		B		
33:9	The earth mourns and languishes: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.		B'		
33:10	Now will I rise, says the LORD ; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.		A	B	
33:11	You will conceive chaff, you will bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, will devour you.		B		
33:12	And the people will be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up will they be burned in the fire.		B'		
33:13	Hear,		A	B'	
	<u>ye that are far off</u> , what I have done; <u>and, ye that are near</u> , acknowledge my might.				
33:14	The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has surprised the hypocrites. Who among us will dwell with the devouring fire? who among us will dwell with everlasting burnings?		B		

33:15	He that walks righteously, and speaks uprightly; he that despises the gain of oppressions, that shakes his hands from holding of bribes, that stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil;				B'
33:16	He will dwell on high: his place of defence will be the munitions of rocks: bread will be given him; his waters will be sure.				
33:17	Your eyes will see the king in his beauty: they will behold the land that is very far off.	A	A	A	<u>B'</u>
33:18	Your heart will meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? Where is he who counted the towers?		B		
33:19	You will not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than you can perceive; of a stammering tongue, that you cannot understand.			B'	
33:20	Look upon Zion , the city of our solemnities: your eyes will see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that will not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof will ever be removed, neither will any of the cords thereof be broken.	A		B	
33:21	But there the glorious LORD will be to us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein will go no galley with oars, neither will gallant ships pass thereby.			B'	
33:22	For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.	A		B'	
33:23	Your riggings hang loose; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail.			B	
33:24	Then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the plunder And the inhabitant will not say, I am sick And the people who dwell therein will be forgiven their iniquity.			B'	

PART ABB'XABB': 34.1-35.10

34:1	Come near, you nations, to hear; and listen, you people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.	A	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
34:2	For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he has utterly destroyed them, he has delivered them to the slaughter.					
34:3	Their slain also will be cast out, and their stink will come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains will be melted with their blood.					
34:4	All the host of heaven will be dissolved, and the heavens will be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host will fall down, as the leaf falls off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.				B	
34:5	For my <u>sword</u> will be bathed in heaven: behold, it will come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.					
34:6	The <u>sword</u> of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat from the kidneys of rams: for the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.					
34:7	And the wild oxen will come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls;				B'	

34:8	and their land will be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. for it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the cause of Zion .			
34:9	Edom's streams will be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone, and its land will become burning pitch.	A	A	<u>B</u>
34:10	It will not be quenched night nor day. Its smoke will go up forever. From generation to generation it will lie waste; none will pass through it forever and ever.			
34:11	But the cormorant and the bittern will possess it, <u>the owl</u> also and the raven will dwell in it. He will stretch out upon it the measuring line of confusion, also, the plumb-line of desolation.	B		
34:12	And they will call its nobles to the kingdom, but none will be there, and all her princes will be nothing.	B'		
34:13	And thorns will come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in its battlements. And it will be <u>a haunt of jackals</u> , and a court for owls.			
34:14	The desert's wild beasts will also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and wild goats will bleat to each other. The screeching <u>owl</u> also will rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.	A	B	
34:15	There the great <u>owl</u> will make her nest, and lay, / and hatch, and gather her brood / under the shadow of her wings. There, falcons also will be gathered, everyone with its <u>mate</u> .			
34:16	Seek out the scroll of the LORD , and read: none of these will be missing, none will want a <u>mate</u> : from his mouth the order came, his Spirit has gathered them.	B'		
34:17	He allots their portions, and his hand has divided them by measure. They will possess it forever. From generation to generation they will dwell therein.	A	B'	
35:1	The wilderness and the solitary place will be glad for them; and the desert will rejoice, and blossom as the rose.	B		
35:2	It will blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they will see the glory of the LORD , and the excellency of our God .	B'		
35:3	Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the feeble knees.	A	A	<u>B'</u>
35:4	Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: Behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.	B		
35:5	Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.	B'		
35:6	Then will the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness will waters break out, and streams in the desert.	A	B	
35:7	And the parched ground will become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in <u>the haunts of jackals</u> , where each once lay, will be grass with reeds and papyrus.	B		
35:8	And a highway will be there, a way, and it will be called The Way of Holiness ; the unclean will not pass over it;	B'		
			(See 40.3)	
		A	B'	

	it will be for them of the Way: Wicked fools will not stray on it; no lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast will go up on it, it will not be found there; but the redeemed will walk there:	B
35:9		
35:10	The ransomed of the LORD will return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they will obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.	B'

IN LITERARY TERMS: 'THE TURNING POINT': 36.1-39.8

SECTION ABB'XABB': 36.1-39.8

The Isaiah Narratives (from 2 Kings); the hope is that All Nations will know God

PART ABB'XABB': 36.1-37.8

36:1	And it was in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah , that Sennacherib <u>king of Assyria</u> came up against all the fortified cities of Judah , and took them.	A	A
36:2	And <u>the king of Assyria</u> sent Rabshakeh / from <u>Lachish</u> / to Jerusalem to king Hezekiah with a great army. <u>And he stood</u> <u>by the conduit of the upper pool</u> <u>in the highway of the fuller's field.</u>		(see 7.3)
36:3	Then came out to him Eliakim , Hilkiyah's son, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah , Asaph's son, the recorder.	B	
36:4	And Rabshakeh said to them, Say now to Hezekiah , Thus said the great king, <u>the king of Assyria</u> , What confidence is this in which you trust?	a	B'
36:5	I say you say , though they are but vain words, I have counsel and strength for war. But on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?	b	
36:6	Lo, you trust in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; on which, if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it, (thus is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him).		
36:7	But if you say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: is it not he the one whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and to Jerusalem , You will worship before this altar?	b'	
36:8	Now therefore give pledges, I pray you, to my master the king of Assyria: I would give you two thousand horses, if you were able on your part to put riders upon them!		
36:9	How then could you turn away one captain of the least of my master's officials and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?		
36:10	And am I now come up, without the LORD, against this land to destroy it? The LORD himself said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.		
36:11	Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah to Rabshakeh , Speak, we pray you to your servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall.	A	B
36:12	But Rabshakeh said, Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? Has he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?		
36:13	Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, <u>the king of Assyria</u> .		
36:14	Thus said <u>the king</u> , Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.		
36:15	Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.		
36:16	Listen not to Hezekiah : for thus said <u>the king of Assyria</u> , Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine,	B	

	and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern;			
36:17	Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.			
36:18	Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, the LORD will deliver us.			B'
36:19	Has any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of <u>the king of Assyria</u> ? Where are the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?			
36:20	Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?			
36:21	But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king had commanded, Answer him not.			
36:22	Then came Eliakim , the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah , the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh .	A		B'
37:1	And when king Hezekiah heard it he rent his garments, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.		B	
37:2	And he sent Eliakim , who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz and they said to him,			
37:3	Thus said Hezekiah , This day is a day of trouble, / and of rebuke, / and of blasphemy, as when children are come to the point of birth, and there is no strength to deliver them.			
37:4	It may be the LORD your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh , whom <u>the king of Assyria</u> his master has sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD your God has heard: therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.			
37:5	So the officials of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah		B'	
37:6	and Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master, Thus said the LORD, be not afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the officials of <u>the king of Assyria</u> have blasphemed me.			
37:7	Behold, I will send a spirit into him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to <u>his own land</u> .			
37:8	And I will cause him to fall by the sword in <u>his own land</u> . So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from <u>Lachish</u> .			

PART ABB'XABB': 37.9-37.38

37:9	Now he (Sennacherib) heard a report concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, that he is come out to make war with you and when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah , saying,	A	A	<u>A</u>
37:10	Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not your God, in whom you trust, deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of <u>the king of Assyria</u> .		B	
37:11	Behold, you have heard what <u>the kings of Assyria</u> have done to all lands by destroying them utterly;			
37:12	Will you be delivered? Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezech, and the children of Eden that were in Telassar?		B'	
37:13	Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?			
37:14	And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the temple of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD .	A B B'	B	
37:15	And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD , saying,	A	B'	
37:16	O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God , even thou alone, of <u>all the kingdoms of the earth</u> : thou hast made heaven and earth.		B B'	

37:17	Incline your ear, O LORD , and hear; open your eyes, O LORD , and see: listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to insult the living God .	A		B
37:18	Of a truth, LORD , <u>the kings of Assyria</u> have laid waste all the nations and their countries,	B		
37:19	and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, / wood / and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.	B'		
37:20	Now therefore, O LORD our God , save us from his hand, that <u>all the kingdoms of the earth</u> may know that thou art the LORD , <u>even thou only</u> .	A B B'		B'
37:21	Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah , saying, Thus said the LORD the God of Israel, because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria :	A	A	A'
37:22	This is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him; The virgin, the Daughter of Zion, has despised you, and laughed you to scorn; the Daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.	B		
37:23	Who is it you have insulted and blasphemed and against whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high even against the Holy One of Israel?			
37:24	By your servants you have heaped insults on the Lord, and you have said, By the multitude of my chariots I have ascended the heights of the mountains, to the heights of Lebanon; and I have cut down its tall cedars, and its choice fir trees: and I have reached its remotest heights, and the finest of its forests.			
37:25	I have dug wells and drunk water; and with the soles of my feet I have dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.			
37:26	Have you not heard long ago how I did it ; and of ancient times when I planned it ? that I have brought it to pass , that you have turned fortified cities into ruinous heaps.	B'		
37:27	Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, / and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, / and as corn scorched before it had grown.	A	B	
37:28	But I know your abode, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against me	B		
37:29	because your rage against me, and your tumult, is come up to my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back / by the way / by which you came.			
37:30	And this shall be a sign to you, You will eat this year such as grows of itself; and the second year that which springs in the same way: and in the third year sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.	B'		
37:31	And the remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:			
37:32	For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.			
37:33	Therefore thus said the LORD concerning <u>the king of Assyria</u> , He will not enter this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.	A	B'	
37:34	By the way that he came, by the same he will return. And he will not enter this city, said the LORD,			
37:35	for I will defend this city to save it for my own sake,			

	and for my servant David's sake.	
37:36	Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.	B
37:37	So Sennacherib <u>king of Assyria</u> departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.	B'
37:38	And as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword and they escaped to the land of Armenia: And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.	

PART ABB'XABB': 38.1-39.8

38:1	In those days Hezekiah was sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus saith the LORD, Set your house in order: for you will die, and not live.	A	<u>A</u>
38:2	Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD,	B	
38:3	And he said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept greatly.		
38:4	Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah , saying,	B'	
38:5	Go, and say to Hezekiah , Thus said the LORD, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will add to your days fifteen years. And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of <u>the king of Assyria</u> . And I will defend this city.		
38:6	And this shall be a sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he has spoken about;		
38:7	Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.		
38:8			
38:9	The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:	A	A
38:10	I said, In the prime of my life, shall I go to the gates of the grave? I am deprived of the residue of my years.		<u>B</u>
38:11	I said, I shall not see the LORD, even the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.		
38:12	My body is to depart and will be taken down like a shepherd's tent: like a weaver's work comes to an end so too my life, he will cut me off from the loom day and night will you make an end of me?	B	
38:13	I waited patiently till morning, but as a lion he broke all my bones day and night will you make an end of me.	B'	
38:14	Like a crane or a swallow so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: my eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; Come to my aid.	A	B
38:15	But what shall I say? He has both spoken to me, and he himself has done it: I will go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.	B	
38:16	O LORD, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live?	B'	
38:17	Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but you have in love for my soul delivered it from the pit of destruction: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.	A	B'
38:18	For the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee. They that go down to the pit cannot hope for thy truth.	B	

38:19	The living, / the living shall praise thee, / as I do this day: fathers to their children will make known thy truth.			
38:20	The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the temple of the LORD.		B'	
38:21	For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a poultice upon the boil, and he will recover.			
38:22	Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?			
39:1	At that time Merodachbaladan, / the son of Baladan, / king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah : for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.	A	A	<u>B'</u>
39:2	And Hezekiah was glad of them, and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found among his treasures: There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.	B		B'
39:3	Then came Isaiah the prophet to king Hezekiah and he said to him, What said these men? And where did they come from? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country to me, even from Babylon .	A	B	
39:4	Then he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in my house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.		B	B'
39:5	Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah , Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:	A	B'	
39:6	Behold, the days come, that all that is in your house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, will be carried to Babylon . Nothing will be left, said the LORD			
39:7	and of your sons that will issue from you, which you will beget, they will take away; and they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.			
39:8	Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah , Good is the word of the LORD which you have spoken. He said moreover, For there will be peace and truth in my days.	B		B'

IN LITERARY TERMS: 'THE DÉNOUEMENT': 40.1-66.24

SECTION **ABB'X_ABB'**: 40.1-48.22 Compare the two sections as underlined here: **AB_{B'}X_ABB'**

The Prophet's Commission is to speak Comfort to Jerusalem and to introduce God's Servants who, for Everyone's sake, will bring an end to Exiles and Wars:

PART **ABB'XABB'**: 40.1-40.31

40:1	Comfort ye! / Comfort ye my people! / said your God.		A	A	<u>A</u>
40:2	Speak ye tenderly to Jerusalem , and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins .	A	B B'		
40:3	The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD , make straight in the desert <u>a highway</u> for our God .		A	B	
40:4	Every valley shall be exalted,		B		

	and every mountain and hill made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:				
40:5	And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.		B'		
40:6	The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry?		A		B'
	All flesh is grass, and all its goodliness is as the flower of the field:	A	B		
40:7	The grass withers, the flower fades: because the spirit of the LORD blows upon it:	B			
	Surely, people are grass: the grass withers the flower fades: but the word of our God will stand for ever.	B' A B		B'	
40:8		B'			
40:9	O Zion , that brings good news, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem , that brings good news, <u>lift up</u> your voice with strength; <u>lift it up</u> , be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah , <u>Behold</u> your God!	A B B'	A	A	A B
40:10	<u>Behold</u> , the Lord GOD will come with a strong hand, and his arm will rule for him. <u>Behold</u> , his reward is with him, and his work before him.		B		
			B'		
40:11	He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, he shall gently lead those that are with young.		A		B
			B		
			B'		
40:12	Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and marked out heaven by the span of his hand, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?		A		B'
40:13	Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD , or being his counsellor has taught him?		B		
40:14	With whom did he take counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?		B'		
40:15	Behold, the <u>nations</u> are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance:		A		A B'
	Behold, he takes up the isles as a very little thing.		B		
40:16	And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.				
40:17	All <u>nations</u> before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.		B'		
40:18	<u>To whom then will you liken God</u> or what likeness will ye compare unto him?	A	A		B
40:19	The workman melts a graven image, and the goldsmith spreads it over with gold, and casts silver chains.	B			
40:20	He that is so impoverished that he has no oblation chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks for himself a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that will not be moved.	B'			
40:21	<u>Have you not known?</u> Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?	A B		B	

40:22	Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sits upon the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are as grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens as a curtain, and spreads them out as a tent to dwell in.	B'		
40:23	He brings princes to naught; He reduces the judges of the earth to nothing.			
40:24	Yea, they will not be planted; yea, they will not be sown: yea, their stock will not take root in the earth: and he will also blow upon them, and they will wither, and the whirlwind will take them away as stubble.	A	B'	
40:25	<u>To whom then will you liken me,</u> or will I be equal? says the Holy One .	A	A	B'
40:26	Lift up your eyes on high, and behold him who has created these things, that brings out their host by number: he calls them all by name by the greatness of his might, for that, he is strong in power; not one fails.	B		
40:27	Why say you, / O Jacob, and speak, / O Israel, My way is hidden from the LORD , and my judgment is passed over from my God?	A	B	
40:28	<u>Have you not known?</u> Have you not heard, that the everlasting God, / the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, faints not , neither is weary?	B		
40:29	There is no searching of his understanding. He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increases strength.	B		
40:30	Even the youth will faint and be weary, and the young men will utterly fall:			
40:31	But those who wait upon the LORD will <u>renew their strength</u> ; they will mount up with wings as eagles; they will run, and not be weary; they will walk, and not faint.	B'		

PART ABB'XABB': 41.1-41.20

41:1	Keep silence before me, <u>O islands</u> ; and let the people <u>renew their strength</u> : let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to the place of judgment.	A	A	<u>A</u>
41:2	Who raised up the righteous man from the east and <u>called him into service</u> , gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? He gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.	B		
41:3	He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone <u>in service</u> .	B'		
41:4	Who has done this and carried it through, <u>calling</u> the generations from the beginning? I the LORD , the first , and the last ; I am he.	A	B'	
41:5	<u>The islands</u> saw it and <u>feared</u> . The ends of the earth were <u>afraid</u> , they drew near, and they came.	A	A	<u>B</u>
41:6	They helped <u>everyone</u> his neighbour; and <u>everyone</u> said / to his brother, <u>Be of good courage</u> .			
41:7	So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he who smooths with the hammer him who smote the anvil,	B		

	saying, It is ready for welding and he fastened it down with nails, so that it should not topple.				B'
41:8	But <u>you</u> , O Israel , <u>are my servant</u> , Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.		A		B
41:9	<u>You</u> whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called through your earliest leaders, and said to <u>you</u> , <u>You are my servant</u> ; I have chosen <u>you</u> , and not cast <u>you</u> away.		B		B'
41:10	<u>Fear not</u> ; for I am with you: be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yea, I will help you; yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.	A A' A B B' A B B'	A		B'
41:11	<u>Behold</u> , all <u>those who</u> were incensed against you will be ashamed and confounded: they will be as nothing; And <u>those who</u> strive with you will perish: you will seek them, and you will not find them, even those who contended with you: <u>And those who</u> war against you will be as nothing, and as a thing of nought:	A B B' A B B' A	A	A	<u>B'</u>
41:12	for I the LORD your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, <u>Fear not</u> ; I will help thee.	B B'			
41:13	<u>Fear not</u> , you worm Jacob , and you men of Israel ; I will help you, says the LORD , your redeemer, <u>the Holy One of Israel</u> .	B B'			
41:14	<u>Behold</u> , I will make you a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: You will thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and will make the hills as chaff.	A	A		B
41:15	You will fan them, and the wind will carry them away, and the whirlwind will scatter them: and you will rejoice in the LORD , and will glory in <u>the Holy One of Israel</u> .		B		B'
41:16	When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue 'faileth for thirst', I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.	A A A A'	A	B'	
41:17	I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.	A A' A A'	A	B	
41:18	I will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree the myrtle and the olive tree. I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:		B'		
41:19	that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and <u>the Holy One of Israel</u> has created it.	B B'			
41:20					

PART ABB'XABB': 41.21-42.17

41:21	Produce your case,	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
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		says the LORD ; bring forth your strong reasons, says the King of Jacob .			
41:22		Let them bring them forth, and show us what will happen. Let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them.			
		Or declare us things to come!	A		B
41:23		Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods!	B		
		Yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and <u>behold</u> it together!	B'		
41:24	<u>Behold</u> ,	you are of nothing, and your work is of nought: an abomination is he who chose you.	A		B'
41:25		I have raised up one from the north, and he will come: from the rising of the sun, he will call upon my name.	B		
		He will come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treads clay.	B'		
41:26	Who has declared	from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that shows, yea, there is none that declares, yea, there is none that hears your words.	A	A	<u>B</u>
41:27		The first shall say to Zion , <u>Behold</u> , <u>behold</u> them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that brings good tidings.	B		
41:28		For I <u>beheld</u> , and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor, that, / when I asked of them, / could answer a word.			
41:29	<u>Behold</u> , they are all false;	their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.	B'		
42:1	<u>Behold</u>	my servant, / whom I uphold; my elect, / in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him: he will bring forth <u>justice</u> to the Gentiles.	A		B
42:2		He will not cry, nor lift up, / nor cause his voice / to be heard in the street.	B		
42:3		A bruised reed will he not break, and the smoking flax will he not quench.			
		He will bring forth <u>justice</u> to truth.	B'		
42:4		He will not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set <u>justice</u> on the earth. And the isles will wait for his law.			
42:5	Thus says God the LORD ,	he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; he that gives breath to the people upon it, and spirit to those who walk therein:	A		B'
42:6	I the LORD have called you in righteousness,	and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and give you for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;	B		
42:7		To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and those who sit in darkness out of the prison house.			
42:8	I am the LORD :	that is my name: my glory I will not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.	B'		

42:9	Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare. Before they spring forth, I will tell you of them.			
42:10	Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, you that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the islands, and their inhabitants.	A	A	<u>B'</u>
42:11	Let the wilderness and their cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.	A	B	
42:12	Let them give glory unto the LORD , and declare his praise in the islands.			
42:13	The LORD will go forth as a mighty man, he will stir up jealousy like a man of war: he will cry, yea, roar; he will prevail against his enemies.	B		
42:14	I have long time held my peace; I have been still, and restrained myself: now I will cry like a woman giving birth; I will destroy and devour at once.	B'		
42:15	I will make waste mountains and hills, and <u>dry up</u> all their herbs. And I will make the rivers islands, and I will <u>dry up</u> the pools.	A	B'	
42:16	And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked ways straight. These things will I do for them, and not forsake them.	B		
42:17	They will be turned back. They will be greatly ashamed, who trust in graven images, who say to the molten images, You are our gods.	B'		

PART ABB'XABB': 42.18-43.7

42:18	Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that you may see.	A	<u>A</u>	
42:19	Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant?			
42:20	Seeing many things, you observe not; opening the ears, you hear not.			
42:21	The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.	B		
42:22	But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivers; for a spoil, and none says, Restore.			
42:23	Who among you will give ear to this? who will listen and hear for the time to come?	B'		
42:24	Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? Did not the LORD , he against whom we have sinned ? for they would not walk in his ways , neither were they obedient to his law .			
42:25	Therefore he has poured upon him the fury of his anger,	A	<u>B</u>	

	and the strength of battle: and it has set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.			B	
				B'	
43:1	But now thus says the LORD who created you, O Jacob , and he who formed you, O Israel , Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.		A		<u>B'</u>
				B	
				B'	
43:2	When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not sweep over you: when you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you.		A	A	<u>A'</u>
				B	
43:3	For I am the LORD your God , the Holy One of Israel , your Saviour : I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for you.			B'	
				A	B
43:4	Since you were precious in my sight, you have been honourable, and I have loved you: therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life.		B		
				B'	
43:5	Fear not: for I am with you: I will bring your seed from the east , and gather you from the west ;		A		B'
43:6	I will say to the north , Give up; and to the south , Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;		B		
43:7	Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, / I have made him.			B'	

PART ABB'XABB': 43.8-45.19

43:8	Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.		A	A	A	<u>A</u>
43:9	Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their <u>witnesses</u> , that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.				B	
					B'	
43:10	You are my <u>witnesses</u> , says the LORD , and my servant whom I have chosen: that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he. Before me there was no God formed, neither will there be after me.		A	B		
					B	
					B'	
43:11	I, / even I, / am the LORD ; and beside me there is no saviour.		A		B'	
43:12	I have declared, / and have saved, / and I have shown, when there was no strange god among you: therefore you are my <u>witnesses</u> , says the LORD , that I am God .			B		
					B'	
43:13	Yea, / before the day was / I am he; and there is none / who can deliver / out of my hand: I will work, / who will stop me?		A	A		B
43:14	Thus says the LORD , your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel ; For your sake I have sent to Babylon , and have brought down all their nobles,			B		
					B'	

43:15	I am the LORD ,	and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.	A	B		
		your Holy One ,				
		the creator of Israel ,	B			
		your King .	B'			
43:16	Thus says the LORD ,		A	B'		
		who makes a way in the sea,				
		and a path in the mighty waters;				
43:17	Who brings forth the chariot and horse,		B			
		the army and the power;				
		they will lie down together.				
	They will not rise:		B'			
		they are extinct,				
		they are quenched as tow.				
43:18	Remember not the former things,		A	A	B'	
		Neither consider the things of old.				
43:19		Behold,				
		I will do a new thing;				
		now it will spring forth;				
		will you not know it?				
		I will even make a way in the wilderness,				
		and rivers in the desert.				
43:20	The beast of the field will honour me,		B			
		the dragons and the owls:				
	because I give waters in the wilderness,		B'			
		and rivers in the desert,				
		to give drink to my people,				
		my chosen.				
43:21	This people have I formed for myself;		A	B		
		they will show forth my praise.				
43:22	But you have not called upon me,					
		O Jacob ;				
		And you have been weary of me,				
		O Israel .				
43:23	You have not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings;		B			
		neither have you honoured me with your sacrifices.				
		I have not caused you to serve with an offering,				
		nor wearied you with incense.				
43:24	You have bought me no sweet cane with money,		B'			
		neither have you filled me with the fat of your sacrifices:				
		but you have burdened me with your sins,				
		you have wearied me with your iniquities.				
43:25	I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,		A	B'		
		and will not remember your sins.				
43:26	Put me in remembrance:		B			
		let us plead together:				
		declare you, that you may be justified.				
43:27	Your first father has sinned,					
		and your teachers have transgressed against me.				
43:28	Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary,		B'			
		and have given				
		Jacob to the curse,				
		and Israel to reproach.				
44:1	Yet now listen,		A	A	A	<u>B</u>
		O Jacob my servant;				
		and Israel , whom I have chosen:				
44:2	Thus says the LORD who made you,		B			
		and formed you from the womb,				
		who will help you;				
	Fear not,					
		O Jacob ,				
		my servant;				
		and you,				
		Jesurun,				
		whom I have chosen.				
44:3	For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty,		B'			
		and floods upon the dry ground:				
		I will pour my Spirit upon your seed,				
		and my blessing upon your offspring:				
44:4	And they will spring up as among the grass,					
		as willows by the water courses.				
44:5	One will say, / I am the LORD's ;		A	B		
		and another will call himself by the name of Jacob ;				
		and another will subscribe with his hand to the LORD ,				
		and surname himself by the name of Israel .				
44:6	Thus says the LORD the King of Israel ,		B			
		and his redeemer the LORD of hosts ;				
		I am the first,				
		and I am the last;				
		and beside me				
		there is no God.				

44:7	Who is as I? Will he call, and will declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed my ancient people? And the things that are coming, will he come? Let him declare them!	B'		
44:8	Fear not , neither be afraid. Have I not told you from long ago? Have I not declared it? You are my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, / there is no God ; / I know not any.	A	B'	
44:9	They that make a graven image are all of them nothing; their treasures will not profit them; and they are their own witnesses; they see not , / nor know / that they may be ashamed.	B'		
44:10	Who has formed a god, or cast a graven image which profits him nothing?	A	A	B
44:11	Behold, all his fellows will be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they will fear, and they will be ashamed together.	B		
44:12	The smith with the tongs both works on the coals, and fashions it with hammers, and works it with the <u>strength</u> of his arms: yea, / he is hungry, / and his <u>strength</u> fails: he drinks no water, and is faint.	B'		
44:13	The carpenter stretches out his rule; he marks it out with a line; he chisels it, and he marks it out with compasses, and makes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.	A	B	
44:14	He cuts down cedars, and takes the cypress and the oak, which he strengthens for himself among the trees of the forest: he plants an ash, and the rain does nourish it.	B		
44:15	Then will it be for a man to burn: for he will take it, and warm himself; yea, / he kindles it, / and bakes bread; yea, / he makes a god, / and worships it; he makes it a graven image, and falls down before it.	B'		
44:16	He burns a part of it in the fire; with a part of it he eats flesh; he roasts flesh and is satisfied: yea, he warms himself, and says, Aha, / I am warm, / I have seen the fire:	A	B'	
44:17	And with what remains of it he makes a god, even his graven image: he falls down before it, and worships it, and prays to it, and says, Deliver me; for you are my god.	B		
44:18	They have not known nor understood: for he has shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.	B'		
44:19	And none considers in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also / I have baked bread / upon its coals; I have roasted flesh,	A	A	B'

	and eaten it:				
	and I will make its residue an abomination?				
	Will I fall down to some wood from a tree!				
44:20	He feeds on ashes: a deceived heart has turned him aside,				
	that he cannot deliver his soul,				
	nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?				
44:21	Remember these, O Jacob and Israel ;				
	for you are my servant:				
	I have formed you;				
	you are my servant:				
44:22	O Israel , you will not be forgotten by me.				
	I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions,				
	and, as a cloud, your sins:				
	return to me;				
	for I have redeemed thee.				
44:23	Sing,	A		B	
	O ye heavens;				
	for the LORD has done it:				
	shout,				
	you lower parts of the earth:				
	break forth into singing,				
	you mountains,				
	O forest,			B	
	and every tree in it:				
	for the LORD has redeemed Jacob ,				
	and glorified himself in Israel .				
44:24	Thus says the LORD ,	B'			
	your redeemer,				
	and he who formed you from the womb,				
	I am the LORD who makes all things;	A		B'	
	who stretches forth the heavens alone,				
	who spreads abroad the earth by myself,				
44:25	Who frustrates the tokens of the liars,				
	and makes diviners mad,				
	Who turns wise men backward,				
	and makes their knowledge foolish;				
44:26	Who confirms the word of his servant,	B			
	and performs the counsel of his messengers,				
	Who says to Jerusalem ,				
	You will be inhabited,				
	and to the cities of Judah,				
	You will be built,				
	and I will raise up its ruins,				
44:27	Who says to the deep,				
	Be dry,				
	and I will dry up your rivers,				
44:28	Who says of Cyrus ,	B'			
	He is my shepherd,				
	and he will perform all my pleasure,				
	even saying to Jerusalem,				
	You will be built,				
	and to the temple,				
	Your foundation will be laid.				
45:1	Thus says the LORD to his anointed,	A		A	
	to Cyrus ,			A	
	whose right hand I have held,				B'
	to subdue nations before him;				
	and I will loose the loins of kings,				
	to open before him the two leaved gates;				
	and the gates will not be shut;				
45:2	I will go before you,	B			
	and make the crooked places straight:				
	I will break in pieces the gates of brass,				
	and cut in sunder the bars of iron:				
45:3	I will give you the treasures of darkness,	B'			
	and hidden riches of secret places,				
	that you may know that I,				
	the LORD ,				
	who calls you by thy name,				
	am the God of Israel .				
45:4	For Jacob my servant's sake,	A		B	
	and Israel my elect,				
	I have even called you by your name:				
	I have surnamed you,				
	though you have not known me.				
45:5	I am the LORD ,	B			
	and there is none else,				
	there is no God beside me:				
	I girded thee,				
	though thou hast not known me:				
45:6	that they may know from the rising of the sun,				
	and from the west,				

		that there is none beside me.			
	I am the LORD ,		B'		
45:7		and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil:			
45:8	I the LORD do all these things.		A	B'	
	Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: Let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.		B		
45:9	Woe to him who strives with his Maker !		B'		
	Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Will the clay say to him who fashions it, What are you making? Or will your work say, He has no hands?		A	A	B
45:10	Woe to him who says to his father, What is it that you beget? or to the woman, What have you brought forth?		B		
45:11	Thus says the LORD ,		B'		
	the Holy One of Israel , and his Maker , Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command me.		A	B'	
45:12	I have made the earth,		B		
	and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.		B'		
45:13	I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways:				
	He will build my city, and he will let go my captives, not for price nor reward, says the LORD of Hosts .		A	A	B'
45:14	Thus says the LORD ,		B		
	The produce of Egypt , and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, will come over to you, and they will be yours: they will come after you.				
	In chains,		B'		
	they will come over, and they will fall down before you, they will make supplication to you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is none else, there is no other god .				
45:15	Verily, you are a God who hides yourself,		A	B	
45:16	O God of Israel , the Saviour .				
	They will be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them. They will go to confusion together who are makers of idols.				
45:17	But Israel will be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation.		B		
	You will not be ashamed nor confounded to ages everlasting.		B'		
45:18	For thus says the LORD who created the heavens; God himself who formed the earth and made it; he has established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited:		A	B'	
	I am the LORD ;		B		
45:19	and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth : I said not to the seed of Jacob,				

Seek me in vain:
I **the LORD** speak righteousness,
I declare things that are right.

B'

PART ABB'XAB~~B~~B': 45.20-46.13

45:20	Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge who set up the wood of their graven image, and pray to a god that cannot save.	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
45:21	Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I the LORD ? And there is no God beside me. A just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.		A	B	
45:22	Look to me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God , and there is none else.		A	B'	
45:23	I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and it will not return, That unto me every knee will bow, by me every tongue will swear.		B		
45:24	Surely one will say, in the LORD I have righteousness and strength: even to him will men come; and all who are incensed against him will be ashamed.	A	A	A	<u>B</u>
45:25	In the LORD will all the seed of Israel be justified, and will glory.		B'		
46:1	Bel bows down, / Nebo stoops, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy laden; they are a burden to the weary beast.			A	B
46:2	they stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.		B		
46:3	<u>Listen to me</u> , O house of Jacob , and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:		B'		
46:4	And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and I will deliver you.		B		
46:5	To whom will you liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?	A	A	A	<u>B'</u>
46:6	They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he makes it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.		B		
46:7	They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he stands; from his place will he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.		B'		

46:8	Remember this,	and show yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.	A	B
46:9	Remember the former things of old:	for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,	B	
46:10		declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel will stand, and I will do all my pleasure:		
46:11	I call a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executes my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.		B'	
46:12	<u>Listen to me,</u>	you stout-hearted, that are far from righteousness:	A	B'
46:13	I bring near my righteousness; it will not be far off, and my salvation will not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.		B	B'

PART ABB'XABB': 47.1-48.22

47:1	Come down,	and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon , sit on the ground, there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans : for you will no more be called tender and delicate.	A B	A	A	<u>A</u>
47:2	Take the millstones,	and grind meal: uncover your locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, wade through streams.	B'	A	B	
47:3	Your nakedness will be uncovered, yea, your shame will be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet you as a man.		B	B'		
47:4	As for our Redeemer ,	the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel .	A	B'		
47:5	Sit silently, go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans : for you will no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.					
47:6	I was angry with my people, I have polluted my inheritance, and given them into your hand: you showed them no mercy; upon the aged have you very heavily laid your yoke.		B			
47:7	And you said, I will be a lady for ever: you did not lay these things <u>to your heart</u> , neither did you remember the latter end of it.		B'			
47:8	<u>Therefore</u> now hear this,	you who are given to pleasures, who dwell carelessly, that say <u>in your heart</u> , <u>I am,</u> <u>and none else beside me</u> ; I will not sit as a widow, neither will I know the loss of children.	A	A	B	
47:9	But these two things will come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they will come upon you in their perfection for the multitude of <u>your sorceries</u> ,		B			

47:10	and for the great abundance of <u>your enchantments</u> for you have trusted in your wickedness: <u>you have said,</u> None sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge: it has perverted you; and <u>you have said in your heart,</u> <u>I am,</u> <u>and none else beside me.</u>				B'
47:11	<u>Therefore</u> evil will come upon you; you will not know from whence it rises: and mischief will fall upon you; you will not be able to put it off: and desolation will come upon you suddenly, which you will not know.	A	A		B'
47:12	Keep on now with <u>your enchantments,</u> and with the multitude of <u>your sorceries,</u> in which you have laboured from your youth; if so you will be able to profit, if so you might prevail;				B
47:13	you are wearied in the multitude of your counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save you from these things that will come upon you.				B'
47:14	Behold, they will be as stubble; the fire will burn them. They will not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there will be no coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it,				
47:15	thus they will be to you as those with whom you have laboured. Even your merchants, from your youth: they will wander everyone to his quarter; none will save you.				
48:1	<u>Listen to this, / O house of Jacob,</u> / who are <u>called</u> by <u>the name of Israel,</u> and are come forth out of the waters of <u>Judah,</u> who swear by <u>the name of the LORD,</u> and make mention of <u>the God of Israel,</u> but not in truth, nor in righteousness.	A	A	A	<u>B</u>
48:2	For they call themselves of <u>the holy city,</u> and stay themselves upon <u>the God of Israel;</u> <u>The LORD of hosts</u> is his name.				B'
48:3	I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.		A		B
48:4	Because I knew that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew, and your brow brass;				
48:5	I have even from the beginning declared it to you; before it came to pass I showed you: lest you should say, My idol has done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, have commanded them.			B	
48:6	You have heard, seen all this; will you not declare it? I have shown you new things from this time, even hidden things, and you did not know them.				B'
48:7	They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when you heard them not; lest you should say, Behold, I knew them.				
48:8	Yea, you heard not; yea, you knew not; yea, from that time that your ear was not opened:		A		B'

48:9	for I knew that you would deal very treacherously, and was called a transgressor from the womb. <u>For my name's sake</u> will I defer my anger, and for my praise will I hold it back for you, so that I do not cut you off.					B
48:10	Behold, I have refined you, but not with silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.					
48:11	<u>For my own sake,</u> <u>even for mine own sake,</u> will I do it: for how can I let my name be defamed? I will not give my glory unto another.					B'
48:12	<u>Listen to me, / O Jacob</u> and <u>Israel, / my called;</u> I am he; / I am the first, / I am also the last.	A	A	A		B'
48:13	My hand also has laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens. When I summon them, they stand up together.					
48:14	All of you, / assemble together / and hear; Which of your idols have declared these things? The LORD has one he loves: he will do his pleasure on Babylon , and his arm will be on the Chaldeans .					B
48:15	I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he will make succeed in his mission.					
48:16	Come near to me, hear this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD , and his Spirit , has sent me.					B'
48:17	Thus says the LORD , your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD your God who teaches you to profit, who leads you the way that you should go.			A	B	
48:18	O that you had listened to my commandments then your peace would have been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea:					B
48:19	Your seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of your bowels like its gravel; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.					B'
48:20	Go you forth from Babylon, flee you from the Chaldeans , with a voice of singing declare, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say you, The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob .			A	B'	
48:21	and they did not thirst when he led them through the desert: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he struck the rock also, and the waters gushed out.					B
48:22	But there is no peace, said the LORD, for the wicked.					B'
					(see 57.21)	

SECTION ABB'XABB': 49.1-57.21 Compare the two sections as underlined here: ABB'XABB'
The disillusioned Prophet is Encouraged; he is God's Servant bringing Israel back to Him:

PART ABB'XABB': 49.1-49.26

49:1	<u>Listen</u> , / O isles, to me; and hear, / you people, / from afar; The LORD has called me from the womb;	A	A	A		A
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	from the bowels of my mother he has made mention of my name.				
49:2	And he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand has <u>he hid me</u> , and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver has <u>he hid me</u> ;	B			
49:3	And he said to me, You are <u>my servant</u> , O Israel , in whom I will be glorified.	B'			
49:4	Then I <u>said</u> , I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD , and my work with my God .	A		B	
49:5	And now, / <u>says the LORD</u> that formed me / from the womb to be <u>his servant</u> , to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet will I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD , and my God will be my strength.	B			
49:6	And he <u>said</u> , / It is a light thing that you should be <u>my servant</u> to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles , that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth .	B'			(see 49.22)
49:7	Thus <u>said the LORD</u> , the Redeemer of Israel , and his Holy One , to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation abhors, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD who is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel , and <u>he will choose you</u> .	A		B'	
49:8	Thus says the LORD , In an acceptable time have I heard you, and in the day of salvation have I helped you: I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to restore the earth , to reassign its desolate inheritances;	A	A	A	<u>B</u> (see 61.2)
49:9	That you may say to <u>the captives</u> , Go forth; to those who are in darkness, Show yourselves. They will feed on the waysides, and their pastures will be on every barren hill;				B
49:10	they will not hunger, / nor thirst; neither will the heat / nor sun / smite them: for he who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water he will guide them.				
49:11	'I will make all my mountains a way, and my <u>highways</u> will be exalted'.	B'			
49:12	Behold, they will come from afar: and, lo, from the north and from the west; and from the land of Sinim.				
49:13	Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD has comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted,	A		B	
49:14	but Zion said, The LORD has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.	B			
49:15	Can a woman forget her sucking <u>child</u> , that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet I will not forget you.	B'			
49:16	Behold, I have graven you upon the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.	A		B'	
49:17	Your children will make haste; your destroyers and they that made you waste will go forth from you.				
49:18	Lift up your eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to you. As I live, / says the LORD ,	B			
		B'			

you will surely clothe yourselves with them all, as with an ornament,
and bind them on you,
as a bride does.

49:19	For your waste and your desolate places, and the land of your destruction, will even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed you up will be far away.	A	A	<u>B'</u>
49:20	The children which you will have, after you have lost the other, will say again in your ears, The place is too limited for me: give place to me that I may dwell.	B		
49:21	Then you will say in your heart, Who has begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, / a captive, / and removing to and fro? and who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?	B'		
49:22	<u>Thus says the Lord GOD,</u> Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles , and set up my standard to the people: and they will bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters will be carried upon their shoulders.	A	B	
49:23	And kings will be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers: they will bow down to you with their face toward the earth, they will lick up the dust of your feet; You will know that I am the LORD : for they will not be ashamed who wait for me.	B		
49:24	But will <u>the prey</u> be taken from the mighty, or the lawful <u>captive</u> delivered?	B'		
49:25	<u>But thus says the LORD,</u> Even the <u>captives</u> of the mighty will be taken away, and <u>the prey</u> of the terrible will be delivered: For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children.	A	B'	
49:26	And I will feed them who oppress you with their own flesh; and they will be drunk with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh will know that I the LORD am your Saviour and your Redeemer , the mighty One of Jacob .	B		
		B'		

PART ABB'XABB': 50.1-50.11

50:1	Thus says the LORD , Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, / for your iniquities you have sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
50:2	Therefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stink, because there is no water, and die for thirst!			B	
50:3	I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.			B'	
50:4	The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakens morning by morning, he wakens my ear to hear as the learned.	A	A	A	<u>B</u>
50:5	The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned I away back.			B	
50:6	I gave my back to the smiters,				

	and my cheeks to those who plucked off my beard: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.				
50:7	For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore will I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.				B'
50:8	He is near who justifies me. Who will confront me? Let us stand together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.				
50:9	Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he who will condemn me? lo, they all will wax old as a garment; the moth will eat them up.	A	A	A	<u>B'</u>
50:10	Who is among you who fears the LORD , who obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness, and has no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD , and rely upon his God.				B
50:11	Behold, all you that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that you have kindled. This you will have from my hand; you will lie down in torment.				B'

PART ABB'XABB': 51.1-51.8

51:1	<u>Listen to me</u> , you who follow after <u>righteousness</u> , you who seek the LORD : Look to the rock whence you are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence you are dug.	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
51:2	Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.				B
51:3	For the LORD will comfort Zion : he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden , and her desert like the garden of the LORD ; joy and gladness will be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.				B'
51:4	<u>Listen to me</u> , / my people; and give ear to me, O my nation: for a law will proceed from me, and I will make my justice to be a light for the people.	A	A	A	<u>B</u>
51:5	<u>My righteousness</u> is near; my salvation is gone forth, and my arms will judge the people; the isles will wait upon me, and on my arm will they trust.				B
51:6	Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens will vanish away like smoke, and the earth will wax old like a garment, and they who dwell therein will die in like manner: but my salvation will be forever, and <u>my righteousness</u> will not be abolished.				B'
51:7	<u>Listen to me</u> , you who know <u>righteousness</u> , the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their insults.	A	A	A	<u>B'</u>
51:8	For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool: but <u>my righteousness</u> will be forever, and my salvation from generation to generation.				B B'

PART ABB'XABB': 51.9-52.6

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51:9	<u>Awake, awake</u>, / put on strength, / O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Are you not the one that has cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
51:10	Are you not the one who has dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; who has made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?		B		
51:11	Therefore the redeemed of the LORD will return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.		B'		
51:12	I, / even I, / am he that comforts you: Who are you, that you should be afraid of a man who will die, and of the son of man who will be made as grass;		A B	B	
51:13	and forget the LORD your maker, who has stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and has feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy and where is the fury of the oppressor?				
51:14	The captive exile prays that he may be set free, and that he will not die in the pit, nor that his food will fail.		B'		
51:15	But I am the LORD your God , who divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name.		A	B'	
51:16	And I have put my words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto (Zion) , You are my people.		B B'		
51:17	<u>Awake, awake</u>, / stand up, / O Jerusalem, which has <u>drunk</u> at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; you have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.	A B	A	A	<u>B</u>
51:18	There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she has brought forth. Neither is there any who take her by the hand of all the sons that she has brought up.	B'	A	B	
51:19	These two things are come to you. Who will be sorry for you, desolation, / and destruction, and the famine, / and the sword, by whom will I comfort you?	A B		B'	
51:20	Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD , the rebuke of your God .	B'			
51:21	Therefore hear now this, you afflicted, and <u>drunk</u> , but not with wine:		A	A'	<u>B'</u>
51:22	Thus says your Lord the LORD , and your God who pleads the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury you will no more drink it again:		B		
51:23	But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you; who have said to your soul, Bow down, that we may trample over you. And you have laid your body as the ground,		B'		

	as the street, to those who trampled over you.			
52:1	<u>Awake, awake;</u> <u>put on your</u> strength, O Zion; <u>put on your</u> beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there will no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean.	A	A	<u>A'</u>
52:2	Shake yourself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose yourself from the bands around your neck, O captive daughter of Zion .	B		B'
52:3	<u>For thus says the LORD,</u> You have sold yourselves for nought. You will be redeemed without money.	A B	B	B'
52:4	<u>For thus says the Lord GOD,</u> My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.	A	B'	
52:5	Now therefore, what have I here, says the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, says the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed, therefore my people will know my name: therefore they will know in that day that I am he that does speak: behold, it is I.	B		B'

PART ABB'X~~ABB'~~: 52.7-53.12

52:7	How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace; who brings good news of good, who publishes salvation; who says to Zion , Your God reigns!	A	A	A	A
52:8	Your watchmen will lift up the voice; With one voice, together they will sing: for they will see eye to eye, when the LORD returns again to Zion .		B		
52:9	Break forth into joy, sing together, you ruins of Jerusalem: for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem .		B'		
52:10	The LORD has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of <u>all the nations</u> ; and <u>all the ends of the earth</u> will see the salvation of our God.	A		B	
52:11	Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out from the midst of her; be ye clean, who carry the vessels of the LORD .		B		
52:12	For you will not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.		B'		
52:13	Behold, my servant will act wisely, He will be exalted and extolled, and be very high.	A		B'	
52:14	As many were astonished at thee; his appearance was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men :		B		

52:15	So will he sprinkle many nations; kings will shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them they will they see; and that which they had not heard they will consider.				B'
53:1	Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?	A	A	A	<u>B</u>
53:2	For he will grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. He has no form nor comeliness;		B		B'
	And when we see him, there will be no beauty that we should desire him.		A	B	
53:3	He is <u>despised</u> and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: And we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not.		B		B'
53:4	Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten by God , and afflicted.		A	B'	
53:5	but he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.			B	
53:6	All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.			B'	
53:7	He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, he opens not his mouth.		A	A	<u>B'</u>
53:8	He was taken from prison and from judgment: Who will declare his descendent's? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.			B	
53:9	And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; though he had done no violence, neither was there any deceit in his mouth.			B'	
53:10	Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he has put him to grief. When you make his soul an offering for sin, he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD will prosper in his hand.		A	B	
53:11	He will see of the travail of his soul, and he will be satisfied: by his knowledge, will my righteous servant justify many; for he will bear their iniquities.			B'	
53:12	Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he will divide the spoil with the strong; because he has poured out his soul to death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.		A	B'	
			B		B'

PART ABB'XABB': 54.1-55.13

54:1	Sing, O barren , you who did not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who did not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, says the LORD .	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
54:2	Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations: spare not, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes;		B		
54:3	For you will break forth on the right hand and on the left; and your descendents will dispossess the Gentiles, and make their desolate cities inhabited.		B'		
54:4	Fear not; for you will not be ashamed: neither will you be confounded; for you will not be put to shame: for you will forget the shame of your youth, and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.		A	B	
54:5	For your Maker is your husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; your Redeemer the Holy One of Israel ; The God of the whole earth he will be called.		B		
54:6	For the LORD has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were abandoned, says your God.		B'		
54:7	For a small moment I have forsaken you; but with great mercies I will gather you.				
54:8	In a little anger I hid my face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you, says the LORD your Redeemer.		A	B'	
54:9	For this is as the waters of Noah to me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be angry with thee, nor rebuke thee.		B		
54:10	For the mountains will depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness will not depart from you, neither will the covenant of my peace be removed, says the LORD who has mercy on you.		B'		
54:11	O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, / I will lay your stones with fair colours, and lay your foundations with sapphires.		A	A	<u>B</u>
54:12	And I will make your windows with agates, and your gates with carbuncles, and all your borders with pleasant stones.		B		
54:13	And all your children will be taught of the LORD ; and great will be the peace of your children.		B'		
54:14	In <u>righteousness</u> will you be established: You will be far from oppression; for you will not fear: and from terror; for it will not come near you.		A	B	
54:15	<u>Behold</u> , they will surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever will gather together against you will fall for your sake.		B		
54:16	<u>Behold</u> , I have created the smith who blows the coals in the fire, and who brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.	A	B'		
54:17	No weapon that is formed against you	B			

		will prosper; and every tongue that will rise against you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD , and their <u>righteousness</u> is of me, says the LORD .	B'				
55:1	Ho, every one who thirsts,	come to the waters, and he who has no money; come buy, and eat; yea, / come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.		A		B'	
55:2	Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfies not? Listen diligently to me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.			B			
				B'			
55:3	Incline your ear,	and come to me: hear, and your soul will live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.		A		A	<u>B'</u>
55:4	<u>Behold</u> ,	I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.		B			
55:5	<u>Behold</u> ,	you will call a nation that you know not, and nations that knew not you will run to you because of the LORD your God , and for the Holy One of Israel ; for he has glorified you.				B'	
55:6	Seek ye the LORD	while he may be found, call upon him while he is near:		A		B	
55:7	Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return to the LORD , and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God , for he will abundantly pardon.			B			
55:8	For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD .					B'	
55:9	For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.						
55:10	For as the rain comes down,	and the snow from heaven, returns not thither, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:		A B	A		B'
				B'			
55:11	So will my word be that goes forth out of my mouth. It shall not return to me void, but it will accomplish that which I please, and it will prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.			B			
				B'			
55:12	For you will go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills will break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.			A	B		
				B			
55:13	Instead of the thorn	will come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier will come up the myrtle tree: and it will be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.		B'			
				A		B'	
				B			
				B'			

PART ABB'XABB': 56.1-57.21

56:1	Thus says the LORD ,	Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come,	A B B'	A	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
				B				

	and my righteousness to be revealed.		B'			
56:2	Blessed is the man that does this, and the son of man that lays hold of it; that keeps the Sabbath from polluting it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.				B	
56:3	Neither let the son of the stranger, that has joined himself to the LORD , speak, saying, The LORD has utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.				B'	
56:4	For thus says the LORD to the <i>eunuchs</i> who keep my Sabbaths and choose the things that please me <u>and take hold of my covenant</u> ;	A B B'	A A'	A		B
56:5	Even to them will I give in my temple , and within my walls. a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, <i>that will not be cut off!</i>		A		B	
56:6	Also the sons of the stranger, who join themselves to the LORD , to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD , to be his servants. Everyone who keeps the Sabbath from polluting it, <u>and takes hold of my covenant</u> ;		B			
56:7	Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer : their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted upon my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all people.		B'			
56:8	The Lord GOD , who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered to him.		A		A	B'
56:9	All you beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all you beasts in the forest.		B B' A		B	
56:10	His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.		B			
56:11	Yea, they are greedy dogs who can never have enough, and they are shepherds who cannot understand: they all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter.		B'			
56:12	Come, / they say, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow will be as this day, and much more abundant.				A	A B
57:1	The righteous perish and no man lays it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.				B	
57:2	He will enter into peace: they will rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness,				B'	
57:3	but draw near hither, you sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.					
57:4	Against whom do you compare yourselves? against whom do you make a wide mouth, and stick out your tongue? are you not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood.				A	B
57:5	Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree,				B	

57:6	slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks among the smooth stones of the stream is your portion; they, they are your lot: even those who have poured you a drink offering, you have offered a meat offering.			
57:7	Should I receive comfort in these? Upon a lofty and high mountain you have set your bed: even thither you went up to offer sacrifice.	B'		
57:8	Behind the doors also and the posts you have set up your remembrance: for you have committed yourself to one other than me, and are gone up;			
	You have enlarged your bed, and <u>made yourself a covenant</u> with them; you loved their bed where you saw it.	A	B'	
57:9	And you went to the king with ointment, and did increase your perfumes, and did send your messengers far off, and did debase yourself even to Sheol .			
57:10	You are wearied in the greatness of your way; yet you did not say, There is no hope: you have found the life of your hand; therefore you were not grieved.	B		
57:11	And of whom have you been afraid or feared, that you have lied, and have not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and you feared me not?	B'		
57:12	I will declare your righteousness , and your works; for they will not profit you.	A	A	<u>B'</u>
57:13	When you cry out, let your companions deliver you; but the wind will carry them all away; vanity will take them: but he that puts his trust in me will possess the land, and he will inherit my holy mountain.	B		
57:14	And he will say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling block from the way of my people.	B'		
57:15	For thus says the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy ; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.	A	B	
57:16	For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always <u>full of anger</u> : for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.	B		
57:17	For the iniquity of his covetousness I was <u>full of anger</u> , and smote him: I hid me, and was <u>full of anger</u> , and he went on ahead in the way of his heart.	B'		
57:18	I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts / to him / and to his mourners.	A	B'	
57:19	I create the fruit of the lips; Peace , peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, says the LORD ; and I will heal him.			
57:20	But the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.	B		
57:21	There is no peace, said my God, for the wicked.	B'		

(see 48:22)

SECTION ABB'XABB': 58.1-66.24 Compare the two sections as underlined here: **ABB'XABB'**
The Prophet encourages the People; an Everlasting Covenant between God and the Nations is promised; a 'New Heaven and a New Earth' is coming:

PART ABB'XABB': 58.1-58.14

58:1	Cry aloud, / spare not, / lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
58:2	Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways. As a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.	B			
58:3	Therefore have we fasted, they say and you see not? Therefore have we humbled ourselves, and you do not notice?	B'			
	<u>Behold,</u> in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exploit all your workers.			B	
58:4	<u>Behold,</u> you fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: You will not fast as you do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.			B	
58:5	<u>Is it such a fast that I have chosen?</u> a day for a man to humble himself? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD ?		A		B
58:6	<u>Is not this the fast that I have chosen?</u> to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?			B'	
58:7	Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring the poor who are cast out to your house? when you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own flesh?		A		B'
58:8	<u>Then</u> will your light break forth as the morning, and your health will spring forth speedily: and your righteousness will go before you; the glory of the LORD will be your reward.			B	
58:9	<u>Then</u> will you call, and the LORD shall answer; you will cry, and he will say, Here I am.			B'	
	<u>If you</u> take away from the midst of you the yoke of oppression the pointing finger, and malicious talking; and <u>if you</u> spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; <u>then</u> will your light rise in the darkness, and your night be as the noon day: and the LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your frame: and you will be like a well watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not		A	A	<u>B</u>
58:10	and they who will be of you. will rebuild the old waste places: you will raise up the foundations of many generations; and you will be called,			B	
58:11					
58:12					

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58:13	<u>If you</u> turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD , honourable; and will honour him, not doing your own wishes, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words:	A	A	B'
58:14	<u>then</u> will you delight yourself in the LORD ; and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth , and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father: for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it.			B'

PART ABB'XABB': 59.1-59.21

59:1	Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot <u>hear</u> :	A	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
59:2	but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, that he will not <u>hear</u> .			B		B'
59:3	For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness.			A	B	
59:4	None calls for justice , nor any pleads for truth: they trust in nothing and speak lies; they conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.			B		
59:5	They hatch the eggs of vipers, and weave the spider's web: he that eats of their eggs dies, and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper.			B'		
59:6	Their webs will not become garments, neither will they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.			A	B'	
59:7	Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.			B		
59:8	The way of peace they know not; and there is no justice in their goings: they have made for themselves crooked paths: whosoever goes therein will not know peace.			B'		
59:9	Therefore is justice far from us, neither does justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.			A	A	<u>B</u>
59:10	We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.			B		
59:11	We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for justice , but there is none; for salvation , but it is far off from us.			B'		
59:12	For our <u>transgressions</u> are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;			A	B	B
59:13	<u>In transgressing</u> and lying against the LORD ,	A	A'	A	B	B'

		and departing away from our God , speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.				
59:14		Justice is turned away backward, and justice stands afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.			B	
59:15	Yea,	truth fails; and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.			B'	
	And the LORD saw it,	:	A	A	A	<u>B'</u>
		and it displeased him that there was no justice .	B B'			
59:16	And he saw	that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor. Therefore his arm brought salvation to him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.	A B B'	B		
59:17		For <u>he put on</u> righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and <u>he put on</u> the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.	B B'			
59:18	According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay: fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence;		A B B'	A B		B
59:19	so will they fear the name of the LORD from <u>the west</u> , and his glory from <u>the rising of the sun</u> .		A B B'	B'		
	When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him and the Redeemer will come to Zion , and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob , says the LORD .		A B B'	A		B'
59:20						
59:21	As for me, this is <u>my covenant</u> with them, <u>says the LORD</u> ; My Spirit that is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, will not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, says the LORD , from henceforth and forever.		A B B' A B B'	B B'		

PART ABB'XABB': 60.1-60.22

60:1	Arise, / shine;	for your light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.		A	A	<u>A</u>
60:2	For, behold,	darkness will cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you and the Gentiles will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.		B		
60:3					B'	
60:4	Lift up your eyes round about, and see: all gather themselves together, they come to you: your sons will come from far, and your daughters will be cared for at your side;			A	B	
60:5	then you will see,	and flow together, and your heart will fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea will be brought to you, the wealth of the Gentiles will come to you.			B'	

60:6	The multitude of camels will cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba will come: they will bring gold and incense; and they will show forth the praises of the LORD .	A	B'
60:7	All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you. the rams of Nebaioth will serve you: they will come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory .	B	B'
60:8	Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as doves to their windows?	A	A <u>B</u>
60:9	Surely the isles will wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel , because he has glorified you.	B	
60:10	And the sons of foreigners will build up your walls, and their kings will serve you: for in my wrath I smote you, but in my favour I have had mercy on you.	B'	
60:11	Therefore your gates will be open continually; they will not be shut / day / or night; that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.	A	B
60:12	For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you will perish; yea, those nations will be utterly wasted.	B	
60:13	The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious .	B'	
60:14	The sons also of them that afflicted you will come bending their knee to you; and all those who despised you will bow themselves down at the soles of your feet; and they will call you; The city of the LORD , The Zion of the Holy One of Israel .	A B B'	B'
60:15	Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through you, I will make you an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.	A B	A <u>B'</u>
60:16	You will also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and you will suck the breast of kings: and you will know that I the LORD am your Saviour and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob .	B'	
60:17	For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make your officers peace, and your exploiters righteousness.	A	B
60:18	Violence will no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.	B B'	
60:19	The sun will be no more your light by day; neither for brightness will the moon give light to you: but the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory .	A	B'
60:20	Your sun will no more go down; neither will your moon withdraw itself: for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be ended.	B	
60:21	Your people also will be all righteous: they will inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified .	B'	
60:22	<u>A little one</u> will become a thousand, and <u>a small one</u> a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.		

PART ABB'~~X~~ABB': 61.1-62.12

61:1	The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;			A	<u>A</u>
61:2	To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD , and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;	(see 49.8)			
61:3	To provide for those who mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called Trees of Righteousness , the Planting of the LORD , that he might be glorified .			B	
61:4	And they will build the old wastes, they will raise up the former desolations, and they will repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.			B'	
61:5	And foreigners will stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner will be your plowmen and your vinedressers.				
61:6	But you will be named the Priests of the LORD : men shall call you the Ministers of our God : you will eat the riches of the Gentiles , and in their glory you yourselves will boast.				
61:7	Instead of your shame you will receive double ; and instead of confusion you will rejoice in your inheritance: therefore in their land they will possess double: everlasting joy will be theirs		A	A	A <u>B</u>
61:8	For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I <u>will make an everlasting covenant with them</u> .			B	
61:9	And their seed will be known among the Gentiles , and their offspring among the people: all that see them will acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed.			B'	
61:10	I will greatly rejoice in the LORD , my soul will be joyful in my God ; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness , as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.		A		B
61:11	For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it <u>to spring forth</u> ; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise <u>to spring forth</u> before all the nations.			B	B'
62:1	For Zion's sake / I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake / <u>I will not rest</u> , until its righteousness goes forth as brightness, and its salvation as a lamp that burns.		A		B' B
62:2	And the Gentiles will see your righteousness , and all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name.		A	A	<u>B'</u>
62:3	You will also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD , and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.			B	B'
62:4	You will no more be termed Forsaken; neither will your land any more be termed Desolate: but you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah: for the LORD delights in you, and your land will be married.		A		B B'

62:5	For as a young man marries a virgin, so will your sons marry you: and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so will your God rejoice over you.	A	B'	
62:6	I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem , who will never hold their peace / day / or night: You that make mention of the LORD , keep not silence	B	B'	
62:7	and <u>give him no rest</u> , till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.			
62:8	The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be food for your enemies; and the sons of the stranger will not drink your wine, for which you have laboured:	A	A	A'
62:9	But they who have gathered it will eat it, and praise the LORD ; and they who have brought it together will drink it in the courts of my holiness.	B	B'	
62:10	Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.	A	B	
62:11	Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the whole world, say to the Daughter of Zion , Behold, your salvation comes. Behold, his reward is with him, and his works before him.	A	B'	
62:12	And they will call them, The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD : and you will be called Sought After, a City No Longer Forsaken.	B	B'	

PART ABB'X~~ABB'~~: 63.1-63.19

63:1	Who is this that comes from Edom, with garments stained crimson from Bozrah? One who is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? It is I who speaks in <u>righteousness</u> , <u>mighty to save</u> .	a b b'	A	A	A	<u>A</u>
63:2	Why are you red in your apparel, and your garments like the one who treads the winepress?		B	B'		
63:3	I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and I will trample them in my fury; and their blood will be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.		A	B		
63:4	for the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.		B'			
63:5	And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to give support: therefore my own arm brought salvation to me; and my wrath sustained me.		A	B'		
63:6	I will trample on the people in my anger, and make them drunk in my wrath, and I will bring down their blood on the earth.		B	B'		
63:7	I will tell of the <u>loving kindnesses</u> of the LORD , and the praises of the LORD , according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel ,		A	A	<u>B</u>	

	which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.	B'		
63:8	For he said, / Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour.	A		B
63:9	In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.	B		
63:10	But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit : therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.	B'		
63:11	Then he remembered the days of old, / Moses, / and his people , saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he that put his holy Spirit within him?	A		B'
63:12	That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?	B		
63:13	That led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?			
63:14	As cattle go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest: so you guided your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.	B'		
63:15	Look down from heaven, and behold us from the habitation of your holiness and of your glory: where is your zeal and your strength, the sounding of your bowels and of your mercies toward me? are they restrained?	A	A	<u>B'</u>
63:16	Doubtless you are <u>our father</u> : though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not; O LORD , you are <u>our Father</u> , <u>our Redeemer</u> ; your name is from everlasting.	B'		B
63:17	O LORD , why have you made us to err from your ways, and hardened our heart from your fear? Return for your servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance.	B'		
63:18	The people of your holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down your sanctuary.	A		B'
63:19	We are yours: you never bore rule over them; they were not called by your name.	B		

PART ABB'XABBB': 64.1-65.16

64:1	Oh that thou would rend the heavens, that thou would come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,	A	A	<u>A</u>
64:2	As when the melting fire burns, the fire causes the waters to boil, to make thy name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence,	B		
64:3	When you did terrible things which we looked not for, thou came down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.	B'		
64:4	For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither have their eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he has prepared for him that waits for him.	A		B
64:5	You meet him that rejoices and works righteousness, those that remember you in your ways: behold, / you are wrath; / for we have sinned: in this is continuance, and we will be saved.	B		
64:6	But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness is as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, / like the wind, / have taken us away.	B'		

64:7	And there is none that calls upon your name, that stirs up himself to take hold of you: for you have hidden your face from us, and have consumed us, because of our iniquities.	A	B'	
64:8	But now, O LORD , you are <u>our Father</u> ; we are the clay, and you our potter; and we all are the work of your hand.			
64:9	Be not angry beyond measure, O LORD , neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, / see, we beseech you, / we are all your people.			
64:10	Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.	B		
64:11	Our holy and our beautiful temple, where our fathers praised you, is burned up with fire: and all the things that pleased us are laid waste.			
64:12	Will you refrain yourself for these things, O LORD ? will you hold your peace, and afflict us very sore?	B'		
65:1	I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, / Behold me, / behold me, for a nation that was not called by my name.	A	A	<u>B</u>
65:2	I have spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, which walks in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;	B		
65:3	A people that provokes me to anger continually to my face; that sacrifices in gardens, and burns incense upon altars of brick;	B'		
65:4	Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and a broth of abominable things is in their vessels;	A	B	
65:5	Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou.	B		
65:6	These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all the day. Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,	A	B'	
65:7	Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, says the LORD , who have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.	B		
65:8	Thus says the LORD , As the new wine is found in a bunch of grapes, and one says, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I will not destroy them all.	A	A	<u>B'</u>
65:9	And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob , and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and my elect will inherit it, and my servants will dwell there.	B		
65:10	And Sharon will be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.	B'		
65:11	But you are they who forsake the LORD , that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for Fortune, and that furnish the drink offering for Destiny.	A	B	
65:12	Therefore will I number you to the sword, and you will all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear; but did evil before my eyes, and chose to do what I did not delight in.	B		
65:13	Therefore thus says the Lord GOD , Behold, / my servants will eat.	B'		

	but you will be hungry: behold, my servants will drink, but you will be thirsty: behold, / my servants will rejoice, but you will be ashamed:		
65:14	Behold, my servants will sing for joy of heart, but you will cry for sorrow of heart, and will howl for anguish of spirit.	A	B'
65:15	And you will leave your name for a curse for my chosen: for the Lord GOD will slay you, and call his servants by another name:	B	
65:16	That he who <u>blesses</u> himself in the earth will <u>bless</u> himself in the God of truth ; and he that <u>swears</u> in the earth will <u>swear</u> by the God of truth ; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from my eyes.	B'	

PART ABB'XABB': 65.17-66.24

65:17	For behold, <u>I create / new heavens / and a new earth</u> : and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.	A	A	<u>A</u>
65:18	but be glad and rejoice forever in that which <u>I create</u> : for behold, <u>I create Jerusalem</u> a rejoicing, and her people a joy.	B		
65:19	And I will rejoice in Jerusalem , and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.	B'		
65:20	There will be no more an infant living only days, nor an old man who has not filled his days: for the child will die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old will be accursed.	A	B	
65:21	And they will build houses, and inhabit them; and they will plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.	B		
65:22	They will not build, and another inhabit; they will not plant, and another eat:	B'		
	For as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and my elect will long enjoy the work of their hands.	A	B'	
65:23	they will not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD , and their offspring with them.			
65:24	And it will come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.	B		
65:25	The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the bullock: and dust will be the serpent's meat. They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, says the LORD .	B'		
66:1	Thus says the LORD , <u>Heaven</u> is my throne, <u>and the earth</u> is my footstool: where is the house that you will build for me? and where is the place of my rest?	A	A	<u>B</u>
66:2	For all those things has my hand made, and all those things have been, says the LORD . But to this man will I look, even to him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word.	B		
66:3	he who kills an ox is as if he slew a man. He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he who offers an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood;	B'		

	he who burns incense, as if he blessed an idol.								
	Yea,							A	B
	they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighted in their abominations.								
66:4	I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear.							B	
	But they did evil / before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.							B'	
66:5	Hear the word of the LORD , You who tremble at his word; Your brethren who hated you, who cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he will appear to your joy, and they will be ashamed.							A	B'
66:6	A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that renders recompence to his enemies.							B	
66:7	Before she travailed, she brought forth. Before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.								
66:8	Who has heard such a thing? who has seen such things? Will the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or will a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.							B'	
66:9	Will I bring to birth, and not cause to bring forth? says the LORD : will I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? says your God .	A B B'	A	A	A	A			<u>B'</u>
66:10	Rejoice with Jerusalem , and be glad with her, all you who love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her:	A	B						
66:11	that you may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that you may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.	B B'							
66:12	For thus says the LORD , Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you will suck, you will be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.	A B B'	B'						
66:13	As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted in Jerusalem .	B'							
66:14	And when you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones will flourish like a herb: and the hand of the LORD will be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.	A B B'	A	B					
66:15	For, / behold, / the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger / with fury, and his rebuke / with flames of fire.	A B B'	B						
66:16	For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD will be many.	A B B'	B'						
66:17	Those who consecrate themselves, and purify themselves to go into the gardens following the one in the midst of those who eat the flesh of pigs and other abominable things such as rats, they will be consumed together, says the LORD for I know their works and their thoughts.	A A B	A	A	B'				
66:18	But it will come about that I will gather all nations and tongues.	A A'	B						

	And they will come, and they will see my glory.	A A'	B'		
66:19	And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they will declare my glory among the Gentiles.	A B B'	A B	A	B
66:20	And they will bring all your brothers as an <u>offering to the LORD</u> out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and on wagons, and upon mules, and upon camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, as the children of Israel bring <u>offerings</u> in clean vessels into the temple of the LORD .	A B B' A B b b' a b b'	B' A B	B	
66:21	And I will select some of them also for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.				B'
66:22	For, as <u>the new heavens and the new earth</u> , which I will create, will remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain .		A B	A	B'
66:23	And it will come to pass, that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, <u>all humankind</u> will come to worship before me, says the LORD.		A B B'	B	
66:24	And they will go forth, and they will look upon the carcasses of men who have transgressed against me: for their worm will not die, neither will their fire be quenched; and they will be loathsome to <u>all humankind</u> .		A B B'	B'	

(compare 48.22, 57.21)

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Notes:

I chose to work with this text because it appeared to me to be a literal English version of the Hebrew text (as opposed to the Greek text of the Septuagint) which would be my best help for discerning this book's literary discipline, as I know less Hebrew than I do Ancient Greek.

The delight in reading this Book of Isaiah (in its 66 chapters) in this way **for the first time** (for me, and possibly for everyone else) has reminded me of the delight I had in reading Mark's Gospel (in its 16 chapters), discovering that book's compositional discipline in research for my Glasgow PhD in the 1990s. It had been in Cambridge in the 1980s, that I first gained an introduction to compositional Greek as I completed an undergraduate dissertation on the central section of Luke's Gospel. It was this work that led me, in turn, to analyse and publish on every text of the New Testament.

Now, I am faced with the reality that the Hebrew texts of the Old Testament are influenced, as the texts of the New, by **Homer**, for their structure and style! Who would have thought it? I have the five book chiasm of **The Law** in summary and it impresses me much. I have **The Writings** of the Old in their variety of structure and style. I now have it, by implication of the Book of Isaiah, that the writings called **The Prophets** are Homeric.

Whereas Homer wrote (somewhere between seven-hundred and nine-hundred years BC) in dactylic hexameter, the writers of these basic sacred texts (of both Judaism and Christianity) wrote in something very similar, in a three-part writing style (ABB'), where A is introductory, B is the first development and B' is the second and concluding development which parallels/balances the first development. All the pieces and parts of our sacred texts employ the ABB' writing style, indeed, their limits (their beginning and end) are set in this way. Fascinatingly, for the turning points in the sections, it appears that these have been given ABB'A' constructions.

It has been an amazing experience, finding myself discovering the use, by the writer of the Book of Isaiah, of the same Homeric form with which **The Iliad** was composed. ABB'XABB' describes both the overall sectional structure of the Book of Isaiah *and* the structure of each section! X marks the central piece tucked between two series of threesomes, both ABB'.

We can note here that **The Book of Isaiah** and **the Gospel of Mark** do indeed share the same literary and thematic structures: 3 parts Old Covenant Completion/1 part Turning Point/3 parts New Covenant Formation. The books share the very same purpose too: their writers respond theologically to the exiles that followed attacks on Jerusalem and its temple. In Isaiah's time, it was the Assyrians and the Babylonians with whom Jerusalem had to contend (key dates: 722 and 587 BC). In the time of the writing of Mark's Gospel, it was the Romans (key date: AD 70). Homer's literary influence lies behind both books. Homer's *Iliad* centres on waking Achilles. All three books demonstrate they are both linear and chiasmic. In the case of the Gospel, the writer chose something simpler and shorter, punchier and more easily memorable for his presentation.

I have been much ridiculed for my work on the New Testament in the past, but now I am further armed for my task of promoting a reading of the texts of the Bible in the ways that the writers always intended. A new Bible is needed with a decent presentation of all the texts. I propose this.