

Isaiah 5 - Syllabus

- **Isaiah 5:1-4**
 - נביא – what is a prophet? What kind of a prophet was Isaiah?
 - דוד? - on the BH root for emotional proximity
 - The agricultural cycle
 - Fables in prophecy – a conventional formula or a surprising tool for analogy?
- **Isaiah 5:5-7**
 - Parallelism – they key to biblical (and not only!) poetry
 - Unique words – and their connection to parallelisms
 - Word plays – not a game!
- **Isaiah 5:8-10**
 - הוי (Woe) – when do you say it?
 - Parallelism – another case study
 - לשמה? - For desolation? A curious root
- **Isaiah 5:11-14**
 - The habitual present – and its use in prophecy
 - The prophetic syntax – the rhetoric of certainty
 - Parallelisms as keys for difficult words
- **Isaiah 5:15-17**
 - The root נ.ח.ש / נ.ח.ש – a case study for the formation of roots
 - The roots ל"ח – not so weak!
 - Using Biblia Hebraica – an old yet powerful tool
- **Isaiah 5:18-22**
 - Parallelisms – another case study
 - The prophet's question – and its various answers along the biblical texts
 - נ.ח.ש – a unique root and its relatives
- **Isaiah 5:23-25**
 - Parallelisms / repetitions – are they the same? Why it matters

- Perceptions of evil
- Some modern reincarnations of words & idioms