

Symmetric Structures in Isa 30:9-11, 12-17

Chiasm in vv. 9-11

Chiasm: Inverted symmetry (ABC-CBA or ABCBA)

First Panel: Summary, v. 9	Second Panel: Exposition, vv. 10-11
9 this <i>is</i> a rebellious people,	11a Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path,
lying children,	speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits :
children <i>that will not hear</i> the law of the LORD:	10 Which say to the seers, See not ; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things,

Effect: 11b cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

Alternation in vv. 12-17

Alternation: Parallel symmetry (ABCDE ABCDE)

Isaiah obeys the charge of v. 8 to record the Lord's message of vv. 1-7.

Common Feature	First Panel: vv. 12-14	Second Panel: vv. 15-17
Introductory Formula	12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel ,	15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel ;
Word from the Lord,	... this word,	In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:
Rejection of that Word (v. 1)	Because ye despise ...	and ye would not. 16 But ye said, No ;
Confidence in Alternative Authority (vv. 2, 4, 6)	and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:	for we will flee upon horses; ... and, We will ride upon the swift; ...
Warning of Sudden Judgment (vv. 3, 5, 7)	13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. 14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water <i>withal</i> out of the pit.	16 ... therefore shall ye flee: and, ... therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. 17 One thousand <i>shall flee</i> at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.