

Chiastic Structure of Deuteronomy 30.1-10

Chiasm¹

A. vv. 1-2	Temporal Protasis beginning with כִּי	(Israel will שׁוּבוּ; 2x)
B. vv. 3-5	Apodosis focused on blessing	(YHWH will שׁוּבוּ; v. 3, 2x)
C. v. 6	YHWH will circumcise the hearts of Israel, so they may obey	
D. v. 7	YHWH will destroy Israel's enemies	
C'. v. 8	Israel moved to covenant obedience	
B'. v. 9	Apodosis focused on blessing	(YHWH will שׁוּבוּ)
A'. v. 10	Temporal protasis beginning with כִּי	(Israel will שׁוּבוּ)

A. Protasis: (כִּי + w^eqatal 2ms, 3x)

¹**When** all these things come upon **you** – the blessing and the curse which I have set before **you** – and **you** take them to heart (שׁוּבוּ) amidst all the nations where YHWH your God has banished you, ²and **you** turn back (שׁוּבוּ) to YHWH your God, and you and your Children obey him with all your heart and your soul, according to all that I am commanding you today.

B. Apodosis on blessings (w^eqatal 3ms + sbj change + w^eqatal 3ms)

³Then **YHWH your God** will restore your fortunes (שׁוּבוּ), have compassion on you, and turn (שׁוּבוּ) to gather you from the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you.

Qualification for Apodosis (אם)

⁴Even if your banished one (sg) is at the end of the world, from there **YHWH your God** will gather you, even from there he will take you back.

⁵YHWH your God will bring you back to the land your fathers possessed, and you will possess it, and he will make you more numerous and prosperous *than your fathers*.

C. How YHWH re-creates his people for covenant obedience (w^eqatal + YHWH)

⁶**YHWH your God** will circumcise your ears and the hearts of your offspring, so that you may Love YHWH with all your heart and your Soul, for the sake of your life.

D. YHWH will destroy His enemies (w^eqatal + YHWH)

⁷**YHWH your God** will set all these curses on your enemies and foes that persecuted you.

C'. Result of YHWH's re-creation: obedience (wdj + non-verb + yiqtol + w^eqatal + sbj change)

⁸As for **you**,
you will turn back (שׁוּבוּ),
you will obey YHWH,
you will carry out his commandment that I command you today.

B'. Apodosis on blessings (w^eqatal 3ms + sbj change; שׁוּבוּ 1x)

⁹**YHWH your God** will grant you abundance in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb, in the young of your livestock, and in the produce of your soil; for, YHWH will turn again (שׁוּבוּ) to delight in you, *as your fathers*.

A'. Protasis (כִּי + 2ms + sbj change; שׁוּבוּ 1x)

¹⁰when **you** obey YHWH your God, by keeping his commandments and his laws, that are written in this book of the Torah, for **you** will turn back (שׁוּבוּ) to YHWH your God with all your heart and soul.

¹ A Chiasm is an inverted parallel structure that follows an ABBA pattern. Here, there is a particular focus on restoration by means of the term שׁוּבוּ.