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1. Explanation of Symbols

The following symbols are used in the Parallel Alignment:

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| ? | Questionable notation, equivalent, etc. |
| „a | In the Hebrew column: word included in one of the Aramaic sections of the Hebrew Bible. |
| * | <i>Ketib</i> . |
| {*} | Possible agreement of the LXX with the <i>Ketib</i> . |
| ** | <i>Qere</i> . |
| {**} | Possible agreement of the LXX with the <i>Qere</i> . |
| *z | The <i>Ketib</i> in <i>Qere wela Ketib</i> . |
| **z | The <i>Qere</i> in <i>Ketib wela Qere</i> . |
| <dn> ↓ | Reference to the continuation of the present verse or to next verse. |
| <up> ↑ | Reference to the preceding part of the present verse or to previous verse. |
| ---- | In the Greek column: an element of the Biblical text that is present in the MT but has no counterpart in the Greek (Minus of the Greek vis-à-vis the MT). The lack of representation frequently seems doubtful, in which case the notation includes a question mark. |
| ---+ | In the Hebrew column: element of in the Greek that doesn't have a corresponding counterpart in the MT (plus in the LXX vis-à-vis the MT). Often this indication is followed by a tentative reconstruction of the possible Hebrew source text: ---+ =, or ---+ =? |
| --- " | Long minus (at least four lines). |
| ---+ " | Long plus (at least four lines). |
| --- {x} | In the Greek column (apparent minus) or |
| ---+ {x} | In the Hebrew column (apparent plus), indicating lack of equivalence between long stretches of text in the LXX (where it is a 'plus') and the MT (where it is a 'minus'). |
| ---% | Element not represented in the Old Greek and supplied in Job by 'Theodotion' with asterisk. |
| [] | Reference to number of verse in LXX, different from MT. |
| [[]] | Reference to number of verse in MT, different from the LXX. |
| ^ | Difference in sequence between MT and LXX, denoted after the first Hebrew word and before the second one, as well as between two Greek words. |

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| ^^^ | Change in word order: the equivalent of the Hebrew / Greek word(s) is present elsewhere in the verse or near context (possible transposition in the Hebrew source text of the LXX). |
| = | Introducing the Hebrew retroversion (in column b) of a Greek text that may be thought to reflect a Hebrew source text different from MT. In such cases the retroversion is considered a plausible reconstruction of that variant in the source text. Often marked as doubtful by a question mark. |
| =; | Retroversion in col. b based on equivalence occurring in immediate or remote context. |
| =: | Introducing reconstructed proper noun. |
| =v | Difference in vocalization (pronunciation tradition). |
| =vs | Interchange <i>śin/šīn</i> (vocalization / pronunciation tradition). |
| =+ | Difference in numbers between MT and the LXX. |
| =@ | Etymological derivation or exegesis. |
| =@...a | Etymological exegesis according to Aramaic, etc. |
| =r | Incomplete retroversion. |
| =?? | Divergence between the Greek and the Hebrew that may indicate a Hebrew variant text, but for which at this stage no plausible retroversion can be suggested. |
| =<d> | Reference to a doublet in the Hebrew or to the Hebrew retroversion of a doublet possibly reflected by the Greek. |
| =% | Indicating categories divergences between the MT and the LXX, mostly attributable to translation technique, but also due to the Hebrew scribe. |
| =%a+ | (Attributive) demonstrative pronoun in the LXX but not in the MT. |
| =%b | Two Hebrew words rendered by compound noun in the Greek covering all information (translation technique). |
| =%c | Two Hebrew words rendered by one in Greek (translation technique). |
| =%e | Two Greek words used to render one Hebrew (translation technique). |
| =%nv | noun / verb or verb / noun interchange. |
| =%np | noun / pronoun-particle or pronoun-particle / noun interchange. |
| =%o+ | Independent personal pronoun in the LXX (direct / indirect object) but not in the MT (attributable to Greek translator or to Hebrew scribe). |
| =%p | Difference in preposition or particle (attributable to Greek translator or to Hebrew scribe). |

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| =%p- | Preposition present in the Hebrew not matched by a corresponding counterpart in the Greek, mostly not for stylistic reasons |
| =%p+ | Preposition present in the Greek, but not matched by a corresponding element in the Hebrew - Mostly used when the Greek has a dative, or an affix to a particle. |
| =%ps- | semiprepositional noun phrase represented as preposition (attributable to Greek translator or to Hebrew scribe). |
| =%ps+ | preposition represented as semi-prepositional noun phrase (attributable to Greek translator or to Hebrew scribe). |
| =%r+ | Presence of a relative pronoun in the Greek but not in the MT(for instance, if MT has an asyndetic relative clause). |
| =%vap | Change from active to passive form in verb, or from causative to active (diathesis) This phenomenon often involves pluses or minuses of pronouns (attributable to Greek translator or to Hebrew scribe). |
| =%vpa | Change from passive to active form in verbs, or from active to causative (diathesis) This phenomenon often involves pluses or minuses of pronominal phrases (attributable to Greek translator or to Hebrew scribe). |
| =%vq | interchange verb / particle-pronoun or vice versa. |
| ={f} | Divergence between the Greek and the Hebrew connected with structure and syntactic function. |
| ={@} | free, contextually conditioned and/or inspired exegetic rendering. |
| {...} | Equivalent reflected elsewhere in the text, for grammatical, stylistic, or exegetic reasons. At the place where the equivalent occurs, the present vocable is indicated by {...XXX} or {...?XXX}. |
| {..^} | Stylistic or grammatical transposition, mostly conditioned by requirements of Greek grammar or style. |
| {..d} | Double duty rendering, occurring once in the translation but referring to more than one Hebrew word. The corresponding term in the MT is matched by {...}. |
| {..p} | Preposition present in the LXX, but not in the MT, often in accordance with the rules of the Greek language or translational habits. The Greek preposition itself is matched by {...}. |
| {..r} | Notation in Hebrew column of elements repeated in the translation. |
| {+} | Introduction of addition of Greek word for stylistic reasons. |

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| {d} | Reference to doublet in the Greek (occurring between the two elements of the doublet). |
| {g} | Reference to difference between the text of Rahlfs and that of the relevant Gottingen edition |
| {gl} | Apparent divergence between the Greek and the Hebrew plausibly explained by the Greek lexicon |
| {og} | In Esther and Daniel: long stretch of text not reflecting Hebrew or Aramaic source. |
| {+h} | Stylistic addition of εἰμί. |
| {p} | Greek preverb representing Hebrew preposition. |
| {s} | Hebrew /ג, גן (comparative, superlative) reflected by Greek comparative or superlative. |
| {t} | Transliterated Hebrew word. |
| {v} | The reading of the main text of the LXX seems to reflect a secondary text, while the 'original' reading is reflected in a variant. |
| {!} | Infinitive absolute in combination with a finite verb of the same root (paronymous or tautological infinitive). |
| {!}- | Paronymous infinitive with finite verb rendered as finite verb (minus). |
| {!}+ | Finite verb of the MT rendered by construction probably reflecting paronymous infinitive. |
| {#} | Asterized passage (in Job). |
| . | Interchange of consonants between MT and the presumed Hebrew parent text of the LXX. |
| .rd | As above, interchange of ר/ר, etc. |
| .m | As above, metathesis. |
| .j | Two words of MT joined into one word in the parent text of the LXX. |
| .l | Possible ligature. |
| .s | One word of MT separated into two or more words in the parent text of the LXX. |
| .w | Different word-division reflected in the parent text of the LXX. |
| .z | Possible abbreviation. |
| <q> | Possible agreement of the LXX with variant found in Qumran text. |
| <*q> | Possible partial agreement with variant found in Qumran text (in particular if that text is fragmentary or otherwise problematic, e.g., interlinear text). |
| <q=> | Agreement of the MT with Qumran text. |

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| <q-> | The vocable indicated is not present in the Qumran text. |
| <q11pl> | 11Qpaleo-Hebrew Leviticus. |
| <q11t> | Temple Scroll from cave 11 in Qumran. |
| <qm> | Mezuzoth from Qumran (with cave and inventory number). |
| <qp> | Phylacteries from Qumran (with cave and inventory number). |
| <sb> | Possible agreement of the LXX with the pronunciation tradition of the Samaritan Pentateuch (according to Ben-Hayyim). |
| <sp> | Possible agreement of the LXX with the Samaritan Pentateuch |
| <sp~> | Possible partial agreement of the LXX with the Samaritan Pentateuch |
| <sp-> | The vocable indicated is not present in the Samaritan Pentateuch |
| a | Aramaic / Post-biblical Hebrew |
| ak | Akkadian |
| am | Aramaic |
| ar | Arabic |
| rh | Rabbinic / Post-biblical Hebrew |
| ug | Ugaritic |

2. List of Biblical Books

| | | |
|-----|----|---|
| Gen | ge | Genesis |
| Exo | ex | Exodus |
| Lev | le | Leviticus |
| Num | nu | Numbers |
| Deu | de | Deuteronomy |
| Jos | js | Joshua (main text; in some chapters: B text; the A text =Jsa, ja) |
| Jdg | jj | Judges (B text; the A text = Jda, jj) |
| 1Sa | s | 1 Samuel |
| 2Sa | ss | 2 Samuel |
| 1Ki | k | 1 Kings |
| 2Ki | kk | 2 Kings |
| Isa | is | Isaiah |
| Jer | je | Jeremiah |
| Eze | ez | Ezekiel |
| Hos | ho | Hosea |
| Joe | jl | Joel |
| Amo | am | Amos |

| | | |
|-----|----|--|
| Oba | ob | Obadiah |
| Jon | jo | Jonah |
| Mic | mi | Micha |
| Nah | na | Nahum |
| Hab | ha | Habakkuk |
| Zep | ze | Zephaniah |
| Hag | hg | Haggai |
| Zec | za | Zachariah |
| Mal | ma | Malachi |
| | | |
| Psa | p | Psalms |
| Job | jb | Job |
| Pro | pr | Proverbs |
| | | |
| Rut | ru | Ruth |
| Sol | ca | Songs (Canticles) |
| Ecc | qo | Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth) |
| Lam | la | Lamentations |
| Est | es | Esther |
| | | |
| Dan | d | Daniel (the LXX text; Daniel-Theodotion = Dat, dd) |
| Ezr | e | Ezra |
| Neh | ne | Nehemiah |
| 1Ch | c | 1 Chronicles |
| 2Ch | cc | 2 Chronicles |
| | | |
| 1Es | ee | First Esdras |
| Sir | si | Sirach |
| Sip | | Prologue Sirach |
| Bar | ba | Baruch |
| Dat | dd | Daniel-Theodotion |
| Jsa | ja | Joshua A text |
| Jda | j | Judges A text |

3. ASCII Encoding of Greek and Hebrew

The ASCII encoding of the Hebrew marks consonants only, but distinguishes between left *sin*, right *šin* and the unpunctuated form of the letter *shin*. Final letters are not taken into account. Note the special codes for *aleph* /)/, *ayin* /(/, *teth* /+/.

| | |
|----|---|
|) | ז |
| B | ט |
| G | ב |
| D | ד |
| H | ה |
| Z | ז |
| X | ח |
| + | ט |
| Y | י |
| K | כ |
| L | ל |
| M | מ |
| N | נ |
| S | ס |
| (| פ |
| P | פ |
| C | צ |
| Q | ק |
| R | ר |
| & | ש |
| \$ | ש |
| # | ש |
| T | ת |

The ASCII encoding of the Greek includes, apart from the letters of the alphabet, all special diacritics

| | |
|---|---|
| A | α |
| B | β |
| G | γ |
| D | δ |
| E | ε |
| H | η |
| Z | ζ |
| Q | θ |
| I | ι |

| | |
|---|---|
| K | κ |
| L | λ |
| M | μ |
| N | ν |
| C | ξ |
| O | ο |
| P | π |
| R | ρ |
| S | σ |
| T | τ |
| U | υ |
| F | φ |
| X | χ |
| Y | ψ |
| W | ω |

The following signs are placed following the vocals (or consonants) that they are associated with:

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
|) | <i>spiritus lenis</i> |
| (| <i>spiritus asper</i> |
| / | <i>acutus</i> |
| \ | <i>gravis</i> |
| = | <i>circumflexus</i> |
| + | <i>diaeresis</i> |
| | <i>iota subscriptum</i> |

In the ASCII notation the *spiritus* precedes the accents. The *iota subscriptum* comes last, following the accent.

Introduction

The Parallel Alignment of the MT and the LXX text of the Bible is a computerized data base which presents the text of the MT and that of the LXX, according to *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (Stuttgart, 1976) and A. Rahlfs, ed., *Septuaginta, id est VT graece iuxta LXX interpretes* (Stuttgart 1935).¹ The text is presented word by word, in two parallel columns, e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Gen 1:1.1 בְּ/רֵאשִׁית | ἐν ἀρχῇ |
| Gen 1:1.2 בָּרָא | ἐποίησεν |
| Gen 1:1.3 אֱלֹהִים | ὁ θεός |
| Gen 1:1.4 אֶת הַ/שָּׁמַיִם | τὸν οὐρανὸν |
| Gen 1:1.5 וְאֶת הַ/אֲרֶץ | καὶ τῆν γῆν |

In principle, each dictionary word (lexeme) of the MT is noted on one line with its presumed equivalent or counterpart in the LXX. Suffixes, affixes and prefixed prepositions in the Hebrew are separated from the main word by means of a slash, /. In the Greek articles the equivalents of such elements, e.g., the article, prepositions and pronouns in the genitive are noted on the same line as the main

¹ The data base for the Parallel Alignment has been prepared by the CATSS project (Computer Assisted Tools for Septuagint Studies), co-directed by Emanuel Tov in Jerusalem and Robert A. Kraft in Philadelphia, supported in Israel by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and in the U.S.A. by the NEH (The Parallel Aligned Text of the Greek and Hebrew Bible, Edited By Emanuel Tov). For further data the reader is referred to: Emanuel Tov, *A Computerized Data Base for Septuagint Studies: The Parallel Aligned Text of the Greek and Hebrew Bible*, (CATSS vol. 2, JNSL Supp. 1;

word. This presentation is to facilitate systematic study of the relationship between the Hebrew text and that of the Greek version. An additional corpus of data is embodied in various annotations, mainly on the MT side, concerning possible variants reflected by the LXX and other phenomena in connection with the relationship between the MT and the LXX (column b).

These annotations include:

1. reconstruction of variants and pluses
2. categories of divergences between the MT and the LXX
3. categories of translation issues
4. indication of passages in the Samaritan Pentateuch and the texts from the Judean Desert, agreeing with the LXX,
5. indication of biblical passages relevant for variants possibly reflected by the LXX;
6. notation of graphic interchanges.

The annotations represent even so many cues for search and data retrieval.

The Alignment, then, may serve both for text-critical scrutiny and for an examination of the translation technique of the LXX.

In addition the Alignment includes the Hebrew and Greek text of the apocryphal book of Sirach and Ps. 151, which thus can be investigated together with the Hebrew Bible. The Greek text of the apocryphal books of Baruch and First Esdras is accompanied by a full Hebrew reconstruction, based on work by Zipporah Talshir and Emanuel Tov.

Thus Hebrew and Aramaic searches in the domain of the Alignment will present data regarding (a) the Hebrew and Greek text itself, (b) reconstructions of the Hebrew text as reflected by the LXX, and (c) Sirach, Baruch and First Esdras.

1. The Structure of the Parallel Alignment

Stellenbosch 1986).

The books included in the Parallel Alignment are, in the following order:

| | | |
|-----|----|--|
| Gen | ge | Genesis |
| Exo | ex | Exodus |
| Lev | le | Leviticus |
| Num | nu | Numbers |
| Deu | de | Deuteronomy |
| Jos | js | Joshua (main text; in some chapters: B text; the A text = Jsa, ja) |
| Jdg | jj | Judges (B text; the A text = Jda, jj) |
| 1Sa | s | 1 Samuel |
| 2Sa | ss | 2 Samuel |
| 1Ki | k | 1 Kings |
| 2Ki | kk | 2 Kings |
| Isa | is | Isaiah |
| Jer | je | Jeremiah |
| Eze | ez | Ezekiel |
| Hos | ho | Hosea |
| Joe | jl | Joel |
| Amo | am | Amos |
| Oba | ob | Obadiah |
| Jon | jo | Jonah |
| Mic | mi | Micha |
| Nah | na | Nahum |
| Hab | ha | Habakkuk |
| Zep | ze | Zephaniah |
| Hag | hg | Haggai |
| Zec | za | Zachariah |
| Mal | ma | Malachi |
| | | |
| Psa | p | Psalms |
| Job | jb | Job |
| Pro | pr | Proverbs |
| | | |
| Rut | ru | Ruth |
| Sol | ca | Songs (Canticles) |
| Ecc | qo | Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth) |
| Lam | la | Lamentations |
| Est | es | Esther |
| | | |
| Dan | d | Daniel (the LXX text; Daniel-Theodotion = Dat, dd) |
| Ezr | e | Ezra |

| | | |
|-----|----|-------------------|
| Neh | ne | Nehemiah |
| 1Ch | c | 1 Chronicles |
| 2Ch | cc | 2 Chronicles |
| 1Es | ee | First Esdras |
| Sir | si | Sirach |
| Sip | | Prologue Sirach |
| Bar | ba | Baruch |
| Dat | dd | Daniel-Theodotion |
| Jsa | ja | Joshua A text |
| Jda | j | Judges A text |

The abbreviations in the left column indicate the name by which they are presented in this version of the Alignment. The second column contains the original abbreviations, still used for internal reference. As in the Rahlfs edition, the text of the books of Joshua, Judges, and Daniel is offered in two versions: Joshua B (main text) and Joshua A (Jsa, partial text only); Judges B, Judges A (Jda); Daniel LXX (Dan, main text) and Daniel-Theodotion (Dat).

As the Alignment presents the Hebrew and Greek equivalents side by side, identification of correspondent terms is obvious:

Sample of the Greek-Hebrew alignment (Psa 8:2-7)

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Psa 8:2.1 יהוה | κύριε |
| Psa 8:2.2 אֲדֹנָי/יְנוּ | ὁ κύριος ἡμῶν |
| Psa 8:2.3 מִזָּה | ὡς |
| Psa 8:2.4 אֲדִיר | θαυμαστὸν |
| Psa 8:2.5 שֵׁמֶךָ/ךָ | τὸ ὄνομά σου |
| Psa 8:2.6 בְּכָל | ἐν πάσῃ |
| Psa 8:2.7 הָאָרֶץ/אֶרֶץ | τῆ γῆ |

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Psa 8:2.8 אֲשֶׁר | ὅτι |
| Psa 8:2.9 תָּנָה | ἐπήρθη |
| Psa 8:2.10 הַיְהוּדָה | ἡ μεγαλοπρέπειά σου |
| Psa 8:2.11 עַל | ὑπεράνω |
| Psa 8:2.12 הַשָּׁמַיִם | τῶν οὐρανῶν |
| Psa 8:3.1 מִפִּי | ἐκ στόματος |
| Psa 8:3.2 עוֹלָלִים | νηπίων |
| Psa 8:3.3 וַיִּנְקִים | καὶ θηλαζόντων |
| Psa 8:3.4 לַסִּדְרָה | κατηρτίσω |
| Psa 8:3.5 עֹז | αἶνον |
| Psa 8:3.6 לְמַעַן | ἕνεκα |
| Psa 8:3.7 צוֹרְרֵי יָד | τῶν ἐχθρῶν σου |
| Psa 8:3.8 לְהַשְׁבִּית | τοῦ καταλῦσαι |
| Psa 8:3.9 אוֹיֵב | ἐχθρὸν |
| Psa 8:3.10 וַיִּמְתְּנֵם | καὶ ἐκδικητήν |
| (...) | (...) |
| Psa 8:5.1 מָה | τί ἐστιν |
| Psa 8:5.2 אָנוּשׁ | ἄνθρωπος |
| Psa 8:5.3 כִּי | ὅτι |
| Psa 8:5.4 תִּזְכָּרְנוּ | μιμνήσκη αὐτοῦ |
| Psa 8:5.5 וַיְבַרְכֵנוּ | ἡ υἱὸς |
| Psa 8:5.6 אָדָם | ἀνθρώπου |
| Psa 8:5.7 כִּי | ὅτι |
| Psa 8:5.8 תִּפְקְדֵנוּ | ἐπισκέπτη αὐτόν |

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Psa 8:6.1 : וְ/תַחֲסֶרְהוּ | ἠλάττωσας αὐτὸν |
| Psa 8:6.2 מַעֲט | βραχύ τι |
| Psa 8:6.3 מִ/אֱלֹהִים | παρ' ἀγγέλους |
| Psa 8:6.4 וְ/כְבוֹד | δόξῃ |
| Psa 8:6.5 וְ/הַדָּר | καὶ τιμῇ |
| Psa 8:6.6 הוּ/תַעֲפִיר | ἐστεφάνωσας αὐτό |
| Psa 8:7.1 הוּ/תַמְשִׁיל | καὶ κατέστησας αὐτὸν |
| Psa 8:7.2 בַּמַּעֲשֵׂי | ἐπὶ τὰ ἔργα |
| Psa 8:7.3 יָד/יָד | τῶν χειρῶν σου |
| Psa 8:7.4 כָּל} | πάντα |
| Psa 8:7.5 שָׁתָה | ὑπέταξας |
| Psa 8:7.6 תַּחַת | ὑποκάτω |
| Psa 8:7.7 רַגְלֵ/יוּ | τῶν ποδῶν αὐτοῦ |

In this format one easily recognizes in which way the translator rendered certain words. For example, one notes the Greek equivalent θαυμαστὸν where MT has Hebrew אֲדִיר. For the slightly problematic Hebrew עֹז יִפְדֶּת, the Greek equivalent suggests quite a different understanding, since עֹז is not taken as power, might or strength, but as praise:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Psa 8:3.4 יִפְדֶּת | κατηρτίσω |
| Psa 8:3.5 עֹז | αἶνον |

By the same token one notes that the Greek verb, καταρτίζω, means 'adjusting,' and 'preparing,' rather than simply 'founding.' The Greek term meaning 'founding' (θεμελιζω) is used where MT has the Hebrew כּוֹנֵנֶתָה (v. 4).

לְמַעַן, mostly occurring in the meaning 'in order that,' is taken in the rare meaning 'because of,' 'in view of,' ἕνεκα.

Of much interest for exegesis is the fact that in verse 6 (וְ/תַחֲסֶרְהוּ מֵעַט מִ/אֱלֹהִים), the Greek puts man in comparison with the angels (παρ' ἀγγέλους), thus excluding the possibility of / interpretation of as implying a small distance between man and God. In the second place, the Alignment enables contextual searches, to assemble and view in context all passages in which a certain Hebrew word is aligned with a certain Greek equivalent. For instance, the rendering of אֲדִיר:

In Psalm 8 the rendering of מְה־אֲדִיר שְׁמוֹךְ בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ as ὡς θαυμαστὸν τὸ ὄνομά σου ἐν πάσῃ τῇ γῆ is in line with other passages in which θαυμαστός is used to render אֲדִיר, e.g., Psa 93:4 [92:4], praising both God and the water as θαυμαστός:

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| Psa 93:4 | מִ/קְלֹת מַיִם רַבִּים | ἀπὸ φωνῶν ὑδάτων πολλῶν |
| | אֲדִירִים מְשִׁבְּרִיִּים | θαυμαστοὶ οἱ μετεωρισμοὶ τῆς θαλάσσης |
| | אֲדִיר בְּ/מְרוֹם יְהוָה | θαυμαστός ἐν ὑψηλοῖς ὁ κύριος |

In Psa 76:5 [75:5] the Greek interpretation involves the adverbial form,

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| Psa. 76:5 | נָאֹר אַתָּה אֲדִיר | φωτίζεις σὺ θαυμαστῶς |
| | מִ/הַרְרֵי־טָרֶף | ἀπὸ ὀρέων αἰωνίων |

This interpretation is correlative with the rendering of נָאֹר as a finite, active verb, φωτίζεις.

In Ps 16:3 [15:3] וְ/אֲדִירִי is rendered by means of a verbal form, which fits the use of forms of this lexeme as divine praise, and in this context as a divine act to the benefit of the saints on this earth:

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| לְ/קְדוֹשִׁים אֲשֶׁר־בְּ/אָרֶץ הַמָּה | τοῖς ἁγίοις τοῖς ἐν τῇ γῆ αὐτοῦ |
| וְ/אֲדִירִי כָל־חַפְצֵי־יָבֵם | ἔθαυμάστωσεν πάντα τὰ θελήματα αὐτοῦ ἐν αὐτοῖς |

The rendering of אַדִּיר as κραταιός as found in Psa 136:18 fits other uses of this lexeme:

Psa 136:18 וַיִּהְרֹג מַלְכִים אֲדִירִים / καὶ ἀποκτείναντι βασιλεῖς κραταιούς

In comparison one notes the cases where אַדִּיר is matched with other terms meaning ‘force’ or

‘power’ (Jud 5:13 (LXX B): , אֲדִירִים / לְ / τοῖς ἰσχυροῖς)

On the other hand, the Alignment f/acilitates the analysis of the Greek equivalents, and thus serves as a bi-directional concordance

Thus one may examine other uses of θαυμαστός, which may shed light on its use to render אַדִּיר. For instance, this adjective is often used to render נורא, or נפלא (or other derivatives of the root פלא), e.g.,

1. נורא

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Deu 28:58.13 אַתְּ הָ / שָׁם | τὸ ὄνομα |
| Deu 28:58.14 הָ / נִכְבָּד | τὸ ἔντιμον |
| Deu 28:58.15 הָ / הָ / נֹרָא | καὶ τὸ θαυμαστὸν |
| Deu 28:58.16 הָ / זֶה | τοῦτο |
| | |
| Psa 65:6.1 נֹרָא | θαυμαστός [64.5] |
| Psa 65:6.2 בְּ / צֶדֶק | ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ [64.5] |
| Psa 65:6.3 תַּעֲנֵנוּ / נוּ | ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν [64.6] |
| Psa 65:6.4 אֱלֹהֵי | ὁ θεός [64.6] |
| Psa 65:6.5 נוּ / יִשַׁע | ὁ σωτὴρ ἡμῶν [64.6] |
| | |
| Psa 68:36.1 נֹרָא | θαυμαστός [67.36] |
| Psa 68:36.2 אֱלֹהִים | ὁ θεός [67.36] |

2. פלא / נפלא

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| Deu 28:59.1 וְהִפְלֵא | καὶ παραδοξάσει |
| Deu 28:59.2 יְהוָה | κύριος |
| Deu 28:59.3 אֶת מַכּוֹתַי | τὰς πληγὰς σου |
| Deu 28:59.4 וְאֶת מַכּוֹת | καὶ τὰς πληγὰς |
| Deu 28:59.5 זְרַעַי | τοῦ σπέρματός σου |
| Deu 28:59.6 מַכּוֹת | πληγὰς |
| Deu 28:59.7 גְּדֹלוֹתַי | μεγάλας |
| Deu 28:59.8 וְנִאֲמָנוֹתַי | καὶ θαυμαστάς |
| Deu 28:59.9 וְחִלָּיִם | καὶ νόσους |
| Deu 28:59.10 רְעִים | ποιηρὰς |
| Deu 28:59.11 וְנִאֲמָנִים | καὶ πιστὰς |
| | |
| Psa 65:6.1 נוֹרָאוֹת | θαυμαστός [64.5] |
| Psa 65:6.2 בְּצִדְקָתְךָ | έν δικαιοσύνη [64.5] |
| Psa 65:6.3 תַּעֲנֵנוּ נוֹ אֱלֹהֵי | ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν [64.6] |
| Psa 65:6.4 אֱלֹהֵי | ὁ θεὸς [64.6] |
| Psa 65:6.5 נוֹ / יִשְׁעֵךָ | ὁ σωτὴρ ἡμῶν [64.6] |
| | |
| Psa 98:1.8 נִפְלְאוֹת | θαυμαστὰ [97.1] |
| Psa 98:1.9 עֲשֵׂה | ἐποίησεν [97.1] |
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| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Psa 106:21.4 עֲשֵׂה | τοῦ ποιήσαντος [105.21] |
| Psa 106:21.5 גְּדֹלוֹת | μεγάλα [105.21] |
| Psa 106:21.6 בְּ / מִצְרַיִם | ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ [105.21] |
| Psa 106:22.1 נִפְלְאוֹת | θαυμαστά [105.22] |
| Psa 106:22.2 בְּ / אֲרֶץ | ἐν γῆ [105.22] |
| Psa 106:22.3 חָם | χαμ [105.22] |
| Psa 106:22.4 נִוְרָאוֹת | φοβερα [105.22] |
| Psa 106:22.5 עַל | ἐπὶ [105.22] |
| Psa 106:22.6 יַם | θαλάσσης [105.22] |
| Psa 106:22.7 סוּף | ἐρυθρᾶς [105.22] |
| | |
| Psa 118:23.5 הִיא | καὶ ἔστιν [117.23] |
| Psa 118:23.6 נִפְלְאוֹת | θαυμαστὴ [117.23] |
| Psa 118:23.7 בְּעֵינֵינוּ | ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν [117.23] |
| | |
| Psa 119:129.3 פְּלִאוֹת | θαυμαστά [118.129] |
| Psa 119:129.4 עֲדוּתֶיךָ | τὰ μαρτύριά σου [118.129] |

The fact that the alignment aims at giving the exact counter parts, can be very helpful in searches, for instance, when one lexeme in the MT is matched by various different lexemes in the LXX, e.g.

| | | |
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| Deut. 28:59 | וְהִפְלִא יְהוָה אֶת־מַכּוֹתֶיךָ | καὶ παραδοξάσει κύριος τὰς πληγὰς σου |
| | (...) | (...) |
| | מִכּוֹת גְּדֹלוֹת וְנֹאמָנוֹת | πληγὰς μεγάλας καὶ θαυμαστάς |

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| וְחִלִּים רְעִים וְנֹאמְנִים | καὶ νόσους ποιηράς καὶ πιστάς |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|

In addition, the Alignment also enables a number of morphological searches. In the Hebrew column the Parallel Alignment uses slashes in order to separate pre- and suffixes from the main word.

| | |
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| Gen 21:30.8 מִ/יָדִ/י | παρ' ἐμοῦ |
| Gen 23:13.17 מִ/מִנְ/י | παρ' ἐμοῦ |
| Gen 24:25.8 עִמִּ/נִי | παρ' ἡμῖν |

This notation is most clearly viewed in the original ASCII text of the Alignment, e.g.,

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| Gen 21:30.8 M/YD/Y | PAR' E)MOU= |
| Gen 23:13.17 M/MN/Y | PAR' E)MOU= |
| Gen 24:25.8 (M/NW | PAR' H(MI=N |

Thus the user is able to look for, e.g., the equivalent of the second person suffix /K, by asking for >>/K< followed by >space/tab<<

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Rut 4:8.5 לָךְ- | σεαυτῶ |
| Rut 4:11.15 בֵּיתְךָ- | τὸν οἶκόν σου |
| Rut 4:12.2 בֵּיתְךָ | ὁ οἶκός σου |
| Rut 4:12.14 לָךְ | σοι |
| Rut 4:14.10 לָךְ | σοι |
| Rut 4:15.2 לָךְ | σοι |

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Rut 4:15.6 אֶת־שִׁבְתְּךָ | τὴν πολιάν σου |
| Rut 4:15.8 כְּלָתְךָ | ἡ νύμφη σου |
| Rut 4:15.10 אֶהֱבֹבְךָ | ἀγαπήσασά σε |
| Rut 4:15.15 לְךָ | σοι |

Another search would involve the preposition K/ (space + K/):²

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rut 1:4.13 כִּ/ עֶשֶׂר | ὡς δέκα |
| Rut 1:8.14 כִּ/אֲשֶׁר | καθὼς |
| Rut 2:13.18 כִּ/אֲחַת שְׂפָחוֹתֶיךָ. | ὡς μία τῶν παιδισκῶν σου |
| Rut 2:17.9 כִּ/אִיפָּה | ὡς οἴφι |
| Rut 3:6.4 כִּ/כֹּל | κατὰ πάντα |
| Rut 4:11.16 כִּ/רַחֵל | ὡς Ραχηλ |
| Rut 4:11.17 וְ/כִלְאָה | καὶ ὡς Λειαν |

One could also investigate the way in which the translator uses a particle, e.g., the proposition παρά:

| | |
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| Gen 13:18.5 בִּ/ אֶלַי מִמְּרָא. | παρὰ τὴν δρῦν τὴν Μαμβρη |
| Gen 18:14.2 מִ/ יְהוָה | παρὰ τῷ θεῷ |
| Gen 19:1.8 בִּ/ שַׁעַר | παρὰ τὴν πύλην |
| Gen 19:24.9 מִ/ אֵת יְהוָה | παρὰ κυρίου. |

² Note that the space is necessary to make sure that K/ is forming a separate entry. If there is no space, it could be the last graph of another entry. The same holds true for >> B/<<, >> L/<< etc. On the other hand, if the suffix >>/K << is meant, one should enter the space, otherwise the program will also search for >>/KM<<, >>/KN<<, and even >>/KY <<.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gen 22:17.11 עַל־שֵׁפֶת הַיָּם / הַ | παρὰ τὸ χεῖλος τῆς θαλάσσης |
| Gen 23:20.9 מִן / אֶת בְּנֵי־חֵת | παρὰ τῶν υἱῶν Χετ |
| Gen 24:11.5 אֶל־בְּיָרֵךְ / הַמַּיִם, | παρὰ τὸ φρέαρ τοῦ ὕδατος |
| Gen 24:50.5 מִן / יְהוָה | παρὰ κυρίου |

Thus the Parallel Alignment has much more to offer than an ordinary concordance. For fully developed morphological searches, one may couple the Alignment to the WTM text or the Greek morphology, e.g., BLM.

An additional element in the Alignment is provided by various text-critical and translation-technical notations.

But before we can continue outlining these aspects, we have to deal with some technicalities.

2. On Hebrew and Aramaic Notations.

As already stated in the opening of this manual, the basis for our notation is the lexeme, which is the main word on most lines. Suffixes, affixes and prefixed prepositions in the Hebrew are separated from the main word by means of a slash (/).

a. Aramaic

Stretches in Aramaic are indicated by the notation „a following the vocables in the MT column, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Ezr 4:11.1 דְּנָה „a | αὕτη |
| Ezr 4:11.2 פְּרִשְׁנָן „a | ἡ διαταγή |
| Ezr 4:11.3 אֲנָרְתָּ / א „a | τῆς ἐπιστολῆς |
| Ezr 4:11.4 <דִּי „a | ἥς |

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Ezr 4:11.5 שְׁלַחוּ „a | ἀπέστειλαν |
| Ezr 4:11.6 עַל/וְהִי „a | πρὸς αὐτόν |
| Ezr 4:11.7 עַל „a | πρὸς |
| Ezr 4:11.8 אֶרְתָּחֶשְׁתָּא „a | αρθασασθα |
| Ezr 4:11.9 מֶלֶךְ/א „a | βασιλέα |

b. Prefixed Elements

Prepositions that are prefixed to the main word, e.g., ב, ל, כ, מ, are separated from the main word by a slash, e.g. , in the ASCII notation (B/, L/, K/, M/),

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Gen 34:15.2 B/Z)T | E)N TOU/TW I |
| Gen 34:15.3 N)WT | O(MOIWQHSD/MEQA |
| Gen 34:15.4 L/KM | U(MI=N |

Or in the Bible Works text:

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Gen 34:15.2 ב/זאת | ἐν τούτῳ |
| Gen 34:15.3 נ'אות | ὁμοιωθησόμεθα |
| Gen 34:15.4 ל/כם | ὑμῖν |

On the other hand, separate prepositions are considered as main words, e.g., אל, אנל, אצל, בער, כמו (alternating with כמ), מן, על as are prefixable prepositions with suffix, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Exo 15:11.1 מִי | τίς |
| Exo 15:11.2 כְּמִ/כָּה | ὅμοιός σοι |
| Exo 15:11.3 בְּ/אֵלִים | ἐν θεοῖς |

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Jdg 5:28.7 בַּעַד | ἐκτὸς |
| Jdg 5:28.8 הַ / אֲשַׁנֵּב | τοῦ τοξικοῦ |
| Gen 34:20.5 אֶל | πρὸς |
| Gen 34:20.6 שַׁעַר | τὴν πύλην |
| Gen 34:20.7 עִיר / ם | τῆς πόλεως αὐτῶν |
| Lev 19:18.8 וְ / אֶהְבֵּתָ | καὶ ἀγαπήσεις |
| Lev 19:18.9 לְ / רֵעֶךָ | τὸν πλησίον σου |
| Lev 19:18.10 כְּמוֹ / ךָּ | ὡς σεαυτόν |

c. Affixed Elements

Affixed elements include possessive and object suffixes, including **מו** / (in ASCII /MW), etc., as well as the He locale, e.g.,

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| Gen 18:6.1 וְ / יִמְהַר | καὶ ἔσπευσεν |
| Gen 18:6.2 אַבְרָהָם | Αβρααμ |
| Gen 18:6.3 הַ / אֶהְלֵ / ה | ἐπὶ τὴν σκηνὴν |
| Exo 15:9.9 אֶרִיק | ἀνελῶ |
| Exo 15:9.10 חֶרְבִּי / י | τῆ μαχαίρῃ μου |
| Exo 15:9.11 תִּרְיֹשׁ / מו | κυριεύσει |
| Exo 15:9.12 יְדִי / י | ἡ χεὶρ μου |

In plural forms with suffix, the slash, in spite of the grammar, precedes the Y of the plural form, in order to facilitate searches, e.g., in ASCII, PN/YK, BN/YK, L/NP\$T/YKM (פנ/יך, בנ/יך, יכם/ל/נפשת/יכם). The same format is used for the prepositions אל and על with suffix, once again in spite of the grammar: in ASCII)L/YK, (L/YK, M/(L/Y (אל/יך, על/י, על/י, מ/על/י)Also note)XR/YW (אחר/י)

If the Y belongs to the basic form of the noun in the singular, it stands before the slash,)BY/K,)XY/K, PY/K (פי/ו, אחי/ך, אבי/ך). But the suffix of the 1st per. sing. follows the slash:)B/Y,)X/Y, P/Y (אב/י, אח/י, פ/י). In the plural form, the Y comes after the slash, W/)X/YK (אח/יך/ו)

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Gen 37:12.2 יו/אָחָיו | οἱ ἀδελφοὶ αὐτοῦ |
| Gen 31:37.13 י/אָחָיו | τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου |
| Gen 31:37.14 יך/אָחָיו/ו | καὶ τῶν ἀδελφῶν σου |

But:)XY/W (אָחָיו/ו) equals τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ (Gen 37:19.4).

Note: מן with the suffix of the third person singular ('from him') equals ו/מנו/מ, but with the first person plural ('from us') =נו/מ/מ.

3. Numbering.

In many cases the verse numbering of the LXX differs from that in the MT. The most simple case is that in the Greek book of Psalms, in which the numbering of the chapters differs from that of MT from Ps 9: on. In this case the verse number itself relates to the MT, whereas the number according to the LXX is brought within single brackets, e.g., [9.22], indicating LXX chapter 9:22.

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| Psa 10:1.1 לַ/מָה | τίνα τί [9.22] |
| Psa 10:1.2 יְהוָה | κύριε [9.22] |
| Psa 10:1.3 תַעֲמֹד | ἀφέστηκας [9.22] |
| Psa 10:1.4 בַ/רְחֹק | μακρόθεν [9.22] |
| Psa 10:1.5 תַעֲלִים | ὑπερορᾶς [9.22] |
| Psa 10:1.6 לַ/עֲתוֹת | ἐν εὐκαιρίαις [9.22] |
| Psa 10:1.7 בַ/צָרָה | ἐν θλίψει [9.22] |

And similarly:

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| Psa 11:1.1 לַ/מִנְצָח | εἰς τὸ τέλος [10.1] |
| Psa 11:1.2 לַ/דָּוִד | ψαλμὸς τῷ Δαυιδ [10.1] |
| | |
| Psa 147:11.4 הַ/מִיַּחֲלִים | τοῖς ἐλπίζουσιν [146.1] |
| Psa 147:11.5 לַ/חֶסֶד | ἐπὶ τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ |
| | |
| Psa 147:12.4 שְׁבַחֵי | ἐπαίνει [147.1] |
| Psa 147:12.5 יְרוּשָׁלַם | Ἱερουσαλημ [147.1] |
| Psa 147:12.6 אֶת־יְהוָה | τὸν κύριον [147.1] |
| | |
| Psa 147:20.1 לֹא: | οὐκ [147.9] |
| Psa 147:20.2 עָשָׂה | ἐποίησεν [147.9] |
| Psa 147:20.3 וְכֵן | οὕτως [147.9] |
| Psa 147:20.4 לַ/כָּל | παντὶ [147.9] |
| Psa 147:20.5 גוֹי | ἔθνει [147.9] |

The same system is used in the book of Jeremiah, in which the order of the chapters in the LXX greatly differs from that in the MT. Here too the number of the verse in the LXX (according to the Rahlfs edition)³ is given between brackets, []:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Jer 25:13.14 אֲשֶׁר | ὅσα [32.13] |
| Jer 25:13.15 נָבֵא | ἐπροφήτευσεν [32.13] |
| Jer 25:13.16 יְרֵמְיָהוּ | ιερεμιας [32.13] |
| Jer 25:13.17 עַל | ἐπὶ [32.13] |
| Jer 25:13.18 כָּל | πάντα [32.13] |
| Jer 25:13.19 הַגּוֹיִם | τὰ ἔθνη [32.13] |

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Jer 46:2.1 לְמִצְרַיִם | τῇ Αἰγύπτῳ [26.2] |
| Jer 46:2.2 אֶחָד | ἐπὶ [26.2] |
| Jer 46:2.3 אֶחָד | δύναμιν [26.2] |
| Jer 46:2.4 פַּרְעֹה | φαραω [26.2] |
| Jer 46:2.5 נָכוֹ | νεχaw [26.2] |
| Jer 46:2.6 מֶלֶךְ | βασιλέως [26.2] |
| Jer 46:2.7 מִצְרַיִם | αἰγύπτου [26.2] |

This is the way the Parallel Alignment deals with most order problems involving verses, unless the stretches are nearby.

³ It is to be noted that the numbering according to the Goettingen edition may differ from that used by Rahlfs.

If the text of the Greek relates to a Hebrew text found elsewhere, the relevant MT number is given between double brackets [[]], e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1Ki 4:19.18 {...} | ιωσαφατ [[17]] |
| 1Ki 4:19.19 {...} | υἱός [[17]] |
| 1Ki 4:19.20 {...} | φουασουδ [[17]] |
| 1Ki 4:19.21 {...} | ἐν ισσαχαρ [[17]] |

This notation means that the text which in the Greek follows that of verse 19 in 1 Kings 4, occurs in the MT in the same chapter, in v. 17:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1Ki 4:17.1 יהושפט | ιωσαφατ [19] |
| 1Ki 4:17.2 בן | υἱός [19] |
| 1Ki 4:17.3 פרוח | Φουασουδ [19] |
| 1Ki 4:17.4 ב. / יששכר | ἐν ισσαχαρ [19] |

The added verses are indicated by their numbers in Rahlfs, e.g., 1 Kings 2:46, subverse f:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1Ki 5:4.10 ב / כל | ἐν πᾶσιν [2.46f] |
| 1Ki 5:4.11 מלכי | τοῖς βασιλεῦσιν [2.46f] |
| 1Ki 5:4.12 עבר | πέραν [2.46f] |
| 1Ki 5:4.13 ה / נהר | τοῦ ποταμοῦ [2.46f] |

In the passage itself the added subverse of the Greek is indicated at the end of the verse, between curly brackets, and with the marking v, e.g., {vf}. As we shall explain below, the marking --+ “ indicates a long plus of the LXX at the present place:

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1Ki 2:46.79 --+ " =;כִּי <5.4%> | ὅτι {vf} |
| 1Ki 2:46.80 --+ " =;הוּא <5.4%> | ἦν {vf} |
| 1Ki 2:46.81 --+ " =;רְדָה {.../ב} <5.4%> | ἄρχων {vf} |
| 1Ki 2:46.82 --+ " =;בְּ / כָּל <5.4%> | ἐν παντὶ {vf} |
| 1Ki 2:46.83 --+ " =;עָבַר <5.4%> | πέραν {vf} |
| 1Ki 2:46.84 --+ " =;הַ / נָהַר <5.4%> | τοῦ ποταμοῦ {vf} |
| 1Ki 2:46.85 --+ " =;מִן / תַּפְסֹחַ = מִן / רַפִּיחַ | ἀπὸ ραφι {vf} [[5.4]] |
| 1Ki 2:46.86 --+ " = / עַד | ἕως {vf} [[5.4]] |
| 1Ki 2:46.87 --+ " = עֲזָה | γάζης.(g {vf} [[5.4]] |
| 1Ki 2:46.88 --+ " = בְּ / כָּל | ἐν πᾶσιν {vf} [[5.4]] |
| 1Ki 2:46.89 --+ " = מִלְכֵי | τοῖς βασιλεῦσιν {vf} [[5.4]] |
| 1Ki 2:46.90 --+ " = עָבַר | πέραν {vf} [[5.4]] |
| 1Ki 2:46.91 --+ " = הַ / נָהַר | τοῦ ποταμοῦ {vf} [[5.4]] |

The indication [[5.4]] means that the corresponding MT sequence is found in 1 Kings 5:4.⁴

4. Notation Problems

a. Split notation and other Problems in the Presentation of the Text

The basic problem in presenting the Hebrew and Greek text in a linear sequence, is difference in word order. In some cases these differences relate to the Hebrew source text. Such changes in order will be dealt with below. First of all we have to present the

⁴ This indication is in its place, since the phrase marked by this symbol is not extant in the LXX at 5:4. In contrast, the phrase marked in the Hebrew column by the

many cases that relate to linguistic differences between the languages or to differences in stylistic preferences. In such cases the Alignment has to assign the equivalents a special status, so that the equivalence is made clear, while preserving the word order of Hebrew and Greek.

1. Split Notation {...} / {...xxx}

In the Alignment this aim is reached by means of *split representation*, indicated by curly brackets and three dots {...}, or with the Greek (or Hebrew) term inserted, {...xxx}.

One of the prime examples of this notation relates to the Greek conjunction γάρ, ‘since, for.’ As this particle always follows the first word of the clause in which it occurs (it stands in *second position*), it does not tally with its Hebrew counterpart כִּי since this particle typically occurs *in first position* (the opening of the clause). In the following case the solution is provided by split notation:

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Isa 1:20.6 {...} | τὸ |
| Isa 1:20.7 כִּי | γάρ |
| Isa 1:20.9 כִּי | {...τὸ} στόμα |
| Isa 1:20.10 יְהוָה | κυρίου |
| Isa 1:20.11 דִּבֶּר | ἐλάλησεν |

In τὸ γὰρ στόμα κυρίου, γὰρ is found between the article τὸ and the noun στόμα. Hence the article has to be given first, but without any Hebrew equivalent. Its match on the line is {...}. The article is followed by γὰρ, on one line with its counterpart כִּי, and finally by the noun στόμα, which equals כִּי. The article, used in the Greek to indicate the determination, has now to be mentioned again. Such repeated mention is made possible by curly

indication <5.4%>, for which see below ,is represented at LXX 5.4.

brackets, surrounding the word at hand: {... τὸ} στόμα.

Another frequent use of this notation is found in relative clauses. In Hebrew syntax, the relative particle אשר does not indicate any syntactic relationship to the predicate of the relative clause. Hence any syntactic marking has to be performed by additional elements, mostly adverbs and particles with pronominal suffixes. In the Greek, on the other hand, these markings are indicated by means of the relative pronoun. In order to coordinate two constructions that are so different each from another, the split notation is there to help out:

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Gen 3:23.6 לְ/עֲבַד | ἐργάζεσθαι |
| Gen 3:23.7 אֶת הַ/אֲדָמָה | τὴν γῆν |
| Gen 3:23.8 אֲשֶׁר {מִ/שָׁם...} | ἐξ ἧς |
| Gen 3:23.9 לְקַח | ἐλήμφθη |
| Gen 3:23.10 מִ/שָׁם | {...} |

In the Hebrew relative clause מִ/שָׁם occurs in final position, a position which does not match the Greek in which the אֲשֶׁר מִשָּׁם construction is expressed by the relative ἐξ ἧς. Accordingly, on its own line מִ/שָׁם is/ matched by {...}. It is repeated on the אֲשֶׁר line, within curly brackets, {...מִ/שָׁם}, so as to provide the equivalent of Greek ἐξ ἧς.

This construction is also used when the Greek text looks like a combined rendering of a number of different words that cannot be placed on one line. For instance, in the genealogical notes, שָׁנָה occurs repeatedly within the same noun phrase:

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Gen 9:29.1 וַיְהִי | καὶ ἐγένοντο |
| Gen 9:29.2 כָּל | πάσαι |

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Gen 9:29.3 יְמֵי | αἱ ἡμέραι |
| Gen 9:29.4 נָח | νωε |
| Gen 9:29.5 תִּשְׁעַ מֵאוֹת | {...} |
| Gen 9:29.6 שָׁנָה | {...} |
| Gen 9:29.7 {תִּשְׁעַ מֵאוֹת...} וַחֲמִשִּׁים | ἐννακόσια πεντήκοντα |
| Gen 9:29.8 {שָׁנָה...} שָׁנָה | ἔτη |

In this verse the number of years, 950, is broken up into two units, in accordance with the style that is particular to these lists: {תִּשְׁעַ מֵאוֹת}, indexed by שָׁנָה, and followed by וַחֲמִשִּׁים, with the recurrent index שָׁנָה. In the Greek, however, the sequence is quite straightforward, ἐννακόσια πεντήκοντα ἔτη, with one complex of numbers and one index ἔτη. In the Hebrew column of the Alignment both elements are united by means of the curly brackets: {תִּשְׁעַ מֵאוֹת...} וַחֲמִשִּׁים, on one line with ἐννακόσια πεντήκοντα. The single index ἔτη is matched with {שָׁנָה...} שָׁנָה. Of course, the numeral {תִּשְׁעַ=מֵאוֹת} and its index שָׁנָה are also noted on lines of their own, both matched by the {...} mark.

2. {..^xxx} Stylistic/linguistic differences in word order.

The curly brackets are also useful when the Greek translator follows the order of the Greek, and disregards, for linguistic reasons, a different word order in the Hebrew. The prime example is once again the conjunction γὰρ which, as we have already seen, always occurs in second position, whereas its Hebrew equivalent mostly is found in first position (the opening of the clause). In such cases the curly brackets include a sign ^, to indicate the change in word order. For instance, in the blessing of Isaac:

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Gen 26:3.7 כִּי | {..^γὰρ} |
|-----------------|----------|

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Gen 26:3.8 לְךָ | σοι |
| Gen 26:3.9 {...} | γὰρ |
| Gen 26:3.10 וְלִזְרַעְךָ | καὶ τῷ σπέρματί σου |
| Gen 26:3.11 אֶתֵּן | δώσω |
| Gen 26:3.12 אֶת כָּל | πάσαν |
| Gen 26:3.13 הָאֲרֶצֶת | τῆν γῆν |
| Gen 26:3.14 הָאֵל | ταύτην |

In order that לְךָ will be on one line with its equivalent γὰρ, the latter is repeated with the indication of the change in word order, as {...^γὰρ}. The conjunction itself remains in its proper place in the Greek column, matched by {...}.

If the problem of word order occur relates to two adjacent words that are semantically connected, the way to deal with it is by use of a single sign ^ within the line (on the Greek side):

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Gen 29:15.1 W וַיֹּאמֶר | εἶπεν ^ δὲ |
| Gen 29:15.2 לְבָן | λαβαν |

3. {...d } Double Duty.⁵

The curly brackets are also very helpful when the Greek translator uses one pronoun in, e.g., the genitive to render a series of suffixes in the Hebrew, in particular when they occur in a series of nouns coordinated by the copula:

⁵ In the original formulation of the introduction to the Alignment the term 'Distributive Rendering' was used.

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gen 28:7.1 וַיִּשְׁמַע | καὶ ἤκουσεν |
| Gen 28:7.2 יַעֲקֹב | Ἰακωβ |
| Gen 28:7.3 אֶל-אָבִיו | τοῦ πατρὸς {..δαύτοῦ} |
| Gen 28:7.4 וְאֶל-אִמּוֹ | καὶ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ |

Since one hardly could doubt that the single pronoun αὐτοῦ renders both suffixes the rendering is also mentioned on the line where it is not represented in the Greek. Here it is marked as doing double duty by the notation {..d...}. This notation is also used in verbal sequences, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Gen 29:13.12 וַיִּנָּשֶׁק | ἔφίλησεν |
| Gen 29:13.13 ל/וֹ | {..δαύτον} |
| Gen 29:13.14 וַיְבִיא/הוּ | καὶ εἰσήγαγεν αὐτὸν |
| Gen 29:13.15 אֶל | εἰς |
| Gen 29:13.16 בֵּית/וֹ | εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ |

A similar solution is used when the Hebrew uses a preposition twice for a couple of nouns, whereas the Greek only has a single occurrence, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Joe 1:11.5 עַל | ὑπὲρ |
| Joe 1:11.6 חֲטָה | πυροῦ |
| Joe 1:11.7 עַל//וֹ | καὶ {..δὺπὲρ} |
| Joe 1:11.8 שְׁעָרָה | κριθῆς |

The second occurrence of Hebrew עַל is matched by the Greek {..δὺπὲρ}, since the single

occurrence is assumed to do double duty.

This notation can also be used in a series of repetitive construct states, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Exo 3:22.5 כְּלִי | σκεύη |
| Exo 3:22.6 כֶּסֶף | ἀργυρᾶ |
| Exo 3:22.7 וְ/כְלִי | καὶ {..σκεύη} |
| Exo 3:22.8 זָהָב | χρυσᾶ |

This notation is only used in the Greek column.

4. {..r } Repetitive Rendering.

The opposite phenomenon also occurs: the translator renders a word twice, even though in the Hebrew it occurs only once, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Gen 45:6.12 אֵין | οὐκ ἔσται |
| Gen 45:6.13 חֲרִישׁ | ἀροτρίασις |
| Gen 45:6.14 וְ/קִצִּיר {..r אֵין} | οὐδὲ ἄμητος |

The Greek repeats the negation particle. Even though the Hebrew source may have used the construction אֵין חֲרִישׁ וְ/אֵין קִצִּיר, the present notation is preferred since in Hebrew the repetition of the negative element in coordinated phrases is optional, whereas in the Greek it is a rule of syntax. Hence this constellation occurs frequently, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Eze 17:9.17 וְ/לֹא | καὶ οὐκ |
| Eze 17:9.18 בְּ/זֹרַעַ | ἐν βραχίονι |
| Eze 17:9.19 גְּדֹלְהָ | μεγάλῳ |

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Eze 17:9.20 {לֵא/ר/בְּעַם} {..r/א} | οὐδ' ἐν λαῶ |
| Eze 17:9.21 רַב | πολλῶ |

This construction can also apply to other common words, e.g., כֹּל:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2Ki 22:13.5 וְ/בַעַד | καὶ Περὶ |
| 2Ki 22:13.6 {כָּל/ר/..} | παντὸς |
| 2Ki 22:13.7 הָעַם | τοῦ λαοῦ |
| 2Ki 22:13.8 וְ/בַעַד | καὶ περὶ |
| 2Ki 22:13.9 כָּל | παντὸς |
| 2Ki 22:13.10 יְהוּדָה | τοῦ Ἰουδα |

5. {..p } Prepositions in the Greek.

Generally speaking the Hebrew of the MT can be very sparing in its use of prepositions, whereas the LXX uses many of them. Hence when the LXX has a preposition where the MT does not present a preposition or its equivalent (such as *he* locale), special notation is called for, on the basis of the assumption that the translator, rather than the Hebrew source text, bears responsibility for the preposition, e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Gen 27:3.7 {וְ/צֵא} | καὶ ἕξεσθε |
| Gen 27:3.8 {...} | εἰς |
| Gen 27:3.9 הָ/שָׂדֶה | {..preis } τὸ πεδίου |

The translator supplies a preposition which is required by his standards of Greek, but not by the rules of Hebrew syntax. Thus there is hardly reason to assume that the

Hebrew source text read, e.g., אל ה/שרה. Accordingly, the Greek preposition is presented on a line of its own, matched by {...}, and is repeated on the line of the Hebrew main word together with the Greek equivalent of the latter. On the latter line the preposition is marked by the notation {..p.

At times the Greek introduces prepositions to deal with idiomatic expressions of the Hebrew:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gen 29:14.5 {...} | ἐκ |
| Gen 29:14.6 עֲצָמָי/י | {..pἐκ} τῶν ὀστέων μου |
| Gen 29:14.7 {...} | καὶ |
| Gen 29:14.8 {...} | ἐκ |
| Gen 29:14.9 ו/בְּשָׂרִי/י | {...καὶ} {..pἐκ} τῆς σαρκός μου |
| Gen 29:14.10 אֶתָּה | εἶ σύ |

b. Differences in Word Order

1. One line .

The easiest case of differences in word order occurs when the Greek ordering differs from that of the various elements in a given vocable in the Hebrew. If the problem pertains to prefixed or affixed items, such as the conunct waw or the suffixed pronoun, the alignment uses notation within the line, by means of the sign ⁶, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Gen 3:5.9 וְנ/פָקְחוּ | διανοιχθήσονται |
| Gen 3:5.10 עֵינַי/יכֶם | ὕμων ⁶ οἱ ὀφθαλμοί |

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Gen 3:17.1 ו/לְאָדָם | τῷ ⁶ δὲ ἀδάμ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|

⁶ Retrievable as space⁶space.

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Gen 3:17.2 אָמַר | εἶπεν |
|------------------|-------|

2. Two Consecutive Lines

If the differences in word order relate to two consecutive lexemes, the notation by the ^ sign relates to two lines, which both contain a reconstruction of the word reflected by the Greek,

e.g.,

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Gen 47:23.5 הֵן | ἴδου |
| Gen 47:23.6 קִנִּיתִי | κέκτημαι |
| Gen 47:23.7 אֲתָ/כֶם | ὑμᾶς |
| Gen 47:23.8 הֵ/יּוֹם ^ = וְ/אֶת־אֲדָמְתְּ/כֶם | καὶ τῆν γῆν ὑμῶν |
| Gen 47:23.9 ^ אֲתָ/כֶם = הֵ/יּוֹם וְ/אֶת־אֲדָמְתְּ/כֶם | σήμερον |
| Gen 47:23.10 לְ/פַרְעֹה | τῷ Φαραῶ |

The differences in word order relate to אֲתָ/כֶם הֵ/יּוֹם וְ/אֶת־אֲדָמְתְּ/כֶם, rendered in the LXX as ὑμᾶς καὶ τῆν γῆν ὑμῶν σήμερον. The differences are indicated by means of the ^ sign which follows the first term of the pair, in the Hebrew, הֵ/יּוֹם ^, and precede its second member ^ אֲתָ/כֶם וְ/אֶת־אֲדָמְתְּ/כֶם. The reconstruction indicates the word order of the possible Hebrew source text. Thus, the Hebrew source text could have read: קניתי=אתכם ואת=אדמתכם היום

This text could represent (a) the primary text (that is, the Hebrew parent text), or (b) Hebrew revision of the primary text (in which case the MT would be primary).

On the other hand, the Greek translator may have preferred to remove the slight awkwardness of the word order in the Hebrew, in which the elements of the compound object אֲתָ/כֶם וְ/אֶת־אֲדָמְתְּ/כֶם are being separated by the adverb הֵ/יּוֹם

The decision between these possibilities is left to the reader. In any case, however, the

different word order could not be described as a result of Greek linguistic constraints. Needless to say that such reconstructions are considered plausible, rather than certain.

3. More than two lines.

If the differences in word order relate to more than two lexemes, notation by the simple ^ sign is not feasible any more. Thus the single ^ sign is complemented by ^^^. Each line involved must contain both ^ and ^^^, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Gen 50:12.1 יַעֲשֶׂהוּ /וּ | καὶ ἐποίησαν |
| Gen 50:12.2 יוּ /בְנֵי ^ | ^^^ |
| Gen 50:12.3 וּ /לְ | αὐτῶ |
| Gen 50:12.4 בְּנֵי | οὕτως |
| Gen 50:12.5 ^ ^^^ =יוּ /בְנֵי <sp> | οἱ υἱοὶ αὐτοῦ |

The word involved in the differences of sequence is יוּ /בְנֵי, which in the Hebrew follows the predicate, and thus occurs in second position, whereas in the Greek its counterpart stands in final position.

Thus the word יוּ /בְנֵי is marked by the ^ sign. On the Greek side it is matched by ^^^, to indicate that the Greek represents it at a different place, namely as οἱ υἱοὶ αὐτοῦ in final position

The counterpart of the latter phrase in the Hebrew column is marked by two notations: (a) the difference in word order is indicated by a single ^ followed by ^^^, which shows that the Hebrew vocable occurs elsewhere, and then followed by a reference to the Hebrew vocable that tallies with the Greek, as =יוּ /בְנֵי (in ASCII notation: =BN/YW). In the case at hand, the <sp> notation refers to a similar word order in the Samaritan Pentateuch (see below).

Thus the ^^^ sign can stand (a) on the Greek side, matching the Hebrew element which in the Greek is reflected elsewhere or

(b) on the Hebrew side, on the place where the LXX presents the correspondent term (with a reconstruction in the Hebrew column).

The ^ sign stands on the Hebrew side, (a) to mark the vocable involved in the different word order, (b) to mark the reference to it on the spot where the LXX presents its equivalent.

In many cases whole word groups, phrases or even clauses are found at different places in the Hebrew and the Greek. In this case consecutive lines are treated in the same way as the single line of the previous example, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Lev 13:49.1 וְהָיָה | καὶ γένηται |
| Lev 13:49.2 הַנֶּגַע | ἡ ἀφή |
| Lev 13:49.3 יִרְקַק | χλωρίζουσα |
| Lev 13:49.4 או | ἢ |
| Lev 13:49.5 אֲדַמְדָּם | πυρρίζουσα |
| Lev 13:49.6 בְּ/עוֹר = ^^^ ^ | ἐν τῷ δέρματι |
| Lev 13:49.7 או = ^^^ ^ | ἢ |
| Lev 13:49.8 בְּ/בִגְד | ἐν τῷ ἱματίῳ |
| Lev 13:49.9 או ^ | ^^^ |
| Lev 13:49.10 בְּ/עוֹר ^ | ^^^ |

The Hebrew has the noun group בְּבִגְד , או בְּעוֹר (1 - in the cloth, 2- or ,3 - the skin) , whereas the Greek has the inverse order: 3 - the skin, 2- or, 1- 1 - in the cloth, which may reflect the Hebrew בְּעוֹר או בְּבִגְד

In our notation בְּ/בִגְד is left untouched, whereas the elements of the Hebrew stretch

אוּ / בְּעוֹר are preceded by the ^ sign;⁷ on the Greek side they are matched by ^^, referring to another place in the text.

On the place where the LXX has the proper equivalent for בעור and for אוּ, the MT side is marked by ^^ and ^, followed by a reference to the Hebrew , = עוֹר / בְּ, = אוּ .

An example for a longer sequence:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Lev 26:6.1 ^^ ^ = וְ/חָרַב | καὶ πόλεμος |
| Lev 26:6.2 ^^ ^ = לֹא | οὐ |
| Lev 26:6.3 ^^ ^ = תֵּעָבֵר | διελεύσεται |
| Lev 26:6.4 ^^ ^ = בְּ / אֶרֶץ / כֶּם | διὰ τῆς γῆς ὑμῶν |
| Lev 26:6.5 וְנָתַתִּי | καὶ δώσω |
| Lev 26:6.6 שְׁלוֹמִי | εἰρήμην |
| Lev 26:6.7 בְּאֶרֶץ | ἐν τῇ γῇ ὑμῶν |
| (...) | (...) |
| Lev 26:6.12 וְהִשְׁבַּתִּי | καὶ ἀπολώ |
| Lev 26:6.13 חַיָּה | θηρία |
| Lev 26:6.14 רָעָה | Πονηρὰ |
| Lev 26:6.15 מִן | ἐκ |
| Lev 26:6.16 הָאֶרֶץ | τῆς γῆς ὑμῶν |
| Lev 26:6.17 ^ וְחָרַב | ^^ |
| Lev 26:6.18 ^ לֹא | ^^ |
| Lev 26:6.19 ^ תֵּעָבֵר | ^^ |
| Lev 26:6.20 ^ בְּאֶרֶץ כֶּם | ^^ |

⁷ Often the ^ sign follows the Hebrew vocable, e.g., Exo 20:13.

4. Differences in Verse Order.

In cases of differences in verse order the Alignment often uses split notation, e.g., in 1 Kings 4:19 (for which see ch. 3 above):

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1Ki 4:19.18 {...} | ιωσαφατ [[17]] |
| 1Ki 4:19.19 {...} | υἱὸς [[17]] |
| 1Ki 4:19.20 {...} | Φουασουδ [[17]] |
| 1Ki 4:19.21 {...} | ἐν ιωσαχαρ [[17]] |

In addition, two other ways of notation are possible:

1. The differences in word order are marked by the common notation, e.g.,

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Exo 20:13.1 לֹא־אֲדֹנָיִךָ ^ | ^^^ |
| Exo 20:13.2 אֲדֹנָיִךָ־לֹא־אֲדֹנָיִךָ ^ | ^^^ |
| Exo 20:14.1 לֹא־ | οὐ [13] |
| Exo 20:14.2 תִּנְאֹף־ | μοιχεύσεις [13] |
| Exo 20:15.1 לֹא־ | οὐ [14] |
| Exo 20:15.2 תִּקְבֹּץ־ | κλέψεις [14] |
| Exo 20:15.3 ^ ^^=לֹא־ | οὐ |
| Exo 20:15.4 ^ ^^=תִּרְצַח־ | φονεύσεις |

Note that the verse number of οὐ φονεύσεις is not different of that of the MT, since it is represented as an addition to 20:15 (of which the first half is numbered as v. 14 in the LXX).

2. The differences in word order are marked by the common notation, together with indication of the verse number in the Greek:

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Gen 31:44.17 ^ ^^^ = רָאָה <31.50> | ἰδὲ |
| Gen 31:44.18 ^ ^^^ = אֱלֹהִים | ὁ θεὸς [[50]] |
| Gen 31:44.19 ^ ^^^ = עֵד | μάρτυς [[50]] |
| Gen 31:44.20 ^ ^^^ = בֵּינִי | ἀνὰ μέσον ἐμοῦ [[50]] |
| Gen 31:44.21 ^ ^^^ = וּבֵינֵךְ | καὶ {..ἀνὰ μέσον} σοῦ [[50]] |

Thus the Greek plus forms the counterpart of v. 50 in the MT.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Gen 31:50.4 אִם / וְ | εἰ |
| Gen 31:50.5 תִּקַּח | λήμψη |
| Gen 31:50.6 נָשִׁים | γυναῖκας |
| Gen 31:50.7 עַל | ἐπὶ |
| Gen 31:50.8 בְּנֹתַי | ταῖς θυγατράσιν μου |
| Gen 31:50.9 ^^^ ^ = רָאָה | ὄρα |
| Gen 31:50.10 אֵין אִישׁ | οὐθεὶς {... ἔστιν } |
| Gen 31:50.11 עִמָּנוּ / נוּ | μεθ' ἡμῶν |
| Gen 31:50.12 {...} | ἔστιν |
| Gen 31:50.13 רָאָה ^ | ^^^ |
| Gen 31:50.14 אֱלֹהִים ^ | ^^^ [44] |
| Gen 31:50.15 עֵד ^ | ^^^ [44] |
| Gen 31:50.16 בֵּינִי / י ^ | ^^^ [44] |
| Gen 31:50.17 וְ / בֵּינֵךְ / וְ ^ | ^^^ [44] |

At v. 50, therefore, the Greek column refers back to v. 44, where the Greek rendering of this verse is found.⁸

c. Lack of Representation in the Greek: Minus, ---

In many cases the MT includes words (at least one lexeme or dictionary word),⁹ phrases, clauses, verses and sometimes even entire stretches of verses, that are not represented in the LXX. Such textual units, which must comprise at least one lexeme (but not a preposition) constitute a ‘minus’ of the LXX vis-à-vis the MT (or better maybe, lack of representation vis-à-vis the MT). These cases are indicated by three dashes in the Greek column, ---, e.g.,¹⁰

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Gen 2:14.1 שם / וְ | καὶ --- |
| Gen 2:14.2 הַ/נְהַר | ὁ ποταμὸς |
| Gen 2:14.3 הַ/שְׁלִישִׁי | ὁ τρίτος |
| Gen 2:14.4 הַ/חֲדָקִל | τίγρις |

In this case, the Greek does not state that ‘the name of the third river is Hiddekel,’ but that ‘the third river is Hiddekel.’ The latter pattern fits the introduction of the fourth river, the Euphrates, whereas the former pattern fits the first two rivers. The shorter reading implied by the LXX, may, then, faithfully represent a variant Hebrew text, which did not include שם, but rather read הַ/נְהַר הַ/שְׁלִישִׁי חֲדָקִל

As a matter of fact, then, in v. 14 both readings are equally possible. It is impossible to

⁸ But the reference to רַמְסֵס is not treated this way, since the Greek counterpart is found in v. 50 itself, apart from the rendering at v. 44.

⁹ Cases in which the Greek renders the main word, but not preposition, affixes and suffixes connected with it, do not warrant notation as minus, since these phenomena are mostly a matter of translation technique.

¹⁰ On asterized passages in the LXX of Job, see below.

express well-based preference for the longer MT reading or the shorter reading of the LXX. The fact that all these possibilities are open, is implied by the term ‘minus.’

If the minus involves more than four lines, the notation used is --- “, for instance when we note lack of representation of longer phrases, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Gen 7:14.14 כל / וְ | καὶ πάν |
| Gen 7:14.15 עוף / הָ | πετεινὸν |
| Gen 7:14.16 לְ / מִיַּנְּ / הוּ | κατὰ γένος |
| Gen 7:14.17 לְ | --- |
| Gen 7:14.18 צִפּוֹר | --- |
| Gen 7:14.19 כָּל | --- |
| Gen 7:14.20 כָּנָף | --- |

of clauses, e.g.,

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Exo 12:41.1 וַיְהִי | καὶ ἐγένετο |
| Exo 12:41.2 מִקֵּץ | μετὰ |
| Exo 12:41.3 {...שָׁנָה} {...שְׁנָה} וְאַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת | τὰ τετρακόσια ^ τριάκοντα |
| Exo 12:41.4 {...שָׁנָה} שְׁנָה | {...τὰ} ἔτη |
| Exo 12:41.5 וְאַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת | {...} |
| Exo 12:41.6 שְׁנָה | {...} |
| Exo 12:41.7 וַיְהִי | --- |
| Exo 12:41.8 בֶּן / עֶצֶם | --- |
| Exo 12:41.9 הַ / יוֹם | --- |
| Exo 12:41.10 הַ / יוֹם | --- |

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Exo 12:41.11 יִצְאוּ | ἔξηλθεν |
| Exo 12:41.12 כָּל | πάσα |
| Exo 12:41.13 צְבָאוֹת | ἡ δύναμις |
| Exo 12:41.14 יְהוָה | κυρίου |
| Exo 12:41.15 מִ/אֶרֶץ | γῆς |
| Exo 12:41.16 מִצְרַיִם | Αἰγύπτου |

More than once the possibility that a certain word lacks representation in the LXX seems much less plausible than the possibility that its rendering is implied in another term that is represented in the LXX. In such cases the Alignment uses the split notation and a question mark. On the one line the minus is noted with a question mark, but on the other line the vocable is presented within curly brackets and question mark, so that it still is related to the Greek word by which it could be implied, e.g.,

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Exo 16:10.1 וַיְהִי / וְ | --- ? |
| Exo 16:10.2 {...? וַיְהִי} כִּ/דַּבֵּר =%c | ἡνίκα δὲ ἐλάλει |
| Exo 16:10.3 אֶהְרֹץ | ααρων |

וַיְהִי / וְ, often rendered by καὶ ἐγένετο or ἐγένετο δὲ, seems to lack representation in the Greek. On the other hand, it could be implied in the time clause, ἡνίκα δὲ ἐλάλει, standing for כִּ/דַּבֵּר, to which וַיְהִי / וְ serves as introduction. Thus the Alignment presents וַיְהִי / וְ as a doubtful minus, notation --- ?, and brings it in the line of כִּ/דַּבֵּר within curly brackets, {...? וַיְהִי} כִּ/דַּבֵּר. In other words, וַיְהִי / וְ probably is implied by ἡνίκα δὲ ἐλάλει, although the matter is not deemed certain. The annotation =%c indicates that the case at hand probably represents condensation on the part of the translator.

The notation with question marks is often used, in particular when the case at hand

relates to two words of similar content, or to repetition of the same word, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Exo 29:23.1 וְכִפֹּר | καὶ --- ? |
| Exo 29:23.2 {...?כפר / } לֶחֶם | ἄρτον |
| Exo 29:23.3 אַחַת | ένα |

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Exo 30:1.2 מִזְבֵּחַ | θυσιαστήριον |
| Exo 30:1.3 מִקְטֹרֶת | --- ? |
| Exo 30:1.4 קְטֹרֶת {...?מק'טר} | θυμιάματος |

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Exo 25:2.7 מִ/אֵת | παρὰ |
| Exo 25:2.8 כָּל | πάντων |
| Exo 25:2.9 אִישׁ | --- ? |
| Exo 25:2.10 אִשׁ {...?איש} | οἷς ἂν |
| Exo 25:2.11 נֹדֵב/נו | δόξη |
| Exo 25:2.12 לֵב/ו | τῆ καρδία |

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Exo 21:31.1 או | ἐὰν δε |
| Exo 21:31.2 בֵּן | υἶόν |
| Exo 21:31.3 יָגַח | --- ? |
| Exo 21:31.4 או | ἢ |
| Exo 21:31.5 בֵּת | θυγατέρα |
| Exo 21:31.6 יָגַח {...?יג'ח} =%c | κερατίση |

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Num 1:4.1 כֹּסֶם / אֶתְ / וְ | καὶ μεθ' ὑμῶν |
| Num 1:4.2 יְהִי | ἔσονται |
| Num 1:4.3 אִישׁ {...?שׁ} | ἕκαστος |
| Num 1:4.4 אִישׁ | --- ? |
| Num 1:4.5 לְ / מִטְּהָ | κατὰ φυλὴν |

This notation also is often used to indicate the use of expanded forms of the divine name (with epithets), where the LXX has a single term, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Gen 2:7.1 וַיִּצְרֶה / וְ | καὶ ἔπλασεν |
| Gen 2:7.2 יְהִי | --- ? |
| Gen 2:7.3 {...?יְהִי} אֱלֹהִים (= %c) | ὁ θεὸς |
| Gen 2:7.4 אֶתְ / אָדָם | τὸν ἄνθρωπον |

| | |
|--|----------|
| Gen 15:2.3 אֲדֹנָי {...?יְהוָה} (= %c) | δέσποτα |
| Gen 15:2.4 יְהוָה | --- ? |
| Gen 15:2.5 מָה | τί |
| Gen 15:2.6 {...} | μοι |
| Gen 15:2.7 תָּתֵן | δώσεις |
| Gen 15:2.8 לִי / | {..^μοι} |

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Isa 10:24.2 כֹּה | τάδε |
| Isa 10:24.3 אָמַר | λέγει |

| | |
|--|--------|
| Isa 10:24.4 אֲדַנִּי | --- ? |
| Isa 10:24.5 {...אֲדַנִּי?} {יְהוָה =%c | κύριος |

d. Lack of a correspondent counterpart in the MT: Plus, --+

The twin of lack of representation is lack of a corresponding counterpart: the LXX presents a word, phrase, clause or larger stretch (beyond the clause) that is not matched by a corresponding element in the MT. If this text could represent an element that was included in the Hebrew source text of the LXX, it is noted, in the Hebrew column, as a plus, notation --+ (--+ “ for stretches that include four lines or more), e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gen 9:22.7 {...} | καὶ |
| Gen 9:22.8 --+ =יִצַּא /ו | ἔξελθὼν |
| Gen 9:22.9 יִגַּד /ו | {...καὶ} ἀνήγγειλεν |
| Gen 9:22.10 שְׁנֵי /ל | τοῖς δυσὶν |
| Gen 9:22.11 יו /אָחָא | {...τοῖς} ἀδελφοῖς αὐτοῦ |
| Gen 9:22.12 יָצַא /ב | ἔξω |

In this stretch the Greek plus ἔξελθὼν could well represent the Hebrew verb יִצַּא /ו, for Noah was lying drunk in the tent (v. 21). Hence this verb is offered as reconstruction and marked as such by the equal sign =xxx; see chapter 4,. Reconstruction of the Source Text).

In the following example, a similar logic applies to the conjunction ὅτι, which has no counterpart in the MT:

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Gen 12:12.6 אֲמַרְו /ו | ἔροδσιν |
|------------------------|---------|

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Gen 12:12.7 --+ = כִּי | ὅτι |
| Gen 12:12.8 וְ/אִשָּׁתָּה | ὅτι γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ |
| Gen 12:12.9 אִתָּהּ | αὐτή |

In many cases the LXX contains an expanded form of the divine name, e.g., adding the epithet ὁ θεὸς to κύριος, reflecting a solemn formula, such as, e.g., יהוה אלהים/יכם (cf. Exo 6:7; Deu 3:18, 21). Hence the following reconstruction:¹¹

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Deu 3:20.3 יְהוָה | κύριος |
| Deu 3:20.4 --+ =; אלהים/יכם | ὁ θεὸς ὑμῶν |

The following case is an example of a clause which has no counterpart in the MT:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 2Sa 20:22.1 וְ/תָבוֹא | καὶ εἰσῆλθεν |
| 2Sa 20:22.2 וְ/אִשָּׁתָּה | ἡ γυναῖκα |
| 2Sa 20:22.3 אֶל | πρὸς |
| 2Sa 20:22.4 כָּל | πάντα |
| 2Sa 20:22.5 וְ/עַם | τὸν λαὸν |
| 2Sa 20:22.6 --+ " = וְ/תָדַבֵּר | καὶ ἐλάλησεν |
| 2Sa 20:22.7 --+ " = אֶל | πρὸς |
| 2Sa 20:22.8 --+ " = כָּל | πάσαν |
| 2Sa 20:22.9 --+ " = וְ/עִיר | τὴν πόλιν |

¹¹ The reconstruction is marked by a semicolon following the equal sign (=;...) to indicate that it is based on a common phrase or on a similar term in the context (see chapter 4 below, on the reconstruction of possible Hebrew source text).

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2Sa 20:22.10 הַ / הַכְּמַתָּ / בְּ | ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ αὐτῆς |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|

e. *Ketib* and *Qere*.

The Alignment also includes notation of *Ketib*, marked as *, and *Qere*, marked as **. If the LXX fits the *Ketib*, the agreement is marked as {*}. The notation {**} marks agreement between the LXX and the *Qere*, e.g.,

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Gen 8:17.14 *הוּצֵא הוּצֵא** | ἔξάγαγε |
| Gen 14:8.9 *צבֹיִם צבֹיִם** {**} | σεβωιμ |
| Gen 24:33.1 *וַיִּשָׁם וַיִּשָׁם** {*} | καὶ παρέθηκεν |
| Gen 25:23.5 *גַּיִם גַּיִם** {**} | ἔθνη |
| Exo 21:8.5 *לֹא לֹא** / לֹא {**} | αὐτῷ |
| 1Sa 2:10.3 *מַרְיָב מַרְיָב** / מַרְיָב {*} | ἀντίδικον αὐτοῦ |

Of course, not always is a decision possible, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Gen 27:3.12 *צִידָה צִידָה** | θήραν |
|------------------------------|-------|

In *Ketib wel_ Qere*, *Qere wel_ Ketib*, the zero-vocable (the nonextant vocable) is noted as z, e.g., with PRT as *Qere*, and z as *l_ Ketib*:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 2Sa 8:3.11 בְּ/נַהַר | ἐπὶ τὸν ποταμὸν |
| 2Sa 8:3.12 *z **פְּרָת {**} | Εὐφράτην |

In this case the LXX fits the *Qere*. An example for the LXX fitting the *Ketib*:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 2Sa 16:23.7 כֹּ/אֲשֶׁר | ὄν τρόπον |
| 2Sa 16:23.8 יִשְׂאֵל | ἐπερωτήση |
| 2Sa 16:23.9 *z **אִישׁ{*} | --- |
| 2Sa 16:23.10 בְּ/דְבַר | ἐν λόγῳ |
| 2Sa 16:23.11 הֵ/אֱלֹהִים | τοῦ θεοῦ |

An example for a short reading of the LXX fitting the *Qere* :

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Jer 51:3.2 יִדְרֶךְ | τεινέτω [28.3] |
| Jer 51:3.3 *z **יִדְרֶךְ {**} | --- [28.3] |
| Jer 51:3.4 הֵ/דְרֶךְ | ὁ τείνω [28.3] |

It is to be noted that these notations enable a variety of searches, namely all *Ketib/Qere* interchanges (**), all cases of *Ketib wela Qere* and vice versa (*z), as well as all cases in which the LXX corresponds with the *Qere*, {**}, or the *Ketib* {*}.

f. Broad lack of equivalence of Hebrew and Greek, --- {x} --+ {x}, {og}.

A particularly problematic situation is often encountered in such books as Proverbs and Job, since the MT of these books contains many pericopes for which the LXX does not offer any plausible equivalent, whereas the LXX contains a pericope which lacks a

correspondent counterpart in the Hebrew, and does not suffer explanation as a variant.¹² In such cases one is not allowed to assume automatically that the non-equivalent lines actually are related. Hence the need for a special notation, {x}: the non-equivalent segment of the Greek is marked, in the Hebrew column, as --+ {x}, and the unmatched stretch in the MT as --- {x}, on the Greek side, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pro 10:10.1 קָרַץ' =%e | ὁ ἐννεύων {...μετὰ δόλου} |
| Pro 10:10.2 עֵין | ὀφθαλμοῖς |
| Pro 10:10.3 {...} | μετὰ δόλου |
| Pro 10:10.4 יָתַן | συνάγει |
| Pro 10:10.5 --+ =%e | ἀνδράσι |
| Pro 10:10.6 עֲצַבַּת | λύπας |
| Pro 10:10.7 וְאֵיִל | --- {x} |
| Pro 10:10.8 }שִׁפְתַיִם | --- {x} |
| Pro 10:10.9 יִלְבַּט | --- {x} |
| Pro 10:10.10 --+ {x} | ὁ ^ δὲ ἐλέγχων |
| Pro 10:10.11 --+ {x} | μετὰ παρρησίας |
| Pro 10:10.12 --+ {x} | εἰρηνοποιεῖ |

In this verse the Greek, like the MT, continues the thought of the first colon, but in a quite different way. The notation by means of {x} serves to indicate the lack of connection. It is to be noted that even a hunt for sophisticated cues, e.g., the assumption that ἐλέγχων doubles עֲצַבַּת (cf. 1 Kings 1), or that ἀνδράσι stands for אֵיִל (like Akkadian awilum), εἰρηνοποιεῖ still does not match יִלְבַּט. Hence, in such cases the special notation

¹². Occasionally this notation is used when these conditions are not being fulfilled.

for broad lack of equivalence is by far preferable.

--+ {og}

The Greek books of Esther and Daniel contain extensive sections that do not seem to have any counterpart in Hebrew or Aramaic, and thus represent, in all likelihood, original Greek compositions. Such sections have been marked as pluses, with the additional notation {og}.

g. Search Results

On the basis of these notations, any quote of a line includes all information concerning its textual status, whether a given vocable in the MT is represented in the LXX or *lacks representation* (minus), whether the LXX form is contained in a *plus*, and what its *reconstruction* is with regard to a possible Hebrew source text. Cases of *Qere* and *Ketib* are also also immediately noted, as is their relationship to the LXX.

By using the appropriate code, we may search for phenomena, e.g., --- for minuses, for instance in a given pericope or even an entire book. The code --+ enables us to search for pluses. A search by means of {..^ enables us to locate changes in word order for stylistic/linguistic reasons.

5. Reconstruction of the Source Text

a. Retroversion and Reconstruction of the Hebrew Source Text

When the LXX offers a text that is not equivalent to the MT, it is often possible to discover a connection with the help of the assumption that the LXX reflects a different Hebrew source text, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Exo 4:31.1 וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה / וַיִּ | καὶ ἐπίστευσεν |
| Exo 4:31.2 וַיִּשְׁמַע / וַיִּ | ὁ λαὸς |

| | |
|---|------------|
| Exo 4:31.3 וַיִּשְׂמְעוּ / וַיִּשְׂמְחוּ = vs. (x | καὶ ἐχάρη |
| Exo 4:31.4 כִּי | ὅτι |
| Exo 4:31.5 פָּקַד | ἐπεσκέψατο |
| Exo 4:31.6 יְהוָה | ὁ θεὸς |
| Exo 4:31.7 אֶת בְּנֵי | τοὺς υἱοὺς |
| Exo 4:31.8 יִשְׂרָאֵל | Ἰσραηλ |

καὶ ἐχάρη, ‘and were glad’ is retroverted into Hebrew as וַיִּשְׂמְחוּ. Since this retroversion is very similar to MT וַיִּשְׂמְעוּ it looks like a good reconstruction of the Hebrew source text of the LXX (the *Vorlage*). In fact, the interchange of ע and ח is a well-known phonological phenomenon in Hebrew from the Second Temple period, as indicated by the interchange of חַנִּיתוֹ / וְעֵץ / וְחֵץ (Ketib) in 1 Samuel 17:7. In this period the ח was pronounced as ע, so that the distinction was lost, and the scribe could decide to write ע for ח (as he heard it), or, ח for ע (by way of correction of perceived ‘error,’ a so-called hypercorrection).

In the light of these data the Alignment suggests the reconstruction וַיִּשְׂמְחוּ, indicated as such by the equals sign, =וַיִּשְׂמְחוּ. Additional notations indicate various graphic and phonological interchanges (see chapter 7a). Note that the ש/ש distinction is maintained in the reconstruction, for consistency, although the ancient Hebrew source text had only ש.

A similar interchange is also noted in the account of Ezekias and the delegation from Babylon in 2 Kings 20 and Isaiah 39, probably as hypercorrection,¹³ in Isaiah and the LXX

¹³ The Interchange of אַל and עַל is also related to the Babylonian and Persian era.

| | |
|---|------------|
| 2Ki 20:13.1 וַיִּשְׂמַח / וְ; שְׂמַח; <is39.2%> .(x =vs | καὶ ἐχάρη |
| 2Ki 20:13.2 עַל־ / יְהִם | ἐπ' αὐτοῖς |
| 2Ki 20:13.3 חֲזַקְיָהוּ | Ἐζεκίας |

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Isa 39:2.1 וַיִּשְׂמַח / וְ | καὶ ἐχάρη |
| Isa 39:2.2 עַל־ / יְהִם | ἐπ' αὐτοῖς |
| Isa 39:2.3 חֲזַקְיָהוּ | Ἐζεκίας |

The pericolon in the notation of this reconstruction (=;) indicates that it is based on the near context, on parallel passages or on frequent phrases.

b. indication of immediate context

If the reconstruction (or the rendering) is based on preceding parts of the present verse, or on the previous verse (very rarely on another verse in the immediate context), the relationship is indicated by an upward arrow (↑), or <up> in the ASCII text, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gen 2:20.1 וַיִּקְרָא | καὶ ἐκάλεσεν |
| Gen 2:20.2 הָאָדָם | ἀδάμ |
| Gen 2:20.3 שְׂמֹת | ὀνόματα |
| Gen 2:20.4 לְכָל־ | πᾶσιν |
| Gen 2:20.5 הַבְּהֵמָה | τοῖς κτήνεσιν |
| Gen 2:20.6 --+ =; וְלְכָל־ ↑ | καὶ πᾶσι |
| Gen 2:20.7 וְלְעוֹף | {... καὶ} τοῖς πετεινοῖς |
| Gen 2:20.8 הַשָּׁמַיִם | τοῦ οὐρανοῦ |

The upward arrow indicates the relationship between the first element of the noun group (לְכָל־הַבְּהֵמָה) and the second one, in the LXX: καὶ πᾶσι τοῖς πετεινοῖς τοῦ οὐρανοῦ. A downward arrow (↓) or <dn> in ASCII, indicates a connection to the sequel of the verse at hand, or to the next verse (or to the immediate context, in very rare cases), e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Gen 31:1.1 וַיִּשְׁמַע | ἤκουσεν ^ δὲ |
| Gen 31:1.2 --+ =:יעקב: ↓ | ιακωβ |
| Gen 31:1.3 אֶת דְּבָרָיו | τὰ ῥήματα |
| Gen 31:1.4 בְּנֵי | τῶν υἱῶν |
| Gen 31:1.5 לְבָן | λαβαν |
| Gen 31:1.6 לְאֹמַר | λεγόντων |
| Gen 31:1.7 לְקַח | εἴληφεν |
| Gen 31:1.8 יַעֲקֹב | ιακωβ |
| Gen 31:1.9 אֶת כָּל | πάντα |
| Gen 31:1.10 אֲשֶׁר | τὰ |
| Gen 31:1.11 לְאֲבִינוֹ | τοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν |

The mention of Jacob as explicit subject is matched by the second clause, which quotes the speech of Laban's own sons.

c. reconstruction based on other passages

Passages on which the proposed reconstruction is based, are indicated by the percent sign between angled brackets, < % >. The verse number is separated from the chapter number by a point. Comma or pericope serve to separate different chapters or books, e.g.,

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Gen 9:7.4 שְׂרָצוּ =; מלאו; /ו <1.28;9.1%> | καὶ πληρώσατε |
|--|---------------|

If the indicated passage belongs to the same book, the reference indicates chapter and verse only. Hence the reference to 1.28 indicates Gen 1:28.

Reconstructions of Hebrew proper names and geographical names are indicated by a colon, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Gen 10:3.5 וְתִגְרַמָּה =; /ו תרגמה;> | καὶ θοργαμα |
| | |
| Gen 30:15.1 וַיֹּאמֶר | εἶπεν ^ δὲ |
| Gen 30:15.2 לָהּ =; לאה;> | Λεια |

Names of God, e.g., יהוה, אלהים are not regarded as personal names. Accordingly their reconstruction is mostly indicated as =; יהוה; =, אלהים;.

If the variant at hand is related to a parallel passage or the near or remote context, we are dealing with intertextuality, since the one passage is viewed in the light of the second one. Only that in our case 'intertextuality' indicates far more than the reader's stance or the exegetical perspective that is formative for our interpretation. The relation to parallel passages or to near or remote context, which could be styled 'textual intertextuality,' involve the perspective of either the Greek translator or the Hebrew scribe. It is one of them who viewed the passage at hand in the light of the second passage, e.g.,

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Gen 9:7.2 פָּרוּ | αὐξάνεσθε |
| Gen 9:7.3 רבו; /ו | καὶ πληθύνεσθε |
| Gen 9:7.4 שְׂרָצוּ =; מלאו; /ו <1.28;9.1%> | καὶ πληρώσατε |

| | |
|--|---------|
| Gen 9:7.5 אֶרֶץ/בָּ =; אֶרֶץ/ה אֵת <1.28;9.1%> | τῆν γῆν |
|--|---------|

Thus, on the one hand, intertextual reference corroborates the proposed reconstructions, since they are supported by parallel passages and remote context, namely Gen 1:28 and 9:1. In this connection it is important to note that similar cases of intertextual relationship are found in many Qumran scrolls and in the Samaritan Pentateuch, indicating that this process did occur in the Hebrew textual tradition. On the other hand, the same process could still find place on the Greek side. Hence, the references offered by the Alignment imply that (a) the suggested reconstructions, e.g., ו/ו מלאו and אֶרֶץ/ה אֵת for שָׂרוּ and אֶרֶץ/בָּ, are confirmed by parallel verses in Genesis; (b) that the Greek translator may have thought of the passages indicated (if one assumes that the Hebrew text nevertheless did not include the reconstructed text of the passage at hand).

An additional interchange that is related to parallel texts is found in Deuteronomy 1. In this case the interchange is a simple, graphic, metathesis:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Deu 1:33.1 הֵן לֵךְ | ὅς προπορεύεται |
| Deu 1:33.2 לְפָנֵינוּ | πρότερος ὑμῶν |
| Deu 1:33.3 בְּדֶרֶךְ | ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ |
| Deu 1:33.4 לְחֹרֶף | ἐκλέγεσθαι |
| Deu 1:33.5 לָכֶם | ὑμῖν |
| Deu 1:33.6 מִקּוֹם | τόπον |
| Deu 1:33.7 לְחַנְתְּכֶם = לְנַחְתְּכֶם <ex13.21%>.m | ὁδηγῶν ὑμᾶς |

For MT לְחַנְתְּכֶם, 'for your encamping,' the LXX has ὁδηγῶν ὑμᾶς, 'guiding you,' which

suggests tentative retroversion as the Hebrew verb נחה, also occurring in Exo 13:21 in similar context. Hence the reconstruction as לנחתכם is quite plausible. Probably this is the reading which the translator found in his source text (Vorlage). Reconstructions of this kind can never claim perfect certainty, but in the present case the equation seems highly plausible.

d. Less plausible reconstructions.

On the other hand, reconstructions that seem less likely, are indicated by a question mark, e.g.,

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Gen 15:4.11 אֲשֶׁר | ὅς |
| Gen 15:4.12 יִצָּא | ἐξελεύσεται |
| Gen 15:4.13 מִ/מַּעַיָן =? מִ/מַּעַיָן | ἐκ σου |

The possibility that the Greek ἐκ σου faithfully reflects a particle with suffix phrase, מִ/מַּעַיָן, cannot be totally dismissed, all the more so as the variance mainly relates to the 'ayin. Nevertheless, explanation of the Greek rendering as attenuation of the concrete picture of the MT is by far preferable.¹⁴ Hence the reconstruction remains doubtful, as indicated by the question mark.

By the same token one may doubt the reconstruction proposed in the description of the rising waters of the flood:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Gen 7:20.1 חֲמִשָּׁה עָשָׂר | δέκα ^ πέντε |
| Gen 7:20.2 אֲמָה | πήχεις |
| Gen 7:20.3 מִ/לְּמַעַל / ה | ἐπάνω |

¹⁴ So also Exo 1:5.7 MT כָּל-נֶפֶשׁ יִצְאֵי יִרְדּוּ-יַעֲקֹב , LXX πᾶσαι ψυχὰι ἐξ Ιακωβ.

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Gen 7:20.4 גָּבְרוּ =? .rh | ὑψώθη |
| Gen 7:20.5 הַ/מַּיִם | τὸ ὕδωρ |

The possibility that the Greek translator choose the verb ὑψώθη as the correct equivalent for Hebrew גָּבְרוּ is far more plausible than the possibility that he actually found the verb גָּבְהוּ in his source text.¹⁵

In all likelihood, the translator must also assume responsibility for the rendering ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐψέματος τοῦ πυρροῦ τούτου:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Gen 25:30.6 מִן | ἀπὸ |
| Gen 25:30.7 הַ/אֲדָמָה =? הַנְּזִיד <25.29%> | τοῦ ἐψέματος |
| Gen 25:30.8 הַ/אֲדָמָה | τοῦ πυρροῦ |
| Gen 25:30.9 הַ/זֶּה | τούτου |

After all, this rendering implies considerable variegation vis-à-vis the repetitive הַ/אֲדָמָה={הַ/אֲדָמָה}. Hence the possibility that the translator actually found הַנְּזִיד in his source text remains doubtful, though not inconceivable, in the light of v. 29:

MT וַיִּזֵּד יַעֲקֹב נְזִיד / LXX ἤψησεν δὲ Ἰακωβ ἕψημα

The question mark is also used when more than one reconstruction may be considered plausible, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Gen 4:22.7 ---+ =?/ויהי? הוא <4.20%> | καὶ ἦν |
| Gen 4:22.8 לַטֵּשׁ {...?כָּל} =%c | σφυροκόπος |

¹⁵ So also Gen 7:24 MT וַיִּגְבְּרוּ הַמַּיִם, ΛΕΞ καὶ ὑψώθη τὸ ὕδωρ. In the MT גָּבְהוּ is never used for water.

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Gen 4:22.9 כָּל | --- ? |
| Gen 4:22.10 חֲרָשׁ | χαλκεύς |
| Gen 4:22.11 נְחֹשֶׁת | χαλκοῦ |

Since ויהי and הוא היה would both be plausible in the context at hand, and could both be represented by καὶ ἦν, it is impossible to determine which of the two proposals is preferable.

At times the Alignment admits the possibility that a certain rendering of the LXX may imply a Hebrew variant, but is unable to suggest an adequate reconstruction. In that case the notation =?? is used, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Zec 11:13.4 הַשְּׁלִיכֵ/הוּ | κάθες αὐτούς |
| Zec 11:13.5 אֶל | εἰς |
| Zec 11:13.6 הַ/יּוֹצֵר | τὸ χωνευτήριον |
| Zec 11:13.7 אֶדְר =?? | καὶ σκέψαι |
| Zec 11:13.8 הַ/יִּקָּר | εἰ δόκιμόν ἐστιν |

Since no easy way exists that leads from אֶדְר to σκέπτω, no textual reconstruction could be proposed. On the other hand, there is no obvious exegetic activity involved (in the context the translation is on the literal side). Hence the question mark is a useful indication of the difficulties involved.

The various indications of suggested reconstructions facilitate many searches. Thus one may search for intertextual aspects of the Greek version, by means of the notation =; (the reconstruction proper), or %> (passages serving as basis for the reconstruction of possible variants).

One may also search for the lexemic variants (of noun, verb, adverb) under =. This way one may detect, e.g., the number of possible variants in a given section. Or, e.g., the number of added lexemes, --+ =.../ --+ =;....

If one looks for a given lexical form, e/g/, W/YLK, the search must include both the equals sign with pericope and without pericope (=W/YLK and =;W/YLK).

If one is interested in unsolved problems, one may search for =??.

e. Differences in Vocalization, =v

When the Greek rendering seems to reflect the same consonantal text as found in the MT, but suggests a different pronunciation/vocalization, this is noted as a variant regarding vocalization, =v, without indicating the actual alternative, since the language tradition of the Greek certainly did not match the Tiberian punctuation, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Amo 1:6.12 עַל | ἕνεκεν |
| Amo 1:6.13 הַגְּלוֹתָם | τοῦ αἰχμαλωτεῦσαι αὐτούς |
| Amo 1:6.14 גְּלוֹתָם | αἰχμαλωσίαν |
| Amo 1:6.15 שְׁלֹמֹה =:שְׁלֹמֹה =v | τοῦ Σαλωμων |
| Amo 1:6.16 לְ/הַסְגִּירָם | τοῦ συγκλείσαι |
| Amo 1:6.17 לְ/אֲדוֹמִים | εἰς τὴν Ἰδομαίαν |

Since we can't know exactly how Solomon's name was pronounced in the translator's language tradition, the neutral notation is preferable. Another point is that the translator may have found a connection between a conflict with Edom and Solomon (cf. 1 Kings 11:14-22).

=vs

A similar notation is used to indicate the interchange of *sin* and *šin*, since (a) this

distinction is indicated by the punctuation (the ancient Hebrew source text had only ש), and (b) the difference between these sibilants may not have been clear in the pronunciation tradition known to the translator. Thus we note, e.g.,

| | |
|--|---------------|
| 1Sa 12:2.6 וְאֲנִי | καὶ γὼ |
| 1Sa 12:2.7 וְקִנְיָתִי | γεγήρακα |
| 1Sa 12:2.8 וְשִׁבְתִּי = וַיִּשְׁבַּתִּי =vs | καὶ καθήσομαι |

| | |
|---|------------------|
| 2Ki 11:14.8 וְהַשָּׂרִים = וְהַשָּׂרִים =vs | καὶ οἱ ὄδοι |
| 2Ki 11:14.9 וְהַחֲצֹצְרוֹת | καὶ αἱ σάλπιγγες |
| 2Ki 11:14.10 אֶל | πρὸς |
| 2Ki 11:14.11 הַמֶּלֶךְ | τὸν βασιλέα |

In the latter case the pronunciation problem is particularly clear, since the variation is limited to the sibilant, all other consonants and vowels being equal.

f. Numeral Divergences, =+

If the LXX includes a numeral that differs from the numeral found in MT, no reconstruction is attempted. The phenomenon is noted as =+, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Exo 25:35.7 וְכִפְתָּר | καὶ σφαιρωτῆρ |
| Exo 25:35.8 תַּחַת | ὑπὸ |
| Exo 25:35.9 {...} | τοὺς |
| Exo 25:35.10 שְׁנַיִם =+ | τέσσαρας |
| Exo 25:35.11 הַקָּנִים | {... τοὺς} καλαμίσκους |

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Exo 25:35.12 נָה / מָ / מַ | ἕξ αὐτῆς |
|----------------------------|----------|

This notation is also used in Greek pluses, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Jos 10:13.22 {...} | εἰς τέλος |
| Jos 10:13.23 יוֹם / כֶּ | {..ῤείς} ἡμέρας |
| Jos 10:13.24 תַּמִּים | {..^τέλος} |
| Jos 10:13.25 --+ =+ | μιᾶς |

g. Double Renderings and Doublets, {d}, =<d>

{d}

In many cases the LXX includes two renderings of the same Hebrew vocable (double rendering). Such cases are indicated as {d} before the second rendering, and do not imply that the Hebrew source text actually contained two variant terms, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1Sa 7:12.11 וְיִקְרָא / וְ | καὶ ἐκάλεσεν |
| 1Sa 7:12.12 אֶת שְׁמִן / הָ | τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ |
| 1Sa 7:12.13 אֲבֵן / הָ עֶזֶר | αβενεζερ {d} λίθος τοῦ βοηθοῦ |

In this case the Hebrew place name is represented by (1) a Greek transliteration, αβενεζερ, and (2) by a word by word rendering of the nouns of which the Hebrew name consists, λίθος τοῦ βοηθοῦ. This, then, is an obvious example of a double rendering.

If the Greek doubles the terms where the MT has one term, a variant in the Hebrew source text may be involved. In such cases the doublet is indicated on the Greek side as {d}, whereas the Hebrew counterpart presents an indication of the doublet as =<d>, followed by its reconstruction with the 'equals' sign, ,e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2Sa 17:8.8 נְבָרִים | δυνατοί |
| 2Sa 17:8.9 הָמָּה | εἰσιν |
| 2Sa 17:8.10 מָרִי / וְ = <d> = מָאֵד | σφόδρα {d?} καὶ κατάπικροι |
| 2Sa 17:8.11 וְנִפְשׁוּ | τῆ ψυχῆ |
| 2Sa 17:8.12 הָמָּה | αὐτῶν |

The term καὶ κατάπικροι fits the Masoretic reading מָרִי / וְ, whereas the adverb , mostly equaling מָאֵד, which is very similar to מָרִי / וְ from a graphical point of view, probably reflects a variant in the Hebrew source text. The question mark is due to the possibility that σφόδρα reflects a plus, that is not further specified.

Since in some cases the notation = <d> is used with the question mark, = <d?>, searches for such doublets preferably include the latter term as well.

The notation = <d> is also used to indicate possible doublets in the MT that lack representation in the Greek, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Jer 14:17.14 שָׁבַר | συντρίμματι |
| Jer 14:17.15 וְגִדּוֹל | --- |
| Jer 14:17.16 נִשְׁבְּרָה | συνετρίβη |
| Jer 14:17.17 בְּתוֹלַת = <d?> | --- |
| Jer 14:17.18 בַּת | θυγάτηρ |
| Jer 14:17.19 עַמִּי / י | λαοῦ μου |

| | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Deu 28:63.10 בֵּן | οὕτως |
| Deu 28:63.11 יִשְׁשׁוּ | εὐφρανθήσεται |

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Deu 28:63.12 יהוה | κύριος |
| Deu 28:63.13 עַל־יְכֶם | ἐφ' ὑμῖν |
| Deu 28:63.14 לְהַאֲבִיד = <d> | --- |
| Deu 28:63.15 אֶתְּכֶם = <d> | --- |
| Deu 28:63.16 וְלִהְיוֹתְם / לְהִשָּׁמֵד | ἐξολεθρεῦσαι |
| Deu 28:63.17 אֶתְּכֶם | ὑμᾶς |

A special problem is posed by long doublets affecting a series of vocables in the MT. In such cases the split notation is used to cover the Greek text sequence, whereas each Hebrew vocable is matched with its two renderings, even if some of the Greek terms are identical, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 2Sa 1:23.1 שְׂאוּל | σαουλ |
| 2Sa 1:23.2 וְיִהְיוּנָתָן | καὶ ιωναθαν |
| 2Sa 1:23.3 הַנְּאֻהָבִים | οἱ ἠγαπημένοι |
| 2Sa 1:23.4 וְהַנְּעִימִים | καὶ ὠραῖοι {d} {... εὐπρεπεῖς} |
| 2Sa 1:23.5 {...} | οὐ |
| 2Sa 1:23.6 {...} | διακεχωρισμένοι |
| 2Sa 1:23.7 {...} | εὐπρεπεῖς |
| 2Sa 1:23.8 בְּחַיֵּיהֶם | ἐν τῇ ζωῇ αὐτῶν |
| 2Sa 1:23.9 וּבְמוֹתָם | καὶ ἐν τῷ θανάτῳ αὐτῶν |
| 2Sa 1:23.10 לֹא | οὐ {d} {... οὐ} |
| 2Sa 1:23.11 נִפְרְדוּ | διεχωρίσθησαν {d} {... διακεχωρισμένοι} |

In this passage the Greek text sequence is given by means of the {...} notation, as
σαουλ καὶ ιωναθαν / οἱ ἠγαπημένοι

καὶ ὠραῖοι / οὐ διακεχωρισμένοι

εὐπρεπεῖς / ἐν τῇ ζωῇ αὐτῶν καὶ ἐν τῷ θανάτῳ αὐτῶν οὐ διεχωρίσθησαν

In the Greek, then, the stretch καὶ ὠραῖοι οὐ διακεχωρισμένοι is doubled by the words εὐπρεπεῖς / οὐ διεχωρίσθησαν. The relationship between these vocables and the MT wording is indicated by the line matching: in each relevant line the Hebrew vocable is matched by two counterparts, separated by the {d} mark, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 2Sa 1:23.4 נְעִימָם / הַ / וְ | καὶ ὠραῖοι {d} {... εὐπρεπεῖς} |
| | |
| 2Sa 1:23.10 לֹא | οὐ {d} {... οὐ} |
| 2Sa 1:23.11 נִפְרְדּוּ | διεχωρίσθησαν {d} {... διακεχωρισμένοι} |

6. The Indication of Complex Relationships

a. Etymological Derivation and Exegesis. =@; <...@>; ={@}; ={f}

Not all cases in which the LXX, on the face of it, does not reflect Hebrew of the MT, do actually imply a variant text. Often we are dealing with the translator's own input. The most obvious case is that of etymological derivation, meaning that the translator had before him a consonantal text that similar to or identical with the consonantal text of the MT, but attributed it to a different root or grammatical form, e.g., in Moses' description of the divine anger on himself, in which the Hebrew uses the verb יִתְעַבֵּר / וְ, from the second root עבר / עברה 'anger', for which the Greek has ὑπερεῖδεν, obviously finding here the normal root עבר, 'to pass over.' The Alignment marks this derivation by the notation =@עבר:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Deu 3:26.1 וְ יִתְעַבֵּר / וְ =@עבר | καὶ ὑπερεῖδεν |
| Deu 3:26.2 יְהוָה | κύριος |
| Deu 3:26.3 בַּ / י | ἐμέ |

If the two possible derivations relate to the same graphic constellation, the indication =@ is used with no further indication, e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Amo 1:11.19 יִטְרֶה /וְ | καὶ ἥρπασεν |
| Amo 1:11.20 עַד /לְ =v =@ | εἰς μαρτύριον |
| Amo 1:11.21 וּ/אֶפ | φρίκην αὐτοῦ |
| Amo 1:11.22 וְ/עִבְרָה /וְ | καὶ τὸ ὄρημα αὐτοῦ |
| Amo 1:11.23 שְׁמֹרָה | ἐφύλαξεν |
| Amo 1:11.24 {...} | εἰς |
| Amo 1:11.25 נִצַּח | {..preis} νείκος |

Thus the Alignment does not indicate that the translator derived עַד (MT עַד) from the second root עַד (עַד in MT). In this case one notes that the pronunciation tradition is involved as well.

In many cases derivations of this kind occur in a doublet, together with the interpretation that fits the Masoretic vocalization, e.g.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1Sa 26:24.12 וְ/יִצַּלְנִי =<d> =@צַל | καὶ σκεπάσαι με {d} καὶ ἐξελεῖταιί με |
| 1Sa 26:24.13 מִ/כָּל | ἐκ πάσης |
| 1Sa 26:24.14 צָרָה | θλίψεως |

In this doublet the rendering καὶ ἐξελεῖταιί με reflects the vocalization which attributes the verb וְ/יִצַּלְנִי to the root נִצַּל. By contrast, the rendering καὶ σκεπάσαι με, implies a derivation from the root צַל. The latter derivation is marked as etymological interpretation in a doublet, =<d> =@צַל.

The Alignment often uses this notation when it is assumed that the rendering does reflect the translator's understanding of the source text rather than a real variant. An etymological derivation of this kind often involves slightly different letter combinations. Such methods are best understood in light of the findings of cognitive psychology. According to these findings, reading involves the interpretation of graphic representations rather than static object data. Such interpretation always is context conditioned, as in the well-known psychological experiments involving the interpretation of the fuzzy signs A/H, read as A in 'cAts,' but as H in 'Hats'. Thus, the translator may discern the root נוח, where according to the rules of grammar the MT contains the root נחמ¹⁶

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Gen 5:29.5 נוֹחַ | οὗτος |
| Gen 5:29.6 יִנְחֵמְנוּ / נוֹחַ =@<ex13.17@> <is57.18;ez5.13@> | διαναπαύσει ἡμᾶς |
| Gen 5:29.7 מִן / מַעֲשֵׂי / נוֹחַ | ἀπὸ τῶν ἔργων ἡμῶν |
| Gen 5:29.8 וְ / מַעֲשֵׂי בֹן | καὶ ἀπὸ τῶν λυπῶν |
| Gen 5:29.9 יָד / יָנוּחַ | τῶν χειρῶν ἡμῶν |

This notation means that the translator read the Hebrew graph as if it equalled the root נוח rather than the form יניח/נו itself.

The intertextual references to the relevant verses are also marked as exegetical derivation, < @>, e.g.,

¹⁶ Of course, one has to take into account that the grammatical, and indeed all linguistic knowledge of the Greek translators was intuitive rather than formal and linguistically normative. Having neither dictionary, nor grammar, nor concordance at their disposal, they were dependent on their contextually and theologically fed comprehension of the text. The present case is easily explained by means of the connection with Noah's name.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Gen 14:1.1 וַיְהִי / יְהִי | ἐγένετο ^ δὲ |
| Gen 14:1.2 בַּיָּמִי <is1.1;je1.2@> | ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ |
| Gen 14:1.3 אֲמַרְפָּל | τῇ Αμαρφαλ |
| Gen 14:1.4 מֶלֶךְ | βασιλέως |
| Gen 14:1.5 שֵׁנְעָר | Σειννααρ |

According to this notation, the rendering ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ for בַּיָּמִי is due to the translator's interpretation rather than to a variant, since the 'days' of a king represent the period of his rule rather than the days of his life. A similar phenomenon is found in the opening verse of Isaiah, whereas the connection between the two terms is laid in Jer 1:2.

={@}

If the assumption seems justified that the rendering is purely exegetical, the notation ={@} is used. If a rendering is marked in this way, it seems futile to attempt the reconstruction of an actual variant, e.g.,

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Gen 25:22.4 וַיֹּאמֶר / וַיֹּאמֶר | εἶπεν ^ δε |
| Gen 25:22.5 אֵם | εἶ |
| Gen 25:22.6 כֵּן | οὕτως |
| Gen 25:22.7 --+ ={@} _ | μοι μέλλει γίνεσθαι |
| Gen 25:22.8 לְמָה / לְמָה יְהִי אֲנֹכִי | ἵνα τί μοι ^ τοῦτο |

The Greek plus looks like an interpreter's expansion rather than as a variant.

={f}

If the Greek text seems to reflect the translator's interpretation of syntactic function and structure rather than a different reading, the notation is ={f}, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Gen 38:25.1 הוּא {... הִיא /וְ} = {f} | αὐτὴ ^ δὲ |
| Gen 38:25.2 מוֹצֵאת = {f} | ἀγομένη |
| Gen 38:25.3 הִיא /וְ} = {f} | {...} |
| Gen 38:25.4 שְׁלַחָהּ = {f} | ἀπέστειλεν |
| Gen 38:25.5 אֶל | πρὸς |
| Gen 38:25.6 חַנְיָ /ה | πρὸς τὸν πειθερόν αὐτῆς |

The notation = {f} indicates that according to the Alignment the lack of representation of הִיא /וְ is related to the way the verbs are rendered. In the MT מוֹצֵאת is the predicate of the first clause, and שְׁלַחָהּ of the second (two simultaneous events in the past). The LXX renders this construction as participle with finite verb predicate: αὐτὴ δὲ ἀγομένη ἀπέστειλεν πρὸς τὸν πειθερόν αὐτῆς

Consequently, repetition of the subject would be out of place according to the rules of Greek syntax. Thus we are not dealing with a variant, but with a difference in structure.

b. Partial Reconstruction, =r

One of the difficulties inherent to the reconstruction of possible variants is the need to point to a specific Hebrew grammatical form. When it seems impossible to attain such exactitude, the Alignment proposes a partial reconstruction, with the notation =r (or even =r?), e. g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Lam 1:14.12 נָתַן נְיָ | ἔδωκεν |
| Lam 1:14.13 אֲדֹנָי | κύριος |
| Lam 1:14.14 בְּיָדַי = בִּידַי =v | ἐν χερσίν μου |
| Lam 1:14.15 --+ =r? דוּהַ | ὀδύνας |

Even if the suggested retroversion may seem defensible, it seems doubtful to reconstruct the exact form. Hence the Alignment does not go beyond suggesting a root that could be reflected in this verse. This limitation is indicated by the notation =r, followed by the indication of the proposed root. Since this suggestion actually remains doubtful, the question mark has been appended.

7. Translation and Transmission Phenomena.

Some of the issues related to the variance between the LXX and the MT involve processes that may have occurred in the Hebrew / Aramaic textual tradition as well as in the Greek translation. The Parallel Alignment treats some of these phenomena as standard categories, such as the preposition (=p) or active / passive verbal forms (=vap / =vpa). The notation =% always relates to such standard categories.

a. The representation of the infinitive absolute with cognate finite verb {!}

In biblical Hebrew verbal predicate is frequently highlighted (focalized) by an infinitive absolute from the same stem (paronymous infinitive), e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Exo 4:14.10 יִדְעֵתִי | ἐπίσταμαι |
| Exo 4:14.11 כִּי | ὅτι |
| Exo 4:14.12 דַּבֵּר {!}p | λαλῶν |
| Exo 4:14.13 יִדְבֵּר {!}p | λαλήσει |
| Exo 4:14.14 הוּא | αὐτός |

Since the Greek r=translator does not have similar constructions at his disposal, he uses a variety of different patterns. The Alignment marks all instances of the paronymous infinite construction by the notation {!}. This sign, then, can be used to retrieve all

instances of this construction.

{!}p, (!)na, (!)nd,

Various special translation patterns noted include

(1) rendering by a cognate participle, noted as {!}p, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Exo 3:7.5 רָאָה {!}p | ἰδὼν |
| Exo 3:7.6 רָאִיתִי {!}p | εἶδον |
| Exo 3:7.7 אֶת עֲנִי | τὴν κάκωσιν |
| Exo 3:7.8 עֲמִי / י | τοῦ λαοῦ μου |

(2) rendering by a cognate noun (or a noun of a synonymous stem), as a cognate object (!)na, or an instrumental dative (!)nd, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Gen 50:15.11 וְ/הַשֵּׁב {!}na | καὶ ἀνταπόδομα |
| Gen 50:15.12 יָשִׁיב {!}na | ἀνταποδῶ |
| Gen 50:15.13 לְ/נוּ | ἡμῖν |
| Gen 50:15.14 כָּל אֵת < | πάντα |
| Gen 50:15.15 הַ/רְעָה | τὰ κακά |

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Gen 2:16.6 מִ/כָּל | ἀπὸ παντὸς |
| Gen 2:16.7 עֵץ | ξύλου |
| Gen 2:16.8 הַ/גֵּן | τοῦ ἐν τῷ παραδεισῷ |
| Gen 2:16.9 אָכַל {!}nd | βρώσει |
| Gen 2:16.10 הָאֵכָל {!}nd | φάγη |

(3) rendering by an appropriate (cognate or otherwise) adjective, indicated as {!}aj, e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Amo 7:11.8 יִשְׂרָאֵל /וְ | ὁ ^ δὲ Ἰσραηλ |
| Amo 7:11.9 גָּלָה {!}aj | αἰχμάλωτος |
| Amo 7:11.10 יִגָּלָה {!}aj | ἀχθήσεται |
| Amo 7:11.11 מִ/עַל | ἀπο |
| Amo 7:11.12 אֶרְצָתָּ /וְ | τῆς γῆς αὐτοῦ |

(4) rendering by an adverbial construction (or prepositional phrase), indicated as {!} ad, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Amo 9:8.12 לֹא | οὐκ |
| Amo 9:8.13 הַשְּׁמַיִם {!}ad | εἰς τέλος |
| Amo 9:8.14 אֲשַׁמְּדֶנּוּ {!}ad | ἔξαρῶ |
| Amo 9:8.15 אֶת־בַּיִת | τὸν οἶκον |
| Amo 9:8.16 יַעֲקֹב | Ἰακωβ |

Cases in which noun or verb used represent a different lexeme are marked by ‘d’ following the basic notation, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Exo 21:5.1 אִם /וְ | ἐάν ^ δὲ |
| Exo 21:5.2 אָמַר {!}pd | ἀποκριθεὶς |
| Exo 21:5.3 יֹאמַר {!}pd | εἶπη |
| Exo 21:5.4 עָבַד /הָ | ὁ παῖς |

Rendering of the paronymous infinitive by a different verbal form, such as the imperative, does not constitute a variant, for in biblical Hebrew such uses of the infinitive absolute are well-known. The Alignment notes such cases as {!}v, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Job 13:17.1 שְׁמַעוּ {!} | ἀκούσατε |
| Job 13:17.2 שְׁמוּעַ ({!}v | ἀκούσατε |
| Job 13:17.3 מִלְּתִי / י | τὰ ῥήματά μου |

{!}-, {!}+

If the MT includes a construction with the paronymous infinitive whereas the LXX presents a finite verb only, the source text possibly did not include the infinitive absolute. But since the lexeme itself is being represented by means of the finite verb, such inference remains precarious. These cases are noted as {!}-, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Exo 22:5.12 שְׁלֵם יְשֻׁלֵּם {!}- | ἀποτείσσει |
| Exo 22:5. הַ / מִבְּעַר | ὁ {..^ἐκκαύσας} |
| Exo 22:5.14 אֶת הַ / בְּעֶרְהָ | τὸ πῦρ |
| Exo 22:5.15 {...} | ἐκκαύσας |

On the other hand, the LXX often uses cognate participles or nouns with finite verbs, where the MT has one element only, a finite verb or infinitive. Such cases could reflect a paronymous infinitive construction in the Hebrew source text, and are noted as {!}+, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Isa 19:22.1 וְ / נִגְף {!}nd | καὶ πατάξει |
| Isa 19:22.2 יְהוָה | κύριος |

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Isa 19:22.3 אֶת מִצְרַיִם | τοὺς Αἰγυπτίους |
| Isa 19:22.4 נִגְזַרְתִּי {!}nd | πληγῆ {+} μεγάλη |
| Isa 19:22.5 --+ = ׀ /רפוא/וּ {!}+ <dn> | καὶ ἰάσεται αὐτοὺς |
| Isa 19:22.6 אֶת־רפוא/וּ {!}+ {!}nd | {... καὶ} ἰάσει |

b. The representation of the Preposition, =%p, =%p+, =%p-, {p}, {s} =%ps

If the MT contains a certain preposition whereas the LXX offers a preposition that is typically used to match another preposition in the Hebrew, we cannot definitely decide that the Hebrew source text of the Greek actually contained that other preposition, for the translator's interpretation of the text may be involved. On the other hand, we cannot dismiss this possibility altogether. Hence the Alignment notes the phenomenon of the interchange, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Gen 5:1.9 בְּ /רְמוֹת =%p | κατ' εἰκόνα |
| Gen 5:1.10 אֱלֹהִים | θεοῦ |
| Gen 5:1.11 עָשָׂה | ἐποίησεν |
| Gen 5:1.12 וְ /אֵת | αὐτόν |

The possibility that the Hebrew source text of the LXX actually included the form כְּרֵמוֹת cannot be dismissed, in particular in the light of the correlated text in Gen 1:26:

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Gen 1:26.3 נַעֲשֶׂה | ποιήσωμεν |
| Gen 1:26.4 אָדָם | ἄνθρωπον |
| Gen 1:26.5 בְּ /צִלְמֵנוּ /נוּ =%p <dn> | κατ' εἰκόνα ἡμετέραν |

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gen 1:26.6 כְּ/דְמוּתָ/נוּ | καὶ καθ' ὁμοίωσιν {..δήμετέραν} |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|

One should note, however, that the latter passage exactly indicates the intertextual constellation in which the translation κατ' εἰκόνα could arise.

=%p+

This notation indicates that the Greek contains a preposition, which is not matched by a corresponding element in the Hebrew. Unlike the notation {..p}, the present notation implies that the Greek definitely could reflect a Hebrew variant, which, however, mostly is not reconstructed, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Lev 27:28.9 מִ/כֹּל | ἀπὸ πάντων |
| Lev 27:28.10 אֲשֶׁר | ὅσα |
| Lev 27:28.11 לְ/וּ | αὐτῷ ἐστιν |
| Lev 27:28.12 מִ/אָדָם | ἐστιν ἀπὸ ἀνθρώπου |
| Lev 27:28.13 וְ/בַהֲמָה =%p+ | ἕως κτήνους |

The Greek could reflect the reading מִ/אָדָם עַד בַּהֲמָה (e.g., Gen. 6:7; Psa 135:8) but this reconstruction is not made explicit.

The present notation is frequently used when the Greek has a dative, or an affix to an adverb, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1Sa 19:23.1 וְ/יָלֵךְ | καὶ ἐπορεύθη |
| 1Sa 19:23.2 שָׁם =%p+ | ἐκεῖθεν |
| 1Sa 19:23.3 אֶל | εἰς |

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1Sa 19:23.4 *ניֹת ** נויֹת* | Ναυαθ |
| 1Sa 19:23.5 בְּ/רָמָה | ἐν Ραμα |

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Pro 16:22.1 מְקוֹר | πηγή |
| Pro 16:22.2 חַיִּים | ζωῆς |
| Pro 16:22.3 שִׁכְל | ἐννοια |
| Pro 16:22.4 יוֹ/בְעַלְ =%p+ | τοῖς κεκτημένοις |

=%p-

This notation indicates that a preposition in the MT is not matched by a corresponding counterpart in the Greek¹⁷, mostly if the implied preposition could fit existing syntactic patterns in the MT, or alternative Hebrew text forms (texts from the Judean desert or the Samaritan Pentateuch) , e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Gen 6:22.1 וְ/יַעַשׂ | καὶ ἐποίησεν |
| Gen 6:22.2 נָח | νωε |
| Gen 6:22.3 כָּ/כָל =%p- | πάντα |
| Gen 6:22.4 אֲנֹשֶׁר | ὅσα |
| Gen 6:22.5 צָוָה | ἐνετείλατο |
| Gen 6:22.6 וְ/אֵת | αὐτῷ |
| Gen 6:22.7 יהוה? = --+ | κύριος |
| Gen 6:22.8 אֱלֹהִים | {...?κύριος} ὁ θεός |

¹⁷ The term 'minus' would be less appropriate since a preposition does not function as a

The LXX could reflect a similar formula, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Exo 35:10.6 יַעֲשׂוּ / וְ <sp> | ἐργαζέσθω |
| Exo 35:10.7 אֶת כָּל | πάντα |
| Exo 35:10.8 אֲשֶׁר | ὅσα |
| Exo 35:10.9 צְנִיחַ | συνέταξεν |
| Exo 35:10.10 יְהוָה | κύριος |

A search, by means of “=%p-“ reveals that the same problem presents itself at Gen. 7:5.

{p}

If the LXX uses a compound verb, consisting of preposition and verbal stem, in order to reflect a preposition in the Hebrew text, this is marked by the notation {p} before the relevant noun, matching the preposition of the Hebrew. In addition, this preposition is presented in ‘split notation’ on one line with the verb, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Gen 16:2.17 וַיִּשְׁמַע {.../ל} | ὑπήκουσεν ^ δέ |
| Gen 16:2.18 אַבְרָם | αβραμ |
| Gen 16:2.19 לְ/קוֹל | {p} τῆς φωνῆς |
| Gen 16:2.20 שָׂרַי | σαρας |

The preposition ל/ is matched by the Greek preposition ὑπ- in the composite form ὑπακούω, on one line with the Hebrew notation, וַיִּשְׁמַע {.../ל} . This correspondence is further marked by the notation {p} on one line with לְ/קוֹל.

content word.

{s}

A similar notation is used in cases in which the LXX contains an adjective or adverb in comparative or superlative form,¹⁸ whereas the MT indicates the comparison by means of the preposition / מִן / מִן. The Hebrew preposition is noted in split notation, on one line with the Greek comparative/superlative. In the Greek text the Hebrew preposition itself is marked by the notation {s}, e.g.,

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Deu 1:28.8 עַם | ἔθνος |
| Deu 1:28.9 גָּדוֹל | μέγα |
| Deu 1:28.10 --+ =; רב; / ו <2.10%> <sp> | καὶ πολὺ |
| Deu 1:28.11 רַם / וְ {.../ מִן} | καὶ δυνατώτερον |
| Deu 1:28.12 נוֹ / מִן / מִן | {s} ἡμῶν |

=%ps

Special problems are posed by Hebrew semi-prepositions (that is, noun phrases, consisting of noun with preposition, but functioning as a preposition only), such as, e.g., פָּנִי / לְ. Formally such phrases could be rendered by the corresponding Greek preposition and the matching noun, but practically the Greek language demands different constructions. General differences are marked as =%ps, e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Gen 1:2.8 רוּחַ / וְ | καὶ πνεῦμα |
| Gen 1:2.9 אֱלֹהִים | θεοῦ |
| Gen 1:2.10 מְרַחֵפֶת | ἐπέφερετο |

¹⁸ This procedure is also used when the comparative meaning is implied by the verbal form, e.g., Gen 25:23.

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Gen 1:2.11 עַל־פְּנֵי =%ps | ἐπάνω |
| Gen 1:2.12 מִן / הַ | τοῦ ὕδατος |

=%ps-, =%ps+

If the semi-preposition in MT is rendered by a simple Greek preposition, the notation is

=%ps-, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Gen 7:3.17 ל / חִיּוֹת | διαθρέψαι |
| Gen 7:3.18 זֶרַע | σπέρμα. |
| Gen 7:3.19 עַל־פְּנֵי =%ps- | ἐπι |
| Gen 7:3.20 כָּל | πάντων |
| Gen 7:3.21 הַ / אֲרֶז | τῆν γῆν |

This notation indicates that the Greek rendering could, on the face of it, reflect a single preposition, e.g., על , but in view of semantic considerations, such inference seems precarious at best.

If, on the other hand, a preposition in the MT is matched by a phrase that in the Greek mostly reflects a Hebrew semi-preposition, the notation is =%ps+, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Exo 10:16.6 וְ / יֹאמַר | λέγων |
| Exo 10:16.7 חַטָּאתִי | ἡμάρτηκα |
| Exo 10:16.8 ל / יְהוָה =%ps+ | ἐναντίον κυρίου |
| Exo 10:16.9 אֱלֹהֵי / יְכֹם | τοῦ θεοῦ ὑμῶν |
| Exo 10:16.10 וְ / ל / כֹּם : | καὶ εἰς ὑμᾶς |

c. Active / Passive / Causative interchange (diathesis) =%vap =%vpa

If the MT has an active form of the verb, whereas the LXX reflects a passive form of the same root, the Alignment notes this as an interchange of active and passive (diathesis), =%vap, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Deu 12:23.10 לֹא / וְ | οὐ |
| Deu 12:23.11 תִּאֲכַל =%vap =v | βρωθήσεται |
| Deu 12:23.12 הַ / נַפְשׁוֹ | ἡ ψυχὴ |
| Deu 12:23.13 עִם | μετὰ |
| Deu 12:23.14 הַ / בְּשָׂר | τῶν κρεῶν |

The passive reading of the LXX fits the consonantal text and the context no less than the active reading of the MT. The problem of pronunciation is indicated by the common notation =v.

The notation =%vap may also be used to indicate an interchange of causative (in MT) and active (in LXX), e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Deu 12:3.14 אֲבִדְתֶם / וְ =%vap | καὶ ἀπολείται |
| Deu 12:3.15 אֶת / שְׁמֵן | τὸ ὄνομα αὐτῶν |
| Deu 12:3.16 מִן | ἐκ |
| Deu 12:3.17 הַ / מִקּוֹם | τοῦ τόπου |
| Deu 12:3.18 הַ / הוּא | ἐκείνου |

In this case, as in similar cases, the Alignment does not reconstruct the possible reading =אבד (Psa 41:6). A search reveals a similar case in Deut 7:24:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Deu 7:24.4 הֶאֱבֹדֶתְךָ / וְ =%vap | καὶ ἀπολείται |
| Deu 7:24.5 אֶת שְׁמִי / מְ | τὸ ὄνομα αὐτῶν |

If the MT has a passive verb, whereas the LXX offers an active form, the notation =%vpa is used, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Jdg 16:9.13 כִּי אִשָּׁר | ὡς εἶ |
| Jdg 16:9.14 --+ | τις |
| Jdg 16:9.15 יִנְתַּק =%vpa =v | ἀποσπάσοι |
| Jdg 16:9.16 פְּתִיל | στρέμμα |
| Jdg 16:9.17 הַנְּעֻרֶת | στιππύου |

In this case too, the diathesis is connected to pronunciation. The example at hand also illustrates the problem of the indefinite subject. This form may be expressed by a passive, as it is in the MT, or by an indefinite pronoun with an active verb, as found in the LXX.¹⁹

The present notation is also used to indicate the interchange of active forms with the causative, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Jdg 2:15.16 יִצֹר / וְ =%vpa =@ | καὶ ἐξέθλιψεν |
| Jdg 2:15.17 לְ / הֵם | αὐτοὺς |
| Jdg 2:15.18 מֵאֵד | σφόδρα |

¹⁹ If the object is involved this issue involves the pronoun as well.

d. Noun/Verb/Particle/Pronoun Interchanges, %nv, %np, %vq²⁰

Many cases of variance between the MT and the LXX relate to interchanges that do not affect the semantic root but rather its morphological realization as noun or verb. Thus, where the MT contains a certain verbal form, the LXX may offer a noun that could reflect the same root as the verb in MT, e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Exo 30:12.14 וְ/לֵא | καὶ οὐκ |
| Exo 30:12.15 יִהְיֶה | ἔσται |
| Exo 30:12.16 בְּ / הֵם | ἐν αὐτοῖς |
| Exo 30:12.17 נִגְרָה | πτῶσις |
| Exo 30:12.18 בְּ / פִקְדָּה =%nv | ἐν τῇ ἐπισκοπῇ |
| Exo 30:12.19 אֵת / מֵ | αὐτῶν |

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Num 6:6.1 כָּל | πάσας |
| Num 6:6.2 יָמַי | τὰς ἡμέρας |
| Num 6:6.3 וְ/ הַזֵּיר =%nv | τῆς εὐχῆς |
| Num 6:6.4 לְ / יִהְיֶה | κυρίῳ |

In the latter passage the LXX could reflect a noun matching εὐχῆ, e.g., נִזְרוֹ (Num 6:4, נִזְרוֹ; יָמַי; 6:5, נִזְרוֹ, נִזְרוֹ {יָמַי}), but in view of the special character of the Hebrew infinitive, that may always function as a noun, always can carry a noun suffix (as it does in this case), and always can be used in a status constructus (in the present case; as regens), the Greek rendering might be considered to equal the MT, even though the morphological categories are, on the face of it, at variance. Thus it is preferable to note such cases as a

²⁰ At the present stage the notations mentioned in this sub-chapter occur in part of the

phenomenon, that could relate both to the Hebrew source text and to the translator's preferences.

Accordingly, the Alignment marks such cases as =%nv, covering both the interchange MT verb / LXX noun and the inverse interchange MT noun / LXX verb, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Gen 19:31.11 כָּרַךְ/כָּ =%nv | ὡς καθήκει |
| Gen 19:31.12 כָּל | πάση |
| Gen 19:31.13 הָ/אֲרֵץ | τῆ γῆ |

=%np

The notation =%np is used for the interchange MT noun / LXX pronoun/particle/adverb, as well as for the inverse interchange, e.g,

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Exo 31:16.5 לְ/עֲשׂוֹת | ποιεῖν |
| Exo 31:16.6 אֵת/הָ שְׂבַת =%np | αὐτὰ |
| Exo 31:16.7 לְ/דִרְתָּ/ם | εἰς τὰς γενεὰς αὐτῶν |

=%vq

A similar method is used for those cases in which the LXX has a pronoun/particle/adverb where the MT has a verb, or vice versa. In particular we note cases in which the Hebrew preposition with pronoun is rendered by ἕχω, e.g.,

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Num 7:9.5 כִּי | ὅτι |
| Num 7:9.6 עֲבֹדָתָ | τὰ λειτουργήματα |
| Num 7:9.7 הָ/קָרַשׁ | τοῦ ἁγίου |

text only (mainly Pentateuch and Isaiah).

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Num 7:9.8 עַל־ /הֵם =%vp | ἔχουσιν |
| Num 7:9.9 בְּ /כִתְיָהּ | ἐπ' ὤμων |
| Num 7:9.10 יִשָּׂאוּ | ἀροῦσιν |

e. Independent, Attributive and Relative Pronouns, %o+, %a+, %r+²¹

Greek Pronouns in the Accusative, =%o+

The LXX frequently contains a verb with accusative pronoun (or with genitive/dative) where the MT has merely a verb, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Deu 14:23.1 וְ /אֲכַלְתָּ | καὶ φάγη |
| Deu 14:23.2 --+ =%o+ | αὐτὸ |
| Deu 14:23.3 לְ /פָּנָי | ἐναντι |
| Deu 14:23.4 יְהוָה | κυρίου |
| Deu 14:23.5 אֱלֹהֶיךָ /יְיָ | τοῦ θεοῦ σου |

According to the MT, the Hebrew of this verse does not mention the object explicitly, since it is presupposed, following the command in v. 22: 'set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field.' The Greek text supplies an object in the form of a pronoun in the accusative, referring to the object of the previous verse. It is unclear, first, whether this plus is a free addition, or the faithful rendering of a pronominal form in the Hebrew source text. Secondly, it is unclear whether this pronominal form would consist of a suffix to the verb (וְ /אֲכַלְתָּ /וְ), or of אַתָּה with the suffix (וְ /אֲכַלְתָּ אַתָּה /וְ), even though in the present case the latter form seems idiomatic (cf. Deu 12:11). Consequently, indication of the phenomenon by special notation, =%o+,

²¹ At the present stage the notations mentioned in this sub-chapter occur in part of the

seems preferable to explicit reconstruction.

This logic applies to all pluses of Greek pronouns in the accusative, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Jos 4:21.6 כ / אשר = %p+ | ὅταν |
| Jos 4:21.7 יִשְׁאַלְוּן | ἑρωτώσιν |
| Jos 4:21.8 --+ = %o+ | ὑμᾶς |
| Jos 4:21.9 בְּנֵי / יִכְּם | οἱ υἱοὶ ὑμῶν |
| Jos 4:21.10 מְחַר | --- |
| Jos 4:21.11 אֵת אַבּוֹתָם / ׀ | --- |
| Jos 4:21.12 לְ / אָמַר | λέγοντες |
| Jos 4:21.13 מֵהָ | τί εἰσιν |
| Jos 4:21.14 הָ / אֲבָנִים | οἱ λίθοι |
| Jos 4:21.15 הָ / אֵלֶּה | οὗτοι |

In this case the Greek text lets the son's question ('your sons') be addressed to 'you,' that is, their fathers. This construction is similar to that of Exo 13:14 (וְהָיָה כִּי־יִשְׁאַלְךָ בְּנֶךָ מָחָר) and Deu 6:20 (כִּי־יִשְׁאַלְךָ בְּנֶךָ מָחָר), and thus may be idiomatic with the suffix attached to the verb (e.g., יִשְׁאַל / כֵּם). Nevertheless, this assumption is far from certain. What adds to the uncertainty is the fact that the addressee of the question is implied in 'your sons' (the suffix of בְּנֵי / יִכְּם), and thus could be viewed as redundant in context. Accordingly, once again notation of the phenomenon is preferable to explicit reconstruction.

The same notation is used for all cases in which the LXX introduces a plus in the form of a pronoun in as direct or indirect object, which could reflect suffix or particle with pronominal suffix in the Hebrew source text, but could also form free additions, e.g.,

text only (mainly Pentateuch and Isaiah).

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Deu 1:21.1 רֹאֵה | ἴδετε |
| Deu 1:21.2 נָתַן | παραδέδωκεν |
| Deu 1:21.3 --+ =%o+ | ὑμῖν |
| Deu 1:21.4 יְהוָה | κύριος |
| Deu 1:21.5 אֱלֹהֵי / יְיָ | ὁ θεὸς ὑμῶν |
| Deu 1:21.6 לְ / פָנָי / יְיָ | πρὸ προσώπου ὑμῶν |
| Deu 1:21.7 אֶת הָאָרֶץ / רִגְזָהּ | τὴν γῆν |

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Deu 1:43.1 וְ / אֲדַבֵּר | καὶ ἐλάλησα |
| Deu 1:43.2 אֵלַי / יְכַחֵשׁ | ὑμῖν |
| Deu 1:43.3 וְ / לֹא | καὶ οὐκ |
| Deu 1:43.4 שְׁמַע / תָּמָּ | εἰσηκούσατέ |
| Deu 1:43.5 --+ =%o+ | μου |

Demonstrative Pronouns=%a

The plus of demonstrative pronouns is indicated as =%a+, in particular when used as attribute, e.g.

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Lev 23:39.1 אֵךְ | καὶ |
| Lev 23:39.2 בַּ / חֲמִשָּׁה עָשָׂר | ἐν τῇ πεντεκαίδεκάτῃ |
| Lev 23:39.3 יוֹם | ἡμέρα |
| Lev 23:39.4 לְ / חֳדָשׁ | τοῦ μηνὸς |
| Lev 23:39.5 הַ / שְׁבִיעִי | τοῦ ἑβδόμου |
| Lev 23:39.6 --+ =%a+ | {... τοῦ} τούτου |

The LXX could reflect the formulaic phrase **לְהַרְשֵׁתְּ הַשְּׂבִינְעֵי הַנְּזֹה** as found in Lev 23:27, 34.

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Jos 9:24.13 לְ/תַת | δοῦναι |
| Jos 9:24.14 לְ/כֶם | ὑμῖν |
| Jos 9:24.15 אֶת כָּל | --- |
| Jos 9:24.16 הַ/אֲרָץ | τῆν γῆν |
| Jos 9:24.17 --+ =%a+ | ταύτην |

Relative Pronouns, =%r+

If the Greek includes a relative pronoun, where the MT presents an asyndetic text or a simple clause, sentence structure is affected. Such structure could reflect the efforts of the Greek translator, e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Lev 8:21.5 וְ/יִקְטֹר | καὶ ἀνήνεγκεν |
| Lev 8:21.6 מִן שֶׁה | μωσῆς |
| Lev 8:21.7 אֶת כָּל | ὅλον |
| Lev 8:21.8 הַ/אֵיל | τὸν κριὸν |
| Lev 8:21.9 הַ/מִּזְבֵּחַ/ה | ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον |
| Lev 8:21.10 עֲלֶיהָ | ὀλοκαύτωμα |
| Lev 8:21.11 --+ =%r+ | ὅ |
| Lev 8:21.12 הִיא | ἐστίν |
| Lev 8:21.13 לְ/רִיחַ | εἰς ὄσμην |
| Lev 8:21.14 נִיחַח | εὐωδίας |

In this example, the short comment that in the MT is formulated as a short nominal

clause which comments on the preceding burnt-offering, is in the LXX reformulated as a relative clause, a construction which in this context seems Greek rather than Hebrew. Addition of the relative is especially frequent in the Greek rendering of Hebrew poetic texts, in which asyndetic relative clauses are regular, e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Exo 15:17.3 בְּ/הַר | εἰς ὄρος |
| Exo 15:17.4 נַחֲלָתְךָ/ךָ | κληρονομίας σου |
| Exo 15:17.5 {...} | εἰς |
| Exo 15:17.6 מְכוּן =@__ | {..ρείς} ἔτοιμον |
| Exo 15:17.7 לְ/שִׁבְתְּךָ | κατοικητήριόν σου |
| Exo 15:17.8 --+ =%r+ | ὃ |
| Exo 15:17.9 פְּעֻלָּתְךָ | κατειργάσω |
| Exo 15:17.10 יְהוָה | κύριε |
| Exo 15:17.11 מִקְדָּשׁ | ἁγίασμα |
| Exo 15:17.12 אֲדֹנָי | κύριε |
| Exo 15:17.13 --+ =%r+ | ὃ |
| Exo 15:17.14 כּוֹנְנֶנּוּ | ἠτοίμασαν |
| Exo 15:17.15 יָדְךָ/יָדְךָ | αἱ χεῖρές σου |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Isa 29:1.1 הוֹי < | οὐαι |
| Isa 29:1.2 אַרְיֵאל {...? אַרְיֵאל} | {..^αριηλ} |
| Isa 29:1.3 אַרְיֵאל | --- ? |
| Isa 29:1.4 קְרִית | πόλις αριηλ ἣν Δαυιδ ἐπολέμησεν |
| Isa 29:1.5 {...} | αριηλ |
| Isa 29:1.6 --+ =%r+ | ἣν |

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Isa 29:1.7 קָנָה | {..^επολέμησεν} |
| Isa 29:1.8 דָּוִד | δαυιδ |
| Isa 29:1.9 {...} | επολέμησεν |

Since the Greek does not have use for asyndetic relative clauses, the addition of the relative is a necessity of Greek syntax, not implying a variant in the Hebrew source text. Nevertheless such variants are not impossible, as shown by those cases in which the Greek plus is matched by a Hebrew witness to the text, e.g.,

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Gen 39:4.10 וְכָל | καὶ πάντα |
| Gen 39:4.11 --+ =%r+ <39.5%> <sp> | ὅσα |
| Gen 39:4.12 יֵשׁ | ἦν |
| Gen 39:4.13 לֵן | αὐτῶ |
| Gen 39:4.14 נָתַן | ἔδωκεν |
| Gen 39:4.15 בְּ / יָדוֹ = יוֹסֵף בִּיד יוֹסֵף: <39.6%> =%np | διὰ χειρὸς ιωσηφ |

In this passage the plus of the relative pronoun (ὅσα) is in keeping with the text of the Samaritan Pentateuch and the adjacent verse 5 (בְּכָל-אֲשֶׁר יֵשׁ-לוֹ בַּבַּיִת וּבַשְּׂדֵה).

Accordingly, the Hebrew source text of the LXX may have contained this reading. On the other hand, the Samaritan Pentateuch could also reflect scribal adaptation of the difficult text. The Alignment enables the study of these problems by indicating the phenomenon as such.

f. Condensation and Expansion, %b, %c, %e²²

²² At the present stage the notations mentioned in this sub-chapter occur in part of the text only (mainly Pentateuch and Isaiah).

Condensation, =%c

In many cases the LXX contains one vocable that covers the content of two lexemes in the MT, especially when they are consecutive. In such cases the assumption that we are dealing with a minus would obviously be erroneous, since there is no change in content. Hence the Alignment notes such cases as semantic (or syntactic) condensation, =%c, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Gen 37:19.5 הַנָּה | ἰδοῦ |
| Gen 37:19.6 הַ / חַלְמוֹת בַּעַל =%c | ὁ ἐνυπνιαστῆς |
| Gen 37:19.7 הַלְיָהּ | ἐκεῖνος |
| Gen 37:19.8 בָּא | ἔρχεται |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Gen 39:20.5 הוּ / יִתְּנֶנּוּ / הוּ | ἐνέβαλεν αὐτὸν |
| Gen 39:20.6 אֶל | εἰς |
| Gen 39:20.7 הַ / סֹהַר בֵּית =%c | τὸ ὄχυρωμα |

Frequently such condensation is related to the reduction of complex syntactic patterns, in order to streamline the structure of the Greek, e.g.,

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Gen 26:8.1 הַ / יְהִי | ἔγένετο ^ δὲ |
| Gen 26:8.2 כִּי | --- ? |
| Gen 26:8.3 אָרְכוּ {הַ / יָמִים...} {כִּי?...} {לְ / יוֹ?...} =%c | πολυχρόνιος |
| Gen 26:8.4 לְ / יוֹ | --- ? |
| Gen 26:8.5 שָׁם | ἐκεῖ |
| Gen 26:8.6 הַ / יָמִים | {...} |

This notation is also used to mark cases in which the personal pronoun with active participle is rendered as a present tense without corresponding pronoun in the Greek, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Gen 21:22.15 בְּ/כֹל | ἐν πᾶσιν |
| Gen 21:22.16 אֲשֶׁר | οἷς ἔαν |
| Gen 21:22.17 עֲשֵׂה אֵתָּה =%c | ποιῆς |

Compound words, =%b

In other cases the Greek translator uses one compound word that is composed of several lexemes, in order to reflect a number of words in the Hebrew, e.g.,

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Gen 39:22.1 ו/יתן | καὶ ἔδωκεν |
| Gen 39:22.2 שַׁר בֵּית־הַ/סֹּהַר =%b | ὁ ἀρχιδεσμοφύλαξ |
| Gen 39:22.3 --+ = סהר/ה בית את <40.3%> =%c | τὸ δεσμωτήριο |
| Gen 39:22.4 בְּ/יָד | διὰ χειρὸς |
| Gen 39:22.5 יוֹסֵף | ἰωσήφ |

In this passage, the word ἀρχιδεσμοφύλαξ, chief prison keeper, consists of two lexemes, ἀρχι, 'chief,' and δεσμοφύλαξ, prison keeper, that together cover the content of the compound noun phrase שַׁר בֵּית־הַסֹּהַר. The term used also is connected with the Greek plus, in which the term prison recurs.

Some of the examples relate to exegesis rather than to morphology as such, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Isa 40:31.1 יִקְוּ | οἱ ἄδὲ ὑπομένοντες |
|--------------------|--------------------|

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Isa 40:31.2 יְהוּהַ | τὸν θεὸν |
| Isa 40:31.3 יַחֲלִיפוּ | ἀλλάξουσιν |
| Isa 40:31.4 כַּחַ | ἰσχύν |
| Isa 40:31.5 יַעֲלוּ אֲבָר =%b | πτεροφυήσουσιν |
| Isa 40:31.6 כִּ/נִשְׂרִים | ὡς ἄετοί |

The Hebrew verb with object, ‘grow new plumes,’ has been rendered as a single verb, ‘they shall put forth new feathers,’ that includes both the notion of ‘growing’ (φύω) and of ‘feathers’ (πτερόν).

Expansion, =%e

The Greek translation often contains phrases consisting of several words, e.g., noun with verb, where the MT contains a single term, such as a single noun or a single verb, e.g.,

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Isa 43:22.6 כִּי | οὐδὲ |
| Isa 43:22.7 יִגְעַתְּ בִ/י =%e =%vap ={@}_ | κοπιᾶσαί σε ἐποίησα |
| Isa 43:22.8 יִשְׂרָאֵל | יִשְׂרָאֵל |

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Isa 43:23.12 לֹא/וְ | οὐδε |
| Isa 43:23.13 הוֹנֵעֲתִי/ָ =%e _ | ἔγκοπον ἐποίησά σε |
| Isa 43:23.14 בִ/לְבוֹנָה | ἐν λιβάνω |

In these passages, the causative meaning is constructed by means of the verb, which is added to adjective (v. 23) or infinitive (v. 22). In the latter verse, this construction reflects

an exegetical effort, probably related to the former verse.

One also notes examples in which genetic processes are rendered by means of adjective and verb, whereas the MT contains an intransitive (adjectival) verb, e.g.,

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Exo 2:11.5 וַיִּגְדַּל =%e | μέγας γενόμενος |
| Exo 2:11.6 מֹשֶׁה | μωσῆς |
| Exo 2:11.7 וַיֵּצֵא | ἐξήλθεν |
| Exo 2:11.8 אֵל | πρὸς |
| Exo 2:11.9 אָחָיו | τοὺς ἀδελφούς αὐτοῦ |

These cases instantiate the expansion patterns used to reflect certain aspects of the Hebrew grammatical form. Other constructions are possible as well:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Isa 46:10.11 כֹּל /וְ | καὶ πάντα |
| Isa 46:10.12 י /חַפְצֵי =%nv =%e | ὅσα βεβούλευμαι |
| Isa 46:10.13 אֲעֲשֶׂה | ποιήσω |

Other cases relate to exegesis, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Isa 56:6.8 לְ /הֵיחָת | τοῦ εἶναι |
| Isa 56:6.9 וְ /לְ | αὐτῷ |
| Isa 56:6.10 לְ /עַבְדִּים =%e | εἰς δούλους {...?καὶ δούλας} |
| Isa 56:6.11 וְ /אִמָּהוּת? --+ | καὶ δούλας |

The data concerning expansion and condensation create the possibility to search for

such phenomena systematically, and, more significantly, to analyze their incidence in the various books and segments of biblical literature.

8. Other Ancient Hebrew and Aramaic Text Forms Matching the LXX.

References to ancient Hebrew (or Aramaic) witnesses to the text of the Hebrew Bible are offered in angular brackets. These witnesses are:

(1) <sp> the Samaritan Pentateuch quoted according to *Jewish and Samaritan Version of the Pentateuch* (ed. A. and R. Sadaqa; 5 vols; Holon and Jerusalem: Reuben Mass, 1961-1966), and collated with the more recent edition *The Samaritan Pentateuch, Edited According to Ms 6 (C) of the Shekhem Synagogue* (ed. A. Tal; Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv University Press, 1994).

(2) <sb> the pronunciation tradition of the Samaritan Pentateuch as published by Z. Ben-Hayyim, *The Literary and Oral Tradition of Hebrew and Aramaic Amongst the Samaritans* (5 Vols; Jerusalem: Academy of the Hebrew Language, 1977) 4 (The Words of the Pentateuch). Although this tradition is quoted only infrequently, it can provide important testimony to the way the text of the Samaritan is to be understood, if the consonantal text is ambiguous, and could fit either the MT or the LXX (see below).

<q > the biblical scrolls from the Judean desert, quoted by number of cave and text. Note that in the Alignment the first sign in the string is <q. The cave number is given after the q. Hence the normal reference 4Q is now: <q4. The name of the scroll is not given, since it is identical with that of the biblical book, but the index number is given on the main line. For instance, in Exodus the notation <q4m> refers to 4QpaleoExod^m. In other texts, the inventory number follows the cave number, separated by a hyphen, e.g., q4-158 = 4Q158.

Additional sigla include the following

<*q> Possible partial agreement with variant found in Qumran text (in particular if that text is fragmentary or otherwise problematic, e.g., interlinear text)

Cases in which the text of the Samaritan Pentateuch or Qumran scroll agree with the MT as against the LXX are indicated by =>:

- <q=> Agreement of the Qumran text with the MT
- <sp=> Agreement of the Samaritan Pentateuch with the MT

Additional sigla include:

- <q-> The vocable indicated is not present in the Qumran text
- <q11pl> 11Qpaleo-Hebrew Leviticus
- <q11t> Temple Scroll from cave 11 in Qumran (11QTemple^a)
- <qm> Mezuzoth from Qumran (with cave and inventory number)
- <qp> Phylacteries from Qumran (with cave and inventory number)

Agreement between the LXX and ancient Hebrew witnesses other than MT may suggest the reading of the Hebrew source text from which the translation was made, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1Sa 16:4.14 אָמַר / יְיָ | καὶ εἶπαν |
| 1Sa 16:4.15 שָׁלַם | εἰρήνη |
| 1Sa 16:4.16 בּוֹא / בָּ | ἡ εἰσοδος σου |
| 1Sa 16:4.17 --+ =הַרְאָה / ה <q4b> | ὁ βλέπων |

The use of Samuel's prophetic title no doubt suits the scene of his welcoming by the elders of Bethlehem. In this respect the text of MT seems less adequate to the occasion than that of the ancient Samuel scroll (4QSam^b) and the LXX. On the other hand, nothing in the present context suggests that the use of the title הַרְאָה. Hence neither translator nor Hebrew scribe could have inferred it from the adjacent verses. In consequence, this agreement between the ancient witnesses as against the MT is a significant datum. Chances are that the ancient Hebrew source text of the LXX did include this title.

Some of the LXX-Qumran agreements actually are surprising, e.g.,

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| Exo 5:9.1 תִּכְבֹּד | βαρυνέσθω |
| Exo 5:9.2 הַ/ עֲבָדָה | τὰ ἔργα |
| Exo 5:9.3 עַל/ הַ/ אֲנָשִׁים | τῶν ἀνθρώπων |
| Exo 5:9.4 --+ =%a+ | τούτων |
| Exo 5:9.5 וְ/ יַעֲשׂוּ =; וְ/ יִשְׁעו <q4b> <sp>_ .m =vs | καὶ μεριμνάτωσαν |
| Exo 5:9.6 הַ/ בְּ/ =%p | ταῦτα |

Exo 5:9.5 W/Y(&W =;W/Y\$(W <q4b> <sp> <dn> .m =vs KAI\ MERIMNA/TWSAN

Since the Greek term μεριμνάτωσαν ('care for') could actually represent an exegetical rendering, no certainty could be attained with regard to the Hebrew verb that it possibly reflects. Thus the reading of the scroll and the Samaritan Pentateuch constitutes welcome confirmation of the inference that the Hebrew source text read וְ/ יִשְׁעו with metathesis שַׁע/ עַש (as indicated by the sign '.m'), in accordance with the verb of the next colon.

No less striking is the following case:

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|--|----------------|
| 1Sa 20:34.1 וְ/ יִקָּם = וְ/ יִפְחֹז <q4b> | καὶ ἀνεπήδησεν |
| 1Sa 20:34.2 יְהוֹנָתָן | ιωναθαν |
| 1Sa 20:34.3 מִן/ עַם | ἀπὸ |
| 1Sa 20:34.4 הַ/ שְׁלֵחֹן | τῆς τραπέζης |
| 1Sa 20:34.5 בְּ/ חֲרִי | ἐν ὀργῇ |
| 1Sa 20:34.6 אָף | θυμοῦ |

The Greek term ἀνεπήδησεν , 'sprang up,' is far more pregnant than the corresponding term in the MT ('he stood up'), but it is not easy to decide whether the Greek text reflects

dramatization on the part of the translator, or whether it faithfully reflects a variant in its Hebrew source text. The question is settled by the reading of the scroll that implies a forceful, unforeseen movement.

In the following case, on the other hand, the plus common to the Samaritan Pentateuch, the Qumran scroll (4QExod^b) and the LXX ('the daughter of Pharaoh') clearly is context dependent, for it occurs frequently in the immediate context. Apparently, then, this reading is no more than an explanatory addition. Still, the agreement between the LXX and the Hebrew witnesses is significant, as it shows that explanatory additions are possible in the Hebrew text and the Greek translation alike:

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| Exo 2:6.8 וְ / תַחֲמוֹל | καὶ ἐφείσατο |
| Exo 2:6.9 עָלָיו / יו | αὐτοῦ |
| Exo 2:6.10 --+ =; בת <sp> <q4b> <up> <dn> | ἡ θυγάτηρ |
| Exo 2:6.11 --+ =: פרעה: <sp> <q4b> <up> <dn> | φαραω |

A similar addition is common to 4QSam^a and the LXX in the narrative concerning the conflict between Saul and Samuel:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1Sa 15:27.1 וְ / יִסֹּב =v =% vpa | καὶ ἀπέστρεψεν |
| 1Sa 15:27.2 שְׂמוּאֵל | σαμουηλ |
| 1Sa 15:27.3 --+ = יו / פּנֵי אֵת | τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ |
| 1Sa 15:27.4 לְ / לָכֵת | τοῦ ἀπελθεῖν |
| 1Sa 15:27.5 וְ / יַחֲזֹק | καὶ ἐκράτησεν |
| 1Sa 15:27.6 --+ =: שאול: <q4a> | σαουλ |
| 1Sa 15:27.7 בְּ / כַנָּף | τοῦ πτερυγίου |
| 1Sa 15:27.8 וְ / מְעִיל | τῆς διπλοΐδος αὐτοῦ |

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1Sa 15:27.9 יִקְרַע /וְ=v =%vpa ={f} | καὶ διέρρηξεν |
| 1Sa 15:27.10 --+ =%o+ ={f} | αὐτό |

The explanatory plus of Saul's name is needed since without its explicit mention the identification of Saul as subject is dependent on the logic of the implicit change in turn. However, since this is a common feature of biblical narrative (cf 2 Sam 20:10; 2 Kings 8:14), the shorter reading of the MT probably represents the primary text.

In some cases the common reading of the LXX and the witness from Qumran represents a less adequate understanding of the syntactic structure of the verse:

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| Deu 19:18.4 הִנֵּה /וְ | καὶ ἰδοὺ |
| Deu 19:18.5 עֵד | μάρτυς |
| Deu 19:18.6 וְשֹׁקֵר | ἄδικος |
| Deu 19:18.7 עֵד /הָ=%nv =העיד <q11t> ={f} | ἐμαρτύρησεν |
| Deu 19:18.8 וְשֹׁקֵר ={f} | ἄδικα |
| Deu 19:18.9 עֲנֵה ={f} ={@} | ἀντίστη |
| Deu 19:18.10 וְ/אָחִי/וּ ={f} | κατὰ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ αὐτοῦ |

At times the Alignment notes the agreement between the MT and the ancient witness to the text, as against the LXX, e.g.,

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| Exo 20:18.10 וְ/יִרָא =@אֵל =v <sb=> | φοβηθέντες ^ δὲ |
| Exo 20:18.11 --+ =; כל <up> | πᾶς |
| Exo 20:18.12 הָעָם | ὁ λαὸς |
| Exo 20:18.13 וְ/יִנְעוּ | --- |

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Exo 20:18.14 וְיַעֲמְדוּ / וְ | ἕστησαν |
| Exo 20:18.15 מִן / רָחַק | μακρόθεν |

This case is instructive since the consonantal text of the Samaritan Pentateuch is ambiguous, and could fit either the MT, in which the verb is derived from the root **רָאָה**, or the LXX, in which it is derived from **יָרָא**. However, the pronunciation tradition indicates agreement with the MT.

The notation of ‘partial agreement’ with the LXX can be ambiguous and often suggests examination of the passage at hand, such as the Deuteronomic threat of future calamity and defeat:

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| Deu 31:17.7 וְהִסְתַּרְוֹתִי / וְ | καὶ ἀποστρέψω |
| Deu 31:17.8 פָּנַי / י | τὸ πρόσωπόν μου |
| Deu 31:17.9 מִן / הֵם | ἀπ’ αὐτῶν |
| Deu 31:17.10 וְהָיָה / וְ | καὶ ἔσται |
| Deu 31:17.11 לֵאכֹל / לְ =v =%nv <sp~> | κατάβρωμα |

The indication of the partial agreement with the Samaritan Pentateuch refers to the reading **לֵאכֹל** of this witness, using a nominal form from the root **אָכַל**, as well as the particle. This constellation could suggest that the Hebrew source text of the LXX read **לֵאכֹל** or **אָכַל**. In the former case omission of the preposition would be attributed to the Greek translator.

9. Additional Philological Details

- a. Indication of graphic interchanges .rd, .w+, .y-, etc.

The reconstruction of possible variants may be followed by indications of graphic interchanges, e.g., the interchange of consonants. Such notation consists of a dot, followed by the letter found in the MT and then the letter occurring in the suggested reconstruction, e.g. .rd , signifying ר in the MT, ר in the reconstruction, e.g.,

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| Jos 3:16.24 הָעָם / וְ | καὶ ὁ λαὸς |
| Jos 3:16.25 עֲבָרוּ = עמדו? .bm .rd | εἰστήκει |
| Jos 3:16.26 נָגַד | ἀπέναντι |
| Jos 3:16.27 יְרִיחוֹ | ιεριχω |

The notation of the graphic interchanges indicates that the proposed reconstruction entails the interchange of *beth* (MT) and *mem* (reconstruction), and of *resh* (MT) and *daleth* (reconstruction).

Some of these interchanges relate to the Hebrew / Aramaic pronunciation of the period, e.g., the common interchanges of *aleph* / *ayin*, *mem* / *nun*, e.g.,

| | |
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| 1Sa 18:22.18 עַתָּה / וְ = אַתָּה = (.) | καὶ σὺ |
| 1Sa 18:22.19 הַתְּחַתֵּן | ἐπιγάμβρευσον |
| 1Sa 18:22.20 בְּ / מִלְךָ | τῷ βασιλεῖ |

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1Sa 28:2.5 כֵּן / לְ | οὕτω |
| 1Sa 28:2.6 עַתָּה = אַתָּה = (.) | νῦν |
| 1Sa 28:2.7 תִּדַע | γινώσκει |
| 1Sa 28:2.8 אֵת אֲשֶׁר | ἃ |

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1Sa 28:2.9 יַעֲשֶׂה | ποιήσει |
| 1Sa 28:2.10 עַבְדְּךָ/ךָ | ὁ δοῦλός σου |

Jos 11:5.9 מִי מַרְוֶן = מִי מַרְוֶן .mn τοῦ ὕδατος μαρρων

Jos 11:16.11 הָ/גִשְׁן = .nm γοσομ

Note that the indication of possible graphic interchanges does not necessitate the reconstruction of place names, personal names and transliterations.

The *mem/nun* interchange is also attested in manuscripts from the Judean desert, e.g.,

Isa 9:3.15 מְדִיָּן = מְדִיָּן .nm <q1a> τῆ ἐπὶ Μαδιαμ

w+, w-, y+, y-, h+, h-,)+,)-, (+, (-, x+, x-, m+, m-, n+, n-

In addition the Alignment notes addition/omission of vowel letters, *matres lectionis* (which in inscriptions and ancient manuscripts were noted far less than in the MT), and *mem/nun*, e.g.,

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1Sa 20:26.16 טְהוֹר = %nv = טהר <q4b> .w- | κεκαθάρισται |
| Num 24:7.8 מְ/אֲנִי = מְ/גוֹג <sp> .w+ | ἢ γωγ |
| 2Sa 2:31.9 מְתוֹ = מְ/אֵת/וּ (+) | παρ' αὐτοῦ |
| 2Ki 2:22.1 מְ/וֹ יִרְפְּאוּ = מְ/וֹ יִרְפְּאוּ (+) | καὶ ἰάθησαν |
| 2Ch 30:22.11 מְ/וֹ יִכְלוּ = מְ/וֹ יִכְלוּ (-) | καὶ συνετέλεσαν |
| 2Ki 18:7.6 יַעֲשֶׂה = יַעֲשֶׂה .c& (+) | ἐποίει |
| Num 32:3.7 מְ/וֹ שְׁבַמָּה = מְ/וֹ שְׁבַמָּה .h+ <sp> | καὶ σεβαμα |
| 1Ch 1:7.4 מְ/וֹ תְרַשִּׁישׁ = מְ/וֹ תְרַשִּׁישׁ .h- <ge10.4%> | καὶ θαρσις |
| 1Ch 4:14.8 מְ/וֹ חַרְשִׁים = מְ/וֹ חַרְשִׁים .dr .m- | αγαδδαῖρ {t} |
| 1Ch 4:21.2 מְ/וֹ שְׁלֵוּ = מְ/וֹ שְׁלֵוּ .m+ | σηλωμ |

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|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Deu 1:4.15 בְּ / אֲדַרְעֵי .n+ | καὶ ἐν ἐδραῖν |
| Rut 1:2.6 נַעֲמִי .n+ | νωεμιν |

In the Second Temple period *mem/nun* were often used to close a syllable when ending with a vowel, as indicated, for instance, by the common name יוֹדָן, equalling יהודה. In David's genealogy we encounter a similar phenomenon:

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| Rut 4:20.6 אֶת שַׁלְמֹה .n+ <dn> | τὸν σαλμαν |
| Rut 4:21.1 וְ / שַׁלְמוֹן | καὶ σαλμαν |

b. Other graphic phenomena, .m, .l, .z, .j, .s, .w

The Alignment also notes additional graphic phenomena, such as metathesis, .m, e.g,

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| 1Sa 19:8.5 וְ / יֵצֵא =? / וְ יַעֲזֹב .cz .m | καὶ κατίσχυσεν |
| 1Sa 19:8.6 דָּוִד | δαυιδ |
| 1Sa 19:8.7 וְ / יִלָּחֶם | καὶ ἐπολέμησεν |
| 1Sa 19:8.8 בְּ / פְּלִשְׁתִּים | τοὺς ἀλλοφύλους |

.l possible ligature in the reconstruction, e.g.,

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|--|------------------------|
| Job 38:36.1 מִי | τίς δὲ |
| Job 38:36.2 שָׁת | ἔδωκεν |
| Job 38:36.3 בְּ / טְחֹת =@ / ב.טוּת .xww | {+} γυναιξὶν ὑφάσματος |
| Job 38:36.4 חֲכָמָה | σοφίαν |

In this case the LXX reflects the ligature of two letters waw, where the MT has a *heth*. This reading of the *heth* fits the form of this letter in the Jewish Aramaic script. Other possible ligatures include .nym, .nwm (*nun + yod* or *waw / final mem*), and .wnt (*waw + nun / taw*).

.z The Greek *possibly* reflects the abbreviation of a vocable in the source text of the LXX, e.g.,

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| Jer 6:11.1 וְאֵת חֲמַת־יְהוָה יִהְיֶה | καὶ τὸν θυμὸν μου |
| Jer 6:11.2 מִן־אֶתִּי | ἐπλησα |

The assumption behind this reconstruction is that the *yod* could serve as abbreviation of the divine name, as found, for instance, in the medieval manuscripts of Sirach (י״י).

Problems of different word division are indicated as follows:

.j Two words of MT reflected by one word in the Greek, that may be explained as resulting of their junction into one word in the source text of the LXX, e.g.,

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| Gen 26:35.1 וְתִהְיֶינָּה | καὶ ἦσαν |
| Gen 26:35.2 מִתְּחַרְרוֹתֶיךָ = מְרֵה = %c = מְרֵה = מִתְּחַרְרוֹתֶיךָ .j .m | ἐρίζουσαι |
| Gen 26:35.3 לְיִצְחָק | τῷ Ἰσαακ |

The complex annotation indicates that the reading, on any account, implies problems of text comprehension, either in connection with the root מְרֵה, 'to disobey, to be defiant,' or

with the reading as *מתחרות*, interpreting the graphic representation as single word, and involving metathesis as well.

.s One word of MT reflected by two words in the Greek, that may be explained as resulting of its separation into two or more words in the source text of the LXX, e.g.,

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|--|-----------------------------|
| 2Sa 7:14.9 אֲשֶׁר | καὶ |
| 2Sa 7:14.10 בְּ/הַעֲוֹת/וּ =@/וּ .s.tn באַ עוֹנוֹ/וּ | ἐὰν {d} ἔλθῃ ἡ ἀδικία αὐτοῦ |
| 2Sa 7:14.11 וְ/הַכְחַתִּי/וּ | καὶ ἐλέγξω αὐτὸν |
| 2Sa 7:14.12 בְּ/שִׁבְטִי | ἐν ῥάβδῳ |
| 2Sa 7:14.13 אֲנָשִׁים | ἀνδρῶν |

In this case the term *בְּ/הַעֲוֹת/וּ* has been read as two words, *בא עונו/וּ*, of which the former corresponds with *בה*, and the second with *עוֹת/וּ*, albeit in a slightly different reading (interchange *taw/nun*).

.w The Greek text possibly implies a word-division in its source text that differs from that of MT, e.g.,

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| Pro 14:7.1 כֹּל = לְךָ .m | πάντα |
| Pro 14:7.2 מִ/נֶגֶד | ἐναντία |
| Pro 14:7.3 לְ/אִישׁ | ἀνδρὶ |
| Pro 14:7.4 כֶּסֶל | ἄφρονι |
| Pro 14:7.5 בְּ/יַדְעָתָּ בל = וְ/כִלֵּי דַעַת = .w .bk | ὅπλα ^ δὲ αἰσθήσεως |
| Pro 14:7.6 שְׂפָתַי | χείλη |
| Pro 14:7.7 דַּעַת | σοφία |

c. The Indication of Other Languages

The translator's understanding of the Hebrew can often be viewed in the light of Aramaic or rabbinic Hebrew (post-biblical Hebrew), indicated by the following abbreviations:

- am Aramaic (including all ancient dialects)
- rh post-biblical (and in particular rabbinic) Hebrew
- a Aramaic or post-biblical Hebrew

The Alignment indicates such cases by the relevant abbreviation following the etymological notation, e.g.,

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| Exo 16:35.15 עַד | ἕως |
| Exo 16:35.16 בָּאֶ/בָּאֵ | παρεγείνοντο |
| Exo 16:35.17 אֶל | εἰς |
| Exo 16:35.18 קֶצֶה =@קצחam | μέρος |
| Exo 16:35.19 אֶרֶץ | --- |
| Exo 16:35.20 כַּנְעַן | τῆς φοινίκης |

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Num 19:9.15 לְ / מִשְׁמֶרֶת | εἰς διατήρησιν |
| Num 19:9.16 מִי / לְ =%p- | ὑδωρ |
| Num 19:9.17 נִדְּחָה =@נזה =@נדהam | ῥαντισμοῦ |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2Sa 22:46.4 וְ / יִחַגְּרוּ =@חגרrh | καὶ σφαλοῦσιν |
| 2Sa 22:46.5 מִ / מִסְּגֵרוֹתָם | ἐκ τῶν συγκλεισμών αὐτῶν |

An alternative indication of Aramaic is a single a, which also may relate to post-biblical

Hebrew, e.g.,

| | |
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| Psa 16:4.5 בַּל | οὐ μὴ [15.4] |
| Psa 16:4.6 אֲסִיף =@כנסa.m | συναγάγω [15.4] |
| Psa 16:4.7 יָהֵם / נִסְכֵּי =@כנסa.m | τὰς συναγωγὰς αὐτῶν [15.4] |
| Psa 16:4.8 נִזְרָם / נִזְרָם | ἐξ αἱμάτων [15.4] |

The rendering of נִסְךְ , ‘libation,’ as συναγωγή reflects interpretation by way of the root כנס, ‘to gather.’ Thus the translator refers to the gatherings of those whose weaknesses have been mentioned in the opening of this verse, characterizing them by their bloody practices. This passage once again demonstrates interconnection and interaction between derivation and interpretation.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Psa 108:10.1 מוֹאֵב | μωαβ [107.10] |
| Psa 108:10.2 סִיר | λέβης [107.10] |
| Psa 108:10.3 יִרְחֹץ / יִרְחֹץ =@רחץa | τῆς ἐλπίδος μου [107.10] |

The rendering of this passage rejects the washing metaphor, preferring derivation from the Aramaic root רחץ, meaning ‘to hope.’ Which ‘hope’ could be meant obviously remains a matter of speculation. Divine victory? Davidic connections?

If the Greek rendering could be understood in the light of a cognate language, such as Akkadian, the indication is placed between angular brackets, e.g. <ak>.²³

| | |
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| Gen 31:39.5 אֲנִכִּי | ἐγὼ |
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²³ Arabic is indicated by <ar>, and Ugaritic by <ug>.

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|--|--------------|
| Gen 31:39.6 נה/אחַטְ = אחיטנה <sp> <sb> <ak> .y+ | ἀπετίγγουσιν |
| Gen 31:39.7 מִ/יָדִי / מִ/יָדִי | παρ' ἑμαυτοῦ |
| Gen 31:39.8 תִּבְקֶשׁ/נָה <sp> | --- |

In this passage rendering of נה/אחַטְ as ἀποτιγγύω, 'to pay for,' is to be viewed in the light of Akkadian *hiātu*, 'to pay compensation,' an interpretation which also explains the peculiar form found in the Samaritan Pentateuch (root טח), as well as the conspicuous lack of the *aleph* in the MT form.

10 Additional Details in the Greek Text

The Alignment contains a number of notations in the Greek column, mainly relating to the Greek text.

8. Transliterations, {t}

If the LXX presents a transliteration of the Hebrew (excluding personal names and place names), this is indicated by the sign {t}, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Jdg 1:19.14 רָכַב | ρηγαβ {t} |
| Jdg 1:19.15 בְּרִזָּל = ברל@ | διστείλατο |
| Jdg 1:19.16 לָ/הֵם | αὐτοῖς |

If the transliteration is graecized, that is, if it contains case endings, the indication is {?}, e.g., 2Sa 20:8.12 מִ/דֵּי וִי מανδύαν{t?}

9. Greek Stylistic Additions, {+}

Frequently the Greek text contains vocables added for reasons of Greek style. These are indicated as {+}, or, if alternative explanations exist, {+?}, e.g.,

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pro 1:3.3 הַשְּׂכֵל | νοῆσαί τε |
| Pro 1:3.4 צֶדֶק | δικαιοσύνην {+} ἀληθῆ |
| Pro 1:3.5 מִשְׁפָּט / וְ | καὶ κρίμα |

10. Addition of 'to be,' {+h}

Cases in which the Greek amplifies a nominal clause by means of the verb εἰμί, are indicated by the notation {+h}, the assumption being that such expansions pertain to the Greek rather than to the Hebrew, e.g.,²⁴

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Isa 5:28.1 אֲשֶׁר | ὧν |
| Isa 5:28.2 יו / חָץ | τὰ βέλη |
| Isa 5:28.3 שְׁנוֹנִים | ὄξειά {h+} ἔστιν |
| Isa 5:28.4 כֹּל / וְ | καὶ --- |
| Isa 5:28.5 יו / קִשְׁתֵּי | τὰ τόξα αὐτῶν |
| Isa 5:28.6 דְּרָכֹת | ἐντεταμένα |

11. References to the Goettingen text, {g}, {z}

Since the Greek text of the Alignment follows the text of Rahlfs' manual edition, it is at times necessary to refer to the relevant Goettingen edition. In such cases the notation is {g} or {z}, given without quoting the actual text.

12. Problems of the Greek Lexicon {gl}

²⁴ At present this notation is mainly found in the Pentateuch and the book of Isaiah.

At times divergencies between the Greek text and the MT should be explained in terms of special lexical meanings of the Greek, rather than by postulating a Hebrew variant, however plausible. Such cases are noted by the siglum {g1}, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1Ki 9:27.5 אֲנָשִׁי | ἄνδρας |
| 1Ki 9:27.6 אֲנִיּוֹת | ναυτικούς |
| 1Ki 9:27.7 רדה?=@ ידעי | ἐλαύνειν {g1} {d} εἰδότες |
| 1Ki 9:27.8 הַיָּם | θάλασσαν |

In this verse the verb ἐλαύνω is to be understood as ‘sailing the sea,’ rather than as reflecting a variant רדה.

13. Suggested Conjectural Emendation within the LXX, {c }

In some rare cases the Alignment includes proposed conjectural emendations, indicated by curly brackets and marked by the siglum {c, e.g.,

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jer 31:21.7 שְׁתִּי | δὸς [38.21] |
| Jer 31:21.8 לֵב/ךָ | καρδίαν σου [38.21] |
| Jer 31:21.9 לְ/מִסְלָה | εἰς τοὺς ὄμους {coίμους} [38.21] |

In this case the emendation of ὄμους, ‘shoulders,’ into οἴμους, ‘pathways,’ seems more than plausible, since (a) in the Greek this interchange is minimal, (b) the Greek context actually demands a term like ‘pathways,’ and does not contain any element that would suggest ‘shoulders.’ Consequently, there is no reason to suggest a Hebrew reconstruction to match ὄμους.

On the other hand, some proposed emendations could fit a Hebrew text alternative to

the MT, e.g.,

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gen 49:6.5 בְּ/קְהָלָם/ | καὶ ἐπὶ τῇ συστάσει αὐτῶν |
| Gen 49:6.6 אַל | μὴ |
| Gen 49:6.7 תַּחַר = תחר .dr <sp~> | ἐρείσαι {ἐρίσαι} |
| Gen 49:6.8 י/כַּבְדִּי =@ =v | τὰ ἥπατά μου |

Since the root חרה actually is attested for this verse in the Samaritan Pentateuch, reading יחר, ‘be angry,’ the emendation of ἐρείσαι to ἐρίσαι, ‘to quarrel, to rival,’ seems timely, all the more so as the interchange ι/ει is extremely frequent (itacism).

14. Special Notations in the book of Job

The asterisk passages in Job are noted as {#}. Elements omitted by the Old Greek and added in Job by ‘Theodotion’ with asterisk are indicated by the notation {---%} at the end of the Greek line, e.g.,

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Job 9:24.1 אֲרֵץ | --- |
| Job 9:24.2 נִתְּנָה | παραδέδονται |
| Job 9:24.3 --+ | γὰρ |
| Job 9:24.4 בְּ/יָד | εἰς χείρας |
| Job 9:24.5 רָשָׁע | ἀσεβοῦς |
| Job 9:24.6 פָּנִי | πρόσωπα {---%} |
| Job 9:24.7 שִׁפְטֵי/יָה | κριτῶν αὐτῆς {---%} |
| Job 9:24.8 יִכְסֶה | συγκαλύπτει {---%} |
| Job 9:24.9 אִם | εἰ δὲ {---%} |
| Job 9:24.10 לֹא | μὴ {---%} |

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Job 9:24.11 הוּא = אֲפֹאֹה | αὐτός {---%} |
| Job 9:24.12 מִי | τίς {---%} |
| Job 9:24.13 הוּא | ἐστὶν {---%} |

Since the notation includes the '---' sign, such lines are also counted as 'lack of representation' in the text before the 'Theodotonic' additions.

11. Special Notations in the book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)

The Hebrew material for Sirach consists of Qumran, Massada and medieval Hebrew manuscripts from the Cairo Geniza. For the Alignment these data have been encoded and aligned according to the text of *The Book of Ben Sira, Text, Concordance and Analysis of the Vocabulary* (Jerusalem 1973).²⁵ In addition we have introduced the data for ms F from the Genizah,²⁶ courtesy Ben Wright. For consistency, the encoding includes transcription of the *shin* as שׁ, although the manuscripts have ש only. Unlike the other books in the Alignment, the lack of a unified textus receptus necessitates the indication of different manuscripts, noted as follows:

- 1 - Geniza, ms B
- 2 - Geniza, ms B (margin)
- 3 - Geniza, ms A
- 4 - Geniza, ms C
- 5 - Geniza, ms D
- 6 - Geniza, ms E

²⁵ However, unlike the basic text of the Alignment, the present text follows the verse order and numbering of Rahlfs in chapters 30-36. The verse numbering of *The Book of Ben Sira, Text, Concordance and Analysis of the Vocabulary* has been added between braces.

²⁶ See A. A. di Lella, "The Newly Discovered Sixth Manuscript of Ben Sira from the Cairo Geniza," *Biblica* 69 (1988), pp. 226-238.

7 - Massada Scroll

8 - Massada Scroll (corrector)

9 - 11QPs(a) (ch. 51); 2Q18 (6:25-31)

0 - Geniza, ms F

In addition the following annotations are used:

| | |
|-----------|--|
| * | uncertain or fragmentary letter |
| [] | reconstructed letter(s) |
| [..] | lacuna in ms or illegible letter(s) |
| *_* | doubts regarding reading of a particular letter, e.g. X*-Y* |
| > e.g. | pointed bracket with ms number indicates a reading which is lacking, QN)TY 9 >1 (Sir 51:18) |
| << >> | addition in ms |
| {7}, etc. | indication of agreement between Hebrew ms 7, etc. and equivalent word in the LXX. |
| | |

The text of 46:9, from ms B (Geniza) looks as follows in the Alignment:

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Sir 46:9 יתן / ו 1 | καὶ ἔδωκεν |
| Sir 46:9 --+ | ὁ κύριος |
| Sir 46:9 כלב / ל 1 | τῷ χαλεβ |
| Sir 46:9 עצמה 1 | ἰσχύν |
| Sir 46:9 עד / ו 1 | καὶ ἕως |

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Sir 46:9 שיבה 1 | γήρους |
| Sir 46:9 עמדה 1 | διέμεινεν |
| Sir 46:9 עמ/ו 1 | αὐτῶ |
| Sir 46:9 ל/הדרריכ/ם 1 | ἐπιβῆναι αὐτὸν |
| Sir 46:9 על 1 | ἐπὶ |
| Sir 46:9 ב*מ*תי 1 | τὸ ὕψος |
| Sir 46:9 ארץ 1 | τῆς γῆς |
| Sir 46:9 גם/ו 1 | καὶ |
| Sir 46:9 זרע/ו 1 | τὸ σπέρμα αὐτοῦ |
| Sir 46:9 ירש 1 | κατέσχευ |
| Sir 46:9 נחלה 1 | κληρονομίαν |

The next sample, in ASCII notation, shows the complexity of the recording of the Hebrew sources:

| | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Sir 42:10.1 B/BTWL/YH 712 | E)N PARQENI/A |
| Sir 42:10.2 PN 712 | MH/POTE |
| Sir 42:10.3 TXL {7} TPWTH 1 T*T*P*T*H* 2 | BEBHLWQH= |
| Sir 42:10.4 ^^ ^ =BYT)B*Y/*H* 7 B/BYT)BY/H {12} | KAI\ E)N TOI=S PATRIKOI=S AU)TH=S |
| Sir 42:10.5 ^^ ^ =PN 71 PXZH 2 | {..dMH/POTE} |
| Sir 42:10.6 ^^ ^ =TZRY(7 | E)/GKUOS GE/NHTAI |
| Sir 42:10.7 W/(L 7 W/B/BY*T* 1 [..]BYT 2 | META\ |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Sir 42:10.8) [Y\$] / H* 71 B(' 2 [..] L 1 | A)NDRO \ S |
| Sir 42:10.9 --+ | OU)=SA |
| Sir 42:10.10 [..] 7 L' 2 L[..] 1 =?PN | MH/POTE |
| Sir 42:10.11 T&+H* {7} TN&H 2 L[..] 1 | PARABH= |
| Sir 42:10.12 ^ BYT)BY / *H* 7 B / BYT)BY / H 1 | ^^^ |
| Sir 42:10.13 ^ PN 71 PXZH 2 | ^^^ |
| Sir 42:10.14 ^ TZRY(7 | ^^^ |