





Critical Edition and Philological Analysis of Isa 51–52 based on Coptic Manuscript sa 52 (M 568) and Other Coptic Manuscripts in the Sahidic Dialect and the Greek Text of the Septuagint

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ABSTRACT: This article constitutes a critical edition, translation and philological analysis of Isa 51–52 based on Coptic manuscript sa 52 and other available manuscripts in the Sahidic dialect. The first part outlines general information about the section of codex sa 52 (M 568) that contains the analysed text. This is followed by a list and brief overview of other manuscripts featuring at least some verses from Isa 51–52. The main part of the article focuses on the presentation of the Coptic text (in the Sahidic dialect) and its translation into English. The differences identified between the Sahidic text and the Greek Septuagint, on which the Coptic translation is based, are illustrated in a tabular form. It includes, for example, additions and omissions in the Coptic translation, lexical changes and semantic differences. The last part of the article aims to clarify more challenging philological issues observed either in the Coptic text itself or in its relation to the Greek text of the LXX.

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After the third Servant Song (Isa 50:4–9), the Book of Isaiah contains an exhortation to put one's hope in God (Isa 51:1–8). God wants to raise the spirits of a group of his faithful who have been overwhelmed by doubt at the thought that there are few of them and they are weak. God will increase the number of his followers just as he once increased the number of Abraham's descendants (Isa 51:1–3). The faithful are encouraged to endure despite the insults and intrigues of evil men (51:7–8). God stands by those who are faithful to Him. The symbol of His power is His mighty "arm" (51:9–16).

In verses 51:17–23, the author addresses the people of Jerusalem. The inhabitants of the Holy City have been weakened in the past by the "cup of the Lord's wrath" (v. 17). Now, however, there is consolation in store for them. Zion is to awaken and put on the splendid "garment of joy" (52:1–2). The people who had been exiled into Babylonian captivity would now be able to return to their homeland (52:3–12).

The last three verses of Chapter 52 already belong to the final, fourth, of the servant songs, covering the entire Chapter 53. For reasons of arrangement, they will be included in the present study, which is an edition of the Coptic text of Isa 51–52.



It is a continuation of chapters of the Book of Isaiah studied to this date. It will be conducted mainly on the basis of the Sahidic manuscript, assigned number sa 52² in Karlheinz Schüssler's study (and M 568 in Leo Depuydt's study), which is also listed as CLM 205 in the Archaeological Atlas of Coptic Literature database. This work is based on both the photographic edition (referred to as a *facsimile*), provided by the Vatican Library, and the microfilm, provided by the Morgan Library in New York. For several years now, black-and-white photos of the Library's Coptic collection have been available at: https://archive.org/details/PhantoouLibrary. Coloured photos are also available as part of the Digital Edition of the Coptic Old Testament (DECOT) project at: http://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-workspace.

However, some caution should be exercised when reading the transcription on the DECOT website, as some mistakes can be found there. An example is the spelling of the second line of the left-hand column on page 106 (f. 52^v , Copt. \overline{PH} , Isa 51:6). The transcription of the text has been spelt as $N\lambda\overline{P}$ $\Pi\lambda\delta\varepsilon$, whereas in the manuscript there is $N\lambda\overline{P}$ $\Pi\varepsilon\lambda\delta\varepsilon$. On the same page in the fifth and sixth lines of the right-hand column (Isa 51:10), the DECOT transcription reads $\overline{NN}\varepsilon NT\lambda\gamma N\lambda 2MO\gamma$, whereas in the manuscript clearly reads $\overline{NN}\varepsilon NT\lambda\gamma T\lambda 2MO\gamma$. In the same column, in lines 18-19 (Isa 51:12) on the DECOT page, the text reads $\Pi\varepsilon TCO\Pi C\Pi$ $\overline{M}MMO$, while the manuscript reads $\Pi\varepsilon TCO\Pi C$ $\overline{M}MO$.

A mistake can also be found on p. 108 (f. 53°, Copt. Pi, Isa 52:7) in lines 19 and 20 of the right-hand column. In the manuscript it reads επογογαλί, and in the transcription on the DECOT page, there is a "shortened" version – επογαλί. On the same page, in line 24 of the right-hand column (Isa 52:8), it reads NNET2λPE2. The DECOT transcription drops one letter, spelling this word as NNETλPE2.

The edition of the text of Proto-Isaiah (Isa 1–39) based on manuscript sa 52 is available in: T. Bąk, *Proto-Isaiah in the Sahidic Dialect of the Coptic Language. Critical Edition on the Coptic Manuscript sa 52 (M 568) and Other Witnesses* (PO 251; Turnhout: Brepols 2020) 343–660. A study of Isa 40 can be found in the article: T. Bąk, *Isa 40*. Text of Isa 41 is available in: T. Bąk, *Isa 41*. Text of Isa 42:1–44:4 was published in: T. Bąk, *Isa 42:1–44:4*. Text of Isa 44:6–45:25 was studied in: T. Bąk, *Isa 44:6–45:25*. Chapters of Isa 46–48 are included in: T. Bąk, *Isa 46–48*. Chapters Isa 49–50 are available in T. Bąk, *Isa 49-50*.

² K. Schüssler, K., *Das sahidische Alte und Neue Testament: sa 49–92* (Biblia Coptica 1/3; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 1998) 17–19.

³ History and description of the manuscript: Bak, Proto-Isaiah, 13–28. See also: L. Depuydt, Catalogue of Coptic Manuscripts in the Pierpont Morgan Library (Corpus van verluchte handschriften 4. Oriental Series 1; Leuven: Peeters 1993) 20–22.

See https://atlas.paths-erc.eu/manuscripts/205 [accessed: 26.02.2022].

⁵ Isa 51:1 begins at: https://archive.org/details/PhantoouLibrary/m568%20Combined%20%28Bookmarked%29/page/n103/mode/2up?view=theater [accessed: 26.02.2022].

The beginning of Isa 51:1 is available at: https://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-workspace/?d-ocID=622008&fbclid=IwAR3TDeECwvoRaXyDc0EgFJU6uZ9dFQ5ynkvee0FXCgEV2hK73AQvD-M_-XL8 [accessed: 26.02.2022].

⁷ All mistakes in the DECOT transcription indicated here can be verified at: https://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-workspace/?docID=622008&fbclid=IwAR3TDeECwvoRaXyDc0EgFJU6uZ9dFQ5ynkvee0FXCgEV2hK73AQvDM_-XL8 [accessed: 4.05.2022].

The numbering of folios in this study is in line with the *facsimile* numbering applied by the Vatican Library. As the numbering on the Digital Edition of the Coptic Old Testament (DECOT) website does not coincide with the *facsimile* edition, to avoid ambiguity, the original Coptic page numbers will also be indicated.

This study combines the task of diplomatic editing with that of critical editing. Apart from the preferred manuscript sa 52 from the Pierpont Morgan collection, editions of all other currently available Coptic manuscripts in the Sahidic dialect, which include at least some verses from Isa 51–52, will be taken into consideration. Symbols in the critical apparatus – exclamation mark in superscript: !– will suggest reading more similar to the Greek text of the Septuagint.

Critical edition and philological analysis of the selected fragment will be carried out according to the order adopted in the study of the earlier chapters of the Book of Isaiah. Therefore, it will include: 1) a general description of the folios of manuscript sa 52 containing the text of Isa 51–52; 2) a presentation of Sahidic manuscripts including at least some verses of Isa 51–52; 3) a presentation of the Coptic text based on manuscript sa 52, taking into account other available witnesses; 4) an English translation; 5) a list of differences found between the Greek text of the LXX and its Coptic translation, 6) an analysis of more challenging philological phenomena observed in the Coptic fragment of Isa 51–52.

1. General Information About Ms sa 52

The text of Isa 51 begins in line 24 of the left-hand column on page 105 (f. 52^r, Copt. \overrightarrow{PZ}) and ends in line 3 of the left-hand column on page 108 (f. 53^v, Copt. \overrightarrow{PI}). The text of Isa 52 ends in line 9 of the right-hand column on page 109 (f. 54^r, Copt. $\overrightarrow{PI\lambda}$). Two chapters, Isa 51–52, comprise almost nine columns of text.

As has already been noted in the study of earlier chapters, the writing material has not been chosen particularly carefully. Page 109 (f. 54^r, Copt. PIA) even shows a small perforation in the middle of line 10 of the right-hand column. Since no letters are missing from this text, the perforation must have existed from the very beginning.⁸

Columns and method of writing

Columns contain varying numbers of lines of text. The smallest number is 33 in both columns on p. 107 (f. 53^r, Copt. $\overline{P\Theta}$) and in the left-hand column on p. 108 (f. 53^r, Copt. \overline{PI}), and the largest is 36 in the right-hand column on p. 106 (f. 52^r, Copt. \overline{PH}) and in the left-hand column on p. 109 (f. 54^r, Copt. \overline{PIA}). The remaining columns have 34 lines each.

This is exactly where Chapter 53 begins. See https://archive.org/details/PhantoouLibrary/m568%20Coma bined%20%28Bookmarked%29/page/n107/mode/2up?view=theater [accessed: 10.05.2022].

On a few pages, some of the words are added below the columns. Most likely, the scribe wanted to finish the word he had started in this way, without having to move part of the word to the next page. This solution was used on pages:

- 106 (f. 52^v, Copt. PH), where, under the right-hand column, the letters qiT€ were added, belonging to the word €qiT€;
- 107 (f. 53^r, Copt. PΘ), where, under the right-hand column, the letters 2HT were added, belonging to the word NTOYM€CT2HT;
- 108 (f. 53^v, Copt. Pi), where two letters XH were added under the left-hand column which are the last letters of the word NXINXH.

Throughout the manuscript sa 52, larger initial letters can be found extending beyond the columns of text. They are indicative of an attempt to logically divide the content. They appear in places near which some new thought begins. Larger letters are often accompanied by symbols that could be considered ornamental elements. These take a variety of forms. They sometimes take the form of a cross made of five dots as, for example, on p. 105 (f. 52^r, Copt. \overline{PZ}) on the left-hand side of the right-hand column. In other places, they take the form of four or six dots, arranged symmetrically and separated by a horizontal line (obelos between dots), as, for example, on p. 105 (f. 52^r, Copt. \overline{PZ}) at the left-hand column. Slightly less frequently, they may take the form of a *coronis*, resembling a heart or a leaf in shape, as can be seen, for example, on p. 108 (f. 53^v, Copt. \overline{PI}) on the left-hand side of the left-hand column. Even if the above symbols had an ornamental function, it has to be noted that their shape is fairly primitive and does not show much effort on the part of the scribe in the careful preparation of their manuscript.

The text of Isaiah is in black ink. The larger letters, written to the left of the columns, were later covered in red ink. It is difficult to say conclusively whether the red ink was used by the original scribe or applied later.

Corrections in the Text

It is also possible to find places where the original letter has been obliterated and a new character has been inserted in its place. An example is line 13 of the left-hand column on page 106 (f. 52^v , Copt. \overline{PH} , Isa 51:7) where one can read $2\overline{M}$ $\Pi \in \Upsilon 2HT$. There was previously another character – perhaps an Ψ – where the letter Υ now appears. Thus, the earlier possessive genitive $\Pi \in \Psi$ – ("his") would be replaced, according to the context, by the form $\Pi \in \Upsilon$ – ("their"). The letter Υ has a slightly different shape, which may indicate that the correction was applied at a later time by another scribe.

In line 20 of the left-hand column on page 106 (f. 52^{v} , Copt. \overrightarrow{PH} , Isa 51:8) the conjunction $\lambda \gamma \omega$ has been written on the left-hand side of the column. It was probably added later.

Final nasal -N

As in the earlier fragments of the manuscript, the letter -N, occurring at the end of a line, is sometimes written as a supralinear stroke in the pages with the text of Isa 51-52. An example can be seen in line 10 of the left-hand column on page 106 (f. 52^v , Copt. \overline{PH} , Isa 51:7) in the word $N \in TCOOY$. In this edition, the word has been spelt as $N \in TCOOY(N)$. Similarly as in line 20 of the right column on p. 107 (f. 53^r , Copt. \overline{PO} , Isa 51:17) the word $T \omega O \overline{Y}$ can be ssen, spelt in this edition as $T \omega O Y(N)$. On p. 108 (f. 53^v , Copt. \overline{PO} , Isa 52:2) in line 17 on the left-hand column, $\overline{NCi}\omega$ is found which, obviously, should be read as $\overline{NCi}\omega N$.

However, the author of the manuscript does not apply this principle consistently. For example, in line 9 of the left-hand column on page 106 (f. 52^v , Copt. \overline{PH} , Isa 51:6) the scribe spelt the word $\omega \times \overline{N}$ at the end.

Nomina sacra

Occasionally, *nomina sacra* can be observed in the text. However, there is insufficient attention to the accuracy of their spelling. In line 28 of the left-hand column on p. 106 (f. 52^v , Copt. \overline{PH} , Isa 51:9), the word $\overline{\Theta 1 \lambda HM}$ is encountered with a very clearly marked horizontal line. The same *nomen sacrum* on p. 107 (f. 53^v , Copt. $\overline{P\Theta}$, Isa 51:17) in line 21 of the left-hand column has been spelt as $\overline{\Theta 1 \lambda HM}$. A clear horizontal line has been drawn over the entire word.

On p. 107 (f. 53^r, Copt. $\overline{P\Theta}$, Isa 51:20), in line 13 of the right-hand column, the unusual spelling $\overline{\Pi OC}$ is found, which is probably an abbreviation for $\Pi \times OE\overline{IC}$ (the LXX reads κύριος here). It is difficult to explain the reason why the DECOT uses the spelling $\overline{\Pi OC}$. The author of the transcription probably abbreviated the Greek κύριος in this way. On p. 108 (f. 53^r, Copt. \overline{PI} , Isa 52:3) in line 18 of the left-hand column, the same word $\Pi \times OE\overline{IC}$ can be found, spelt this time as $\Pi \times OE\overline{C}$.

Despite some imperfections, the reading of the Coptic text of Isa 51–52 does not present any major difficulties. The manuscript of sa 52 (M 568) is undoubtedly the best-preserved witness to the Sahidic version of the Book of Isaiah.

2. List of Manuscripts with the Text of Isa 51-52 in the Sahidic Dialect of the Coptic Language

Fragments of chapters 51–52 of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah can be found in several other manuscripts, not as complete as sa 52. With regard to the names of the manuscripts, precedence will be given to the designations used in Schüssler's study. 10 Database identifiers

⁹ See https://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-workspace/?docID=622008&fbclid=IwAR3TDeEC-wvoRaXyDc0EgFJU6uZ9dFQ5ynkvee0FXCgEV2hK73AQvDM_XL8 [accessed: 4.05.2022].

¹⁰ K. Schüssler, Das sahidische Alte und Neue Testament (Biblia Coptica 1/1–4/4; Wiesbaden: Harrasowitz 1995–2015).

will also be provided where possible. Some verses of Isa 51–52 can be found in the following manuscripts:

Sa 48 (**CLM 40**¹¹, **LDAB 108542**¹²): a papyrus codex, held in the Bibliotheca Bodmeriana in Geneva, identified as Papyrus Bodmer XXIII. It is preserved in fairly good condition. It includes the text of Isa 47:1-51:17 and Isa 52:4-66:24. The missing pages, numbered \overline{Ka} and \overline{KB} (21 and 22), contain Isa 51:18-52:4. This study will therefore use the verses: Isa 51:1-17 and 52:4-14. The manuscript is included in Peter Nagel's list. If

The manuscript is dated 375–450.¹⁵ Due to its early origins, it is an invaluable aid in the edition of parts of the Book of Deutero-Isaiah and the entire Book of Trito-Isaiah.¹⁶ The manuscript was edited by Rodolph Kasser in 1965.¹⁷ The manuscript has already been used in the study of earlier chapters of Deutero-Isaiah.¹⁸

Sa 105^L.**4:** the folio forms part of a parchment lectionary with biblical texts from both the Old and New Testaments. The page numbered by Schüssler as sa 105^L .4 is stored in Vienna in the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek under the number **K 9880**.¹⁹ It includes the text of Isa 63:7–11; 53:1–3, and **Isa 52:13–15**, which is of interest for this study. This latter passage covers the left-hand column on the page identified by the Coptic number \overline{PKB} (= 122). The column is preceded by the title: $HC\lambda\ddot{I}\lambda C$. It is estimated that the manuscript dates back to between the 10th^{20} and 12th centuries.²¹ The manuscript was included in the Arthur Vaschalde list as **SER 25**.²² The text was edited by Carl Wessely.²³ An elec-

See https://atlas.paths-erc.eu/manuscripts/40 [accessed: 3.05.2022].

See https://www.trismegistos.org/tm/index.php?searchterm=LDAB%20108542 [accessed: 3.05.2022].

The facsimile of the codex in an electronic form is available at: https://bodmerlab.unige.ch/fr/constellations/papyri/barcode/1072205362 [accessed: 3.05.2022]. The fragment of Isa 51–52, which is relevant to this study, begins at https://bodmerlab.unige.ch/fr/constellations/papyri/mirador/1072205362?page=034 [accessed: 3.05.2022].

P. Nagel, "Editionen koptischer Bibeltexte seit Till 1960," APF 35 (1990) 60.

K. Schüssler, Das sahidische Alte und Neue Testament: sa 21–48 (Biblia Coptica 1/2; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 1996) 106. See also https://atlas.paths-erc.eu/manuscripts/40 [accessed: 3.05.2022].

For more information see: Schüssler, Sa 21–48, 106; R. Kasser, Papyrus Bodmer XXIII. Esaïe XLVII, 1–LXVI, 24 (Cologny – Genève: Bibliotheca Bodmeriana 1965) 7–33.

¹⁷ Kasser, Papyrus Bodmer XXIII.

See description of the manuscript in: Bak, *Isa* 46–48, 604–605.

¹⁹ K. Schüssler, Das sahidische Alte und Neue Testament: sa 93–120 (Biblia Coptica 1/4; Wiesbaden: Harrassoww itz 2000) 44. More information on the entire manuscript sa 105^L can be found on pages 41–46.

²⁰ W.C. Till, "Papyrussammlung der Nationalbibliothek in Wien. Katalog der koptischen Bibelbruchstücke. Die Pergamente," ZNW 39 (1940) 39.

²¹ G.W. Horner, The Coptic Version of the New Testament in the Southern Dialect, Otherwise Called Sahidic and Thebaic, with Introduction, Critical Apparatus, and Literal English Translation. III. The Gospel of S. John (Oxford: Clarendon Press 1911) 383.

²² A. Vaschalde, "Ce qui a été publié des versions coptes de la Bible," *RB* 29 (1920) 249. The number 25 in Vaschalde's list refers to an edition of the manuscript (see Wessely 1909, 64).

Wessely 1909, 64, no. 25a. Editing was carried out by hand. On p. 66, there is a handwritten rendering of the first five lines of the column (title **HCAÏAC** and the verse Isa 52:13).

tronic edition can also be found on the DECOT website, where the manuscript appears under the number sa 298L (ID 620298).²⁴

Sa 108^L (**CLM 3288**²⁵): this manuscript is a bilingual (Coptic-Arabic) lectionary consisting of 189 pages and containing the readings for the Holy Week. Its full shelfmark is **Rom, BV, Borgia copto 109, cass. XXIII, fasc. 99**. It comes from the White Monastery in Sohag. Currently, it is kept in the Vatican Library.²⁶ The manuscript is dated at a fairly late period, between the 12th and 14th centuries.²⁷ The manuscript has already been used several times for editions of earlier chapters of Proto- and Deutero-Isaiah.²⁸

The passage Isa 52:13–53:12 was edited by Augustinus Ciasca, in whose manuscript it was designated as IC.²⁹ This study will use the edition of **Isa 52:13–15**.³⁰ These three verses were also published by Émile Amélineau.³¹ They are included in Vaschalde's list as part of *Collection Borgia*, where they appear under the number Z. 99 CA.³² Photographs of the manuscript and its electronic edition are available on the DECOT website, where the lectionary appears as **sa 16L (ID 620016)**.³³

Sa 187 (CLM 991,³⁴ TM 107819,³⁵ LDAB 107819³⁶): it is a fragment of a parchment page measuring 8.9 x 9.4 cm, from a small-sized codex belonging to the **Oxford**, **BL** (= Bodleian Library) collection. The shelfmark of the fragment in this study is **Copt. g. 9.** Both its *recto* and *verso* sides retain traces of page numbers $\overline{M} \nearrow A$ and $\overline{M}H$, which

²⁴ Https://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-workspace/?docID=620298 [accessed: 20.05.2022].

²⁵ Https://atlas.paths-erc.eu/manuscripts/3288 [accessed: 20.05.2022].

²⁶ More detailed information on the manuscript is available in: Schüssler, Sa 93–120, 49–69.

Henri Hyvernat ("Étude sur les versions coptes de la Bible. II. – Ce qui nous est parvenu des versions égyptiennes," RB 5 [1896] 548–549) argues in favour of the earliest date, falling around the 12th/13th century. Horner (Coptic Version of the New Testament, III, 383) estimates that the lectionary was created "not earlier than XIII [century]"; Balestri moves this date to the 13th or 14th century (P.J. Balestri, Sacrorum Bibliorum Fragmenta Copto-Sahidica Musei Borgiani, III. Novum Testamentum [Roma: Typographia Polyglotta S. C. de Propaganda Fide 1904] LXI); Ciasca (Sacrorum Bibliorum fragmenta, I, XXVII) opts for the late 14th century; Alfred Rahlfs (Die alttestamentlichen Lektionen der griechischen Kirche [MSU 5; Berlin: Weidmann 1915] 163) speaks of ca. 1400.

See Bak, Proto-Isaiah in the Sahidic Dialect, 364–365; Bak, Isa 40, 77–78; Bak, Isa 46–48, 605–606; Bak, Isa 49-50, 9-10.

²⁹ Ciasca, Sacrorum Bibliorum fragmenta, II, 241–243.

³⁰ Ciasca, Sacrorum Bibliorum fragmenta, II, 241.

É. Amélineau, "Fragments de la version thébaine de l'Écriture (Ancien Testament)," *Recueil de travaux relatifs à la philologie et à l'archéologie égyptiennes et assyriennes* 9 (1887) 125.

Vaschalde, "Ce qui a été publié des versions coptes de la Bible," 247. The designation Z. 99 refers to a study by Georg Zoega (Catalogus codicum copticorum manu scriptorum qui in museo Borgiano velitris adservantur [Roma: Typis Sacrae Congregationis de Propaganda Fide 1810] 189–192). The added abbreviation CA stands for the aforementioned edition of A. Ciasca. It is worth noting that in Zoega's study, the number 99 was written as CXIX (probably should be XCIX) (see Zoega, Catalogus, 189), and in Ciasca's edition as IC (see Ciasca, Sacrorum Bibliorum fragmenta, II, 241). The first volume by Ciasca also includes a description of the entire manuscript (Sacrorum Bibliorum fragmenta, I, XXVI–XXVIII).

³³ Https://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-workspace/?docID=620016 [accessed: 20.05.2022].

³⁴ Https://atlas.paths-erc.eu/manuscripts/991 [accessed: 18.05.2022].

³⁵ Https://www.trismegistos.org/text/107819 [accessed: 18.05.2022].

³⁶ Https://atlas.paths-erc.eu/manuscripts/991 [accessed: 18.05.2022].

can be identified as 47 and 48. Schüssler speculates that the entire manuscript of the Book of Isaiah consisted of two volumes. The second volume, where the page of interest would belong, retained its independent numbering, starting with 1. Otherwise, it would be difficult to explain the fact that the fragments of Isa 52 and 53 are so close to the beginning of the book, on pages 47 and 48. There is also the possibility that numbers 47 and 48, due to the deterioration of the manuscript, have not been read correctly.³⁷ So far it has not been possible to identify the codex to which the page in question could possibly belong.

The manuscript was found in 1907 during work carried out by the British School of Archaeology at Deir Bala 'izah, south of Assiut. Palaeography dates the manuscript to the 5th century.³⁸ The text is very difficult to read.³⁹ The manuscript was edited by Paul Kahle.⁴⁰ It was included in Walter Till's list.⁴¹ On the Digital Edition of the Coptic Old Testament (DECOT) website, the manuscript is catalogued as sa **2139** (**ID 622139**). A transcription of the text can also be found there.⁴²

Manuscript sa 187 on its *recto* side contains the text of **Isa 52:14b–15; 53:1–2a**, and, on the *verso* side, **Isa 53:2b–4**. This study will use a section of the *recto* side, specifically the two verses of **Isa 52:14b–15**.

Sa 230.1 (CLM 1384,⁴³ TM 108187⁴⁴): the manuscript is a parchment palimpsest. The full catalogue name of the manuscript is London, BL, Or. 4717 (5). It was found in Egypt, in the area of Fayyûm. It is difficult to date it. It is probably from the 4th century.⁴⁵ The Coptic text, written over an earlier Latin and Greek text, consists of passages from Isaiah and Hosea. It is estimated that the Coptic text dates back to the 7th century.⁴⁶ Small photographs of the manuscript are available on the DECOT website, showing very heavy damage to most of the surviving pages.⁴⁷ The manuscript has already been used in the study of Isa 50:11.⁴⁸

The passage of interest to this study are verses **Isa 51:1–15.**⁴⁹ The manuscript is included in Vaschalde's list and registered as **BMC 48.**⁵⁰ On the website of the Digital Edition of

³⁷ See K. Schüssler, *Das sahidische Alte und Neue Testament: sa 185–260* (Biblia Coptica 2/2; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 2015) 20.

See https://4care-skos.mf.no/4care-artefacts/1228/ [accessed: 26.10.2022].

³⁹ See P.E. Kahle, Bala'izah, Coptic Texts from Deir el-Bala'izah in Upper Egypt (London: Oxford University Press 1954) I, 332.

⁴⁰ Kahle, Bala'izah, 332-333.

⁴¹ W.C. Till, "Coptic Biblical Texts Published after Vaschalde's Lists," Bulletin of the John Rylands Library 42 (1959) 228.

⁴² See https://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-workspace/?docID=622139 [accessed: 18.05.2022].

⁴³ See https://atlas.paths-erc.eu/manuscripts/1384 [accessed: 7.05.2022].

⁴⁴ See https://www.trismegistos.org/text/108187 [accessed: 7.05.2022].

⁴⁵ See W. Grossouw, The Coptic Versions of the Minor Prophets. A Contribution to the Study of the Septuagint (MBE 3; Roma: Pontifical Biblical Institute 1938) 6. Various proposals for dating can be found in: Schüssler, Sa 185–260, 111.

This is Schüssler's opinion (see *Sa 185–260*, 111), albeit with a question mark "?".

⁴⁷ See http://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-workspace/?docID=622154 [accessed: 7.05.2022].

⁴⁸ See Bak, *Isa* 49-50, 10.

⁴⁹ Schüssler, Sa 185-260, 112.

Vaschalde, "Ce qui a été publié des versions coptes de la Bible," 249.

the Coptic Old Testament (DECOT), it was assigned number sa 2154.⁵¹ The edition of manuscript sa 230.1 was prepared by Joel Schleifer.⁵²

CLM 3469⁵³ (TM 111691⁵⁴): it is a codex found by Polish archaeologists in 2005 in the area of western Thebes, more specifically on the hill of Sheikh Abd el-Qurna. It is often referred to as the *Qurna Isaiah*.⁵⁵ It is currently stored in the museum in Cairo under number 13446. The manuscript is a parchment codex and contains the last part of the Book of Isaiah, or more precisely, chapters 47:14–66:24. The codex was partially burnt, so the individual folios appear today as loose, individual pages.⁵⁶ Alin Suciu attributes the origin of the codex to the late 7th or early 8th century.⁵⁷ An electronic edition of the manuscript is available on the website of the Digital Edition of the Coptic Old Testament (DECOT),⁵⁸ where the *Qurna Isaiah* appears as sa 2028 (ID 622028). To avoid confusion with the manuscript nomenclature, based on Schüssler's *Biblia Coptica*, adopted in this article, this codex will be referred to as CLM 3469. The codex has already been used in the study of earlier chapters of Deutero-Isaiah.⁵⁹ The text of interest to this study, Isa 51–52, begins on page 26 of the manuscript in line 6 of the right-hand column and ends on page 35 in line 20 of the left-hand column. The text is in very poor condition. Only small fragments can be read.

In order to better illustrate the contents of particular manuscripts, the occurrence of the verses from Isa 51–52 is presented in the table where:

- an "x" means the occurrence of the whole verse,
- an "(x)" means the occurrence of only a fragment of a given verse,
- an empty space means the lack of a given verse in the manuscript. 60

⁵¹ See http://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-catalog/?gaNum=sa%202154 [accessed: 07.05.2022].

Schleifer 1909, 15–16. For more information on manuscript sa 230, see: S. Ammirati, "Frammenti inediti di giurisprudenza latina da un palinsesto copto. Per un'edizione delle scripturae inferiores del ms. London, British Library, Oriental 4717 (5)," Athenaeum 105 (2017) 736–741; Crum, Catalogue, 14; W. Grossouw, "Un fragment sahidique d'Osée II, 9-V, 1 (B.M. Or. 4717 [5])," Mus 47 (1934) 185–204; E.M. Husselman, "A Palimpsest Fragment from Egypt," Studi in onore di Aristide Calderini e Roberto Paribeni. II. Studi di papirologia e antichità orientali (eds. A. Calderini – R. Paribeni) (Milano: Ceschina 1957) 454; E.A., Lowe, Codices Latini Antiquiores. A Palaeographical Guide to Latin Manuscripts Prior to the Ninth Century. II. Great Britain and Ireland (New York: Oxford University Press 1935) 205–206; Schleifer 1909, 14–15; Schüssler, Sa 185–260, 110–114.

See https://atlas.paths-erc.eu/manuscripts/3469 [accessed: 27.05.2022].

⁵⁴ See https://www.trismegistos.org/text/111691 [accessed: 27.05.2022].

For more about the discovery itself, see: T. Górecki, "Sheikh Abd el-Gurna," Seventy Years of Polish Archaeology in Egypt (ed. E. Laskowska-Kusztal) (Warszawa: PCMA 2007) 186–187; T. Górecki – E. Wipszycka, "Scoperta di tre codici in un eremo a Sheikh el-Gurna (TT 1151–1152): il contesto archeologico," Adamantius 24 (2018) 118–132.

See A. Suciu, "The Sahidic Tripartite Isaiah: Origins and Transmission within the Coptic Manuscript Culture," APF 66/2 (2020) 381–382.

⁵⁷ Suciu, "The Sahidic Tripartite Isaiah," 383.

⁵⁸ See http://coptot.manuscriptroom.com/manuscript-workspace/?docID=622028 [accessed: 27.05.2022].

⁵⁹ See Bąk, *Isa 46–48*, 606; Bąk, *Isa 49-50*, 13.

⁶⁰ See Bak, Isa 46-48, 608.

The contents of the manuscripts are as follows:

Isa 51

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sa 48	X	X	X	X	х	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sa 105 ^L .4													
Sa 108 ^L													
Sa 187													
Sa 230.1	(x)												
CLM 3469	(x)	(x)	(x)	X	(x)	X	(x)						

	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sa 48	X	X	X	X						
Sa 105 ^L .4										
Sa 108 ^L										
Sa 187										
Sa 230.1	(x)	(x)								
CLM 3469	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	х	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)

Isa 52

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sa 48				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sa 105 ^L .4											
Sa 108 ^L											
Sa 187											
Sa 230.1											
CLM 3469	(x)	Х	(x)	(x)							

	12	13	14	15
Sa 48	X	X	X	х
Sa 105 ¹ .4		X	X	х
Sa 108 ^L		X	X	х
Sa 187			(x)	X
Sa 230.1				
CLM 3469	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)

Although the verses of Isa 51–52 are found in several Sahidic manuscripts, none of them contains the complete text. Even in sa 48, which is a very good witness, nine verses are missing. The only complete manuscript containing the entire text of Isa 51–52 is the manuscript of interest to this study, sa 52! This fact is even more in favour of its need to be edited.

3. The Sahidic Text of Isa 51-52

As in the case of the previous chapters, the following punctuation marks have been introduced in the edition of the Coptic text:

- < pointed brackets to indicate that the text has been completed so that it can be properly understood,</p>
- { } braces to indicate the scribe's redundant letters (frequently being the effect of dittography),
- > sign to indicate the lack of the given form in the manuscript whose number is given beside it,
- exclamation mark in superscript to suggest a more correct reading,
- (N) to show the places in which the letter N, occurring at the end of the line, was signalised by a stroke (N supralinear),
- \/ sign to indicate the letter added subsequently by the scribe above the line,
- /\ sign to indicate the letter added subsequently by the scribe below the line.⁶¹

The text of Isa 51–52 in the Sahidic dialect of the Coptic language reads as follows:

Chapter 51

- ν.1 cωτή εροϊ νετπητ να της αγώ ετώινε να πλοεία σωώτ ετπετρα ετλοορ ταϊ εντατετνκέζκωζα αγώ επεζίειτ εντατετνώλα \overline{Q} $^{-1}$
- v. 2 dwgt eabpa2am πετνέιωτ· αγω cappa tentac† na<ake> mmωτν· δε $Ne \cdot O/\gamma$ α πε αγω αϊτα2με4· αγω αϊσμογ ερο4· αγω αϊμεριτ $\bar{4}$ · αγω αϊταωο4· $^{v.2}$
- ν.3 ΝΤΟ 2ωωτε cïων λισεπσωπε τενού λύω λίσεπο νέσμα ναλίε τηρού νθε μππαραδίσος μπαθεΐο λύω σενάζε εθυούνου μν δύτελη $\bar{\text{N}}$ 2ητο ούδυμν εβολ μπ ούζροου νόμου $^{\text{V}3}$

⁶¹ Cf. Bak, Isa 46-48, 609.

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v.1 ерої: єроєї sa 48 | єпєдієїт: + мпфнєї sa 48, sa 230.1, + мпфн[ї] CLM 3469 | єнтатєтпфак 29: єнтатєтпфок 29 sa 48, sa 230.1, [єн] тат[єтн] ф [ок 24] CLM 3469

v.2 Cappa: ${}^{\mathbf{L}}\mathbf{c}$ [ca]ppa sa 230.1 | aïta2me4: aeita2me4 sa 48 | aïcmoy: aeicmoy sa 48 | aïmepit \mathbf{q} : aeimepit \mathbf{q} sa 48 | aita \mathbf{g} 004: aeita \mathbf{g} 004 sa 48

ν.3 ΝΤΟ 2ωωτε: ΝΤω[2ω]ωτε CLM 3469 | ΑΙCΕΠCωΠε: ΑΕΙCΕΠCωΠε sa 48, [Α]ΙCΕΠ[Cω]Π̄C CLM 3469 | ΑΙCΕΠC: ΑΕΙCΕΠ'CΠ' sa 48 | ΝΧΑΙΕ: ΝΧΑΕΙΕ sa 48 | ΝΧΑΙΕ ΤΗΡΟΥ: + 'ΑΥω ΤΝΑΚω ΝΝΕΟΜΑ ΝΧΑΕΙΕ ΤΗΡΟΥ sa 48, [ΑΥω ΤΝΑΚω Ν]ΝΕΟΜΑ ΝΧΑΙΕ 3230.1, ΑΥ[ω τ]ΝΑΚω [ΝΝΕ] CMA Ν[ΧΑΙΕ] ΤΗΡΟΥ CLM 3469 | ΜΠΠΑΡΑΔΙΟΟΟ: ΜΠΑΡΑΔΕΙΟΟΟ sa 48, [ΜΠΑΡΑ]ΔΙΟΟΟ sa 230.1 | ΕΟΥΟΥΝΟΥ: ΕΥΟΥΝΟΥ sa 48, sa 230.1 | ΟΥΤΕΛΗΛ: ΤΕΛΗΛ sa 230.1 | ΟΥΟΥΜΝ2: ΟΥΜΝΣ sa 48

- v.4 CWTM CWTM TARAOC AYW NPPWOY XI CMH EPOÏ XE OYN OYNOMOC NHY EBOR ZÏTOOT AYW TAZATI EYOYOEIN NNZEGNOC v.4
- ν.5 ΤΑΔΪΚΑΪΟΟΥΝΗ ΝΑΖωΝ ΕΖΟΥΝ ΖΝ ΟΥΘΕΠΗ· ΑΥΜ ΠΑΟΥΧΑΪ ΝΗΥ ΕΒΟΛ ΝΘΕ ΜΠΟΥΘΕΙΝ· ΑΥΜ ΝΖΕΘΝΟΟ ΝΑΝΑΖΤΕ ΕΠΑΘΒΟΪ· ΕΡΕΝΝΗΟΟΟ ΘΕΕΤ ΕΡΟΪ· ΑΥΜ СΕΝΑΝΑΖΤΕ ΕΠΑΘΒΟΪ· $^{v.5}$
- ν. 6 ϤΪ ΝΝΕΤΝΒΆλ Ε2ΡΑΪ ΕΤΠΕ· ΝΤΕΤΝΌΦΟΣΤ ΕΠ<Ε>CHT ΕΠΚΑ2· ΝΤΕΤΝΆΥ ΣΕ ΝΤΑΙΤΑΣΡΕ ΤΠΕ Ν (Page 106, f. 52 $^{\rm v}$, Copt. $\overline{\rm PH}$) ΘΕ ΝΟΥΚΑΠΝΟΟ· ΠΚΑ2 ΔΕ ΝΑΡ ΠΕλΘΕ ΝΘΕ ΝΝΕΙ2ΟΪΤΕ· ΝΕΤΟΥΗ2 ΔΕ 2 $\overline{\rm M}$ ΠΚΑ2 ΝΑΜΟΥ $\overline{\rm N}$ ΘΕ $\overline{\rm N}$ ΝΑΪ· ΠΑΟΥΣΑΪ ΔΕ ΝΑΦΟΠΕ ΦΑ ΕΝΕ2· ΑΥΦ $\overline{\rm N}$ ΝΕΤΑΔΪΚΑΪΟΟΥΝΗ ΦΣ $\overline{\rm N}$ · $^{\rm v.6}$
- ν.7 cωτή εροϊ νετσοογ(ν) ήπελπ παλλός παϊ ετέρεπανομός εμ πεύρητη μπρρ 20τε ρητή ήπνοδνες νηρώμε αγώ ήπροωτή ρητή ήπευρωώ $\overline{\mathbf{q}}$. «7
- ν. 8 ΝΘΕ \ΓΑΡ/ ΝΟΥϢΤΗΝ ΕCΝΑΡ ΠΕΛΘΈ 2Ν ΟΥΟΥΟΕΊϢ· ΑΥΜ ΝΘΕ ΝΟΥΟΟΡΤ CEN-ΑΟΥΟΜΟΥ 2ΪΤΝ ΟΥ2ΟΟΛΕ· ΤΑΔΪΚΑΪΟΟΥΝΗ ΔΕ ΝΑϢΜΠΕ ΜΑ ΕΝΕ2· ΑΥΜ ΠΑΟΥΧΑΪ ΜΑ 2ΕΝΧΜΜ ΝΧΜΜ· x,8
- ν.9 τωογνε· τωογνε· $\overline{\Theta}$ Ιλημα ντε† είωωτε μπεοού μπουσβοί ετουλάβ· τωούνε νθε ννώρτη νέοου. $\overline{\Theta}$ Ε νούμωμα νώμα ενέε· ντο αν πε $^{v.9}$
- ν. 10 ΝΤΑΡ ΘΑλΑССΑ ΝΊΧΑΙ $\{ \mathbf{\varepsilon} \}$ ΠΜΟΟΥ ΜΠΝΟΥΝ $\mathbf{\varepsilon}$ ΤΟϢ \cdot Π $\mathbf{\varepsilon}$ ΝΤΑΥΚ $\mathbf{\omega}$ ΜΠ $\mathbf{\omega}$ ΙΚ ΝΑΙΟΟΡ ΝΝΕΝΤΑΥΤΑ2ΜΟΥ \cdot \mathbf{v} . 10

ν.4 CωΤΜ CωΤΜ ΠΑλΑΟC: [CωΤΜ ΕΡΟΪ] CωΤ[Μ ΕΡΟΪ ΠΑΖΕΘΝΟC] sa 230.1 | ΑΥω¹: > sa 230.1 | ΝΡΡωΟΥ: [ΝΕ]ΡΡωΟΥ sa 230.1, ΝΕΡωΟΥ CLM 3469 | ΕΡΟΪ: ΕΡΟΕΙ sa 48 | ΝΗΥ: ΝΗΟΥ sa 48, [ΝΑΕΪ] sa 230.1

v.5 ΝΗΥ: ΝΗΟΥ sa 48 | ΕΠΑΘΒΟΪ¹: ΕΠΑΘΒΟΕΙ sa 48 | ΘΕΕΤ: σ[ωω̄Τ] sa 230.1 | ΕΡΟΪ: ΕΡΟΕΙ sa 48 | ΕΠΑΘΒΟΪ²: ΕΠΑΘΒΟΕΙ

v.7 ерої: ероєї sa 48 | 2й пеуднт: 2й пеуднт sa 48 | ййршме: ме [йршме] sa 230.1 | йпроштії днтч йпеусшфч: й[пр]оштії [евод дітм] пеусшфч sa 230.1

v.8 εςναρ: cenaρ sa 48, ce[naρ] sa 230.1, cen[aρ] CLM 3469 | πελσε: πλσε sa 48, [π]λσε sa 230.1, [πλσ]ε CLM 3469 | z̄ν ογογοείω: zitň ογοείω sa 48 | νογορτ: ν̄zενορτ sa 48 | cenaογομογ: cenaογωμογ sa 230.1

v.9 ӨІХНМ: ӨІНМ sa 48 | ЙТСТ: ЙТС[МОЇ] sa 230.1 | МПОУОВОЇ: МПОУОВОЄІ sa 48, sa 230.1 | СТОУЛЛВ: > sa 230.1 | ЙЛШОРП: ЙШОРП sa 48, [МПШШРТ sa 230.1 | ЙШД ENE2: ULA ENE2 sa 230.1 | ПС: ТС sa 48, sa 230.1, [ТС] CLM 3469

ν.10 ΝΧΑΪΕ: ΝΧΑΕΙΕ sa 48, ΧΑΙΕ sa 230.1 | ΕΠΜΟΟΥ: ΉΜΟΟΥ sa 48, sa 230.1 | ΠΕΝΤΑΥΚω: ΤΕΝΤΑCΚω sa 48, sa 230.1, [ΤΕΝ]ΤΑCΚω CLM 3469 | ΝΧΙΌΟΡ: ΝΧΙΟΡ sa 230.1 | ΝΝΕΝΤΑΥΤΑΖΜΟΥ: ΝΝΕΝΤΑΥΤΝΑΖΜΟΥ sa 48, sa 230.1, CLM 3469

- ν. 11 αγω ννενταγόστου ευνακότου γαρ είτπ παοείς αγω σένην εςίων $2\bar{N}$ ουούνου πτέληλ γαρ μν πεσμού ναφωπε είαν τευάπε αγω πούνου νατά200υ απέμκας νεήτ πωτ. Μν τλύπη μν πάω αξομ \cdot χιι
- v.13 аүш ар пшвеш мпноүте ентачтамію пентачтаміє тпе аүш ачсмисйте мпкаг аүш нерер готе пе ноуоещ нім іноугооу тнроу гнту мпго мпошіт мпетоліве ммо іное гар інтачшомне ечіте ($Page\ 107, f.\ 53', Copt.$ Р \overline{e}) теноу ечтшн пошіт мпетоліве ммо v.13
- v.14 2M streoyxai far nynaa2e raty an oyae nynawck an v.14
- v. 15 ΣΕ ΑΝΟΚ ΠΕ ΠΣΟΕΪΟ ΠΝΟΥΤΕ ΠΕΤϢΤΟΡΤΡ ΝΘΑΛΑΟΟΑ· ΑΥΟ ΕΤϢΤΟΡΤΡ ΝΝΕΟ20ΕΙΜ· ΠΣΟΕΪΟ Ο CABAOO ΠΕ ΠΕΨΡΑΝ· v.15
- $v.\,16$ thakw nnawaxe $2\bar{n}$ pw. ayw thap $2a\ddot{n}$ bec epo $2\bar{n}$ ba \ddot{n} bec \bar{n} table. Ta \ddot{n} enta \ddot{n} tace the \ddot{e} patc \ddot{n} 2htc. ayw a \ddot{n} chte mnka2. ayw c \ddot{n} woc \vec{n} aaoc. $v.\,16$
- ν. 17 τωου (Ν) τωού Ν Θίλη $\overline{\Theta}$ τεντάς τω μπάων μπόων $\overline{\Phi}$ έβολ \overline{Q} ν. Τόιχ μπαύει τας και τας μπές. Πάποτ μπάων άσου απάζτ \overline{Q} ν. \overline{Q} ν. 17
- у. 18 аүш немій петсопс імо євох 2й ноущире тироу ій ахпооу аүш немій петщип итоубіх єроч оуде євох 2й ноущире тироу итахастоу $^{\text{v.}18}$

v.11 ΝΝΕΝΤΑΥCΟΤΟΥ: ΝΕΝΤΑΥCΟΤΟΥ sa 48, Ν[ΕΝ]ΤΑΥCΟΤΟΥ sa 230.1 | ΕΥΝΑΚΟΤΟΥ: ΕΥΝΑΚω-ΤΟΥ CLM 3469 | CENHY: CENHOΥ sa 48, [CENAEI] sa 230.1 | ΟΥΟΥΝΟϤ: + ΜΝ ΟΥΤΕΛΗΛ ΦΑ ΕΝΕ2 sa 48, [ΜΝ ΟΥΤΕΛΗΛ] ΦΑ ΕΝΕ2 sa 230.1, ΜΝ ΟΥΤΕΛΗΛ ΝΦΑ ΕΝΕ2 CLM 3469 | ΝΑΦωπε: ΠΕΤΝΑΦωπε sa 48, CLM 3469, [ΕΥΕΦω]πε sa 230.1

 $^{^{}v.12}$ ανοκ πετοσπο $\bar{\text{M}}$ Μος 'ανοκ πε πετοσπ\ς $\bar{\text{π}}$ / $\bar{\text{M}}$ Μο sa 230.1, ανοκ πε πετοσ $\bar{\text{π}}$ Ο $\bar{\text{M}}$ Μο sa 230.1, ανοκ πε πετοσ $\bar{\text{π}}$ Ο $\bar{\text{M}}$ Μο CLM 3469 $|\bar{\text{N}}$ Τε νίμιν $\bar{\text{N}}$ 1 (το ν) $\bar{\text{I}}$ Ιμ sa 230.1 $|\bar{\text{α}}$ ρ 20Τε: αρι 20Τε sa 48

v. 13 ар пшвеш: [ар пшвш] sa 48, арпшвш sa 230.1, CLM 3469 | ентачтаміо: нтачтаміо sa 48, [п]етачтаміо sa 230.1, [нтачта]мі[о] CLM 3469 | пентачтаміє: пентаміє sa 48 | тпе: + {мпка2} sa 48 | nnoy200y: nne200y sa 48 | мп20: > sa 230.1 | ntaчшоміє: ентачшоміє sa 48, [ен]тачшоміє sa 230.1, ен[тач]шомі[є] CLM 3469

ν.14 2Μ ΠΤΡΕΟΥΔΑΪ: [ΖΜ ΠΕΚ]ΟΥΔΑΪ sa 230.1 | ΡΑΤΨ: ΕΡΑΤΨ sa 48

ν.15 αγω ετωτορτρ: [π]ετωτορτρ sa 230.1 | πεθραν: παραν sa 48

v.16 2aïbec: 2aeibec sa 48, [2a]eibec CLM 3469 | 2Ñ Gaïbec: 2a G[at]bec sa 48, 2a Gaïbe]c CLM 3469 | entaïta2e: Ñtaï[ta]2e CLM 3469

v.17 Τωογη²: + ¹λ2ερλτε sa 48, [λ2]ερλτε CLM 3469 | ΘΙλΗΜ: ΘΊΗΜ sa 48 | Μπλσωνίτ: Μπσωνίτ CLM 3469

v. 18 ΝΤΑΣΠΟΟΥ: ΕΝΤΑΣΠΟΟΥ CLM 3469

- v. 19 πει сναγ † ογβη· ΝΪΜ πετναλγπη νίμωε· π2ε· Μν πογωών· π2εβωων· Μν τοηνε· νιμ πετνασποωπε· «19
- v. 20 NOYWHPE ϵ TÑKOTŘ ϵ Ü ϵ H Ne Noy Nim ϵ YO ϵ HOYWHH ϵ HO ϵ HOYWHH ϵ HO ϵ HOYWH ϵ HOYWH ϵ HOYWH ϵ HOYWH ϵ HOYWHPE ϵ HOYWHPE
- ν. 21 ΕΤΒΕ ΠΑΪ ΟΦΤΜ ΤΕΤΘΒΒΪΗΥ· ΑΥΦ ΤΕΤΤΑΖΕ ΕΒΟλ ΖΝ ΟΥΗΡΠ ΑΝ·
- v. 22 ταϊ τε θε ετερεπασεϊς αω μμος· πετκρίνε μπεμαασς· εϊς ζημτε αϊαϊ εβολ ζη τογοία μπαω μπζε μπαποτ μπασωήτ· αγω ητεναογως αν ετοότε εςοόμ·
- v. 23 AYW †NATAA4 E2PAÏ ENGIX ÑNEENTAYXÏTE ÑGONC· AYW NENTAYΘΒΒΙΟ· NENTAYXOOC ÑΤΟΥΨΥΧΗ· ΧΕ ΠΑ2ΤΕ ΧΕ Ε̈́ΝΕΕΙ Ε̈́ΒΟλ 2ΪϢϢΤΕ· ΑΥW ΑCWWE ΝΤΟΥΜΕCT2ΗΤ· $(Page\ 108, f.\ 53^{v}, Copt.\ Pi)$ MN ΠΚΑ2 ΝΟΥΟΝ ΝΙΜ ΕΤΝΗΥ Ε̈́ΒΟλ ε Χω· $v.^{23}$

Chapter 52

- ν. 1 τωούνε· τωούνε· ςίων $\bar{\textbf{N}}$ <τε>+ ςίωωτε $\bar{\textbf{N}}$ Τούσομ· αύω $\bar{\textbf{N}}$ Το ςωωτε ντε ηπούεοου ςίωωτε $\bar{\textbf{O}}$ Ιλημη τπολίς ετούαλε ννεμούως ετοότ $\bar{\textbf{Q}}$ εξεί εβολ ςίτοοτε $\bar{\textbf{N}}$ Οι ατόβες $\bar{\textbf{C}}$ Ι ακαθάρτος· $\bar{\textbf{N}}$ 1
- ν.2 νογες ξβολ μπωοςίω ντετώουν ντεςμόος θίλημ \cdot βώλ εβολ ντμρρς μπουμόκε \cdot ταϊχμάλωτος τωςέρς νείω(ν) \cdot
- v. 3 ae taï te be etepenaoec aw mmoc ae ntayt thytn eboa naïnah ayw nneynacet thytn an 2ñ oy2at.
- v.4 ταϊ τε θε ετερεπμοείς μω μμος· με απαλαός βωκ επέςητ εκημε νωρόρη εούως μμαγ· αύω αυθίτου νόδονς ενας τρίος· v.4
- ν.5 τενού σε ετέτη ου μπείμα ναί νετερεπαός αω μμοού ας αυαί μπαλαός ναίναη αρί ώπηρε ντέτνως εβόλ ναί νετερεπαός αω μμοού ας ετβέ τηυτν σεαί ουα επαράν $2\bar{n}$ ν $\{e\}$ 2εθνός νουούς νίμ \cdot νέτες τηυτν σεαί ουα επαράν $2\bar{n}$ ν $\{e\}$ 2εθνός νουούς νίμ \cdot νέτες την το σεαί ουα επαράν $2\bar{n}$ ν $\{e\}$ 2εθνός νουούς νίμ \cdot νέτες την το σεαί ουα επαράν $2\bar{n}$ ν $\{e\}$ 2εθνός νουούς νίμ \cdot νέτες την το σεαί ουα επαράν $2\bar{n}$ ν $\{e\}$ 2εθνός νουούς νέτες την το σεαί ουα επαράν $2\bar{n}$ νετερεί ανα μποού ναι επαράν $2\bar{n}$ ναι επαράν επαράν $2\bar{n}$ ναι επαράν επ
- v. 6 етве паї палаос насоун паран 2 $\bar{\mathbf{m}}$ перооу ет $\bar{\mathbf{m}}$ мау \cdot же анок <пе> петфаже \cdot † $\bar{\mathbf{m}}$ піма $^{\text{v.6}}$

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v.19 Π ETNAXY Π H: Π ETNAXY Π EI CLM 3469 $|\Pi$ ETNAC Π CW Π E: Π ETNAC Π COW Π E sic! CLM 3469

v.20 NOYWHPE: $+ \varepsilon T 2 K \lambda \varepsilon I T CLM 3469 | NOYXNH: \overline{NOY} {OY} XNH CLM 3469 | NOYXNH: \overline{NOY} {OY} XNH CLM 3469 | NOYXNH: NOXXNH: NOX$

v. 23 **ĒΝЄЄΙ: ЄΝλ[ЄΙ]** CLM 3469

v.1 \bar{N} †: '[N]T ϵ † CLM 3469 $|\Theta \overline{I}\lambda HM$: $\Theta I \in POYC[\lambda]\lambda HM$ CLM 3469

v.4 ayuitoy: auuitoy sa 48, CLM 3469 | Enaccypioc: Enacypioc CLM 3469

v.5 МПЕІМА: МПЕЄІМА sa 48 | NETEPETIXOE IC ¹: NE ETEPETIXOE IC sa 48 | NEZEONOC : NZEONOC sa 48, CLM 3469

v.6 петфахе: не петфахе sa 48, пе [петфа]хе CLM 3469 | † мпіма: † мпеєнма sa 48

- ν.7 ΝΘΕ ΝΟΥΟΥΝΟΥ 2Ι ΟΥΤΟΟΥ· ΝΘΕ ΝΝΟΥΕΡΗΤΕ ΜΠΕΤΤΑϢΕ ΟΕΙϢ ΝΟΥ\C/ΜΗ ΝΕΙΡΗΝΗ· ΝΘΕ ΜΠΕΤΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΊΖΕ ΝΖΕΝΑΓΑΘΟΝ· \mathbf{x} Ε †ΝΑΤΡΕΥCωΤΜ ΕΠΟΥΟΥ- \mathbf{x} ΑΪ ΕΙΧω ΜΜΟΟ· \mathbf{x} Ε CΪων ΠΟΥΝΟΥΤΕ ΝΑΡ ΡΡΟ ΕΖΡΑΪ ΕΧω· \mathbf{x} 7
- ν.8 απεζροού νης τραρές έρο αϊσε· αύω σεναεύφρανε ζν τεσμητε ζί ούσοπ· αξ σεναναύ νζο \overline{m} ζο· ερωανπαός να νσίων· x8
- v.9 марейхаїє й $\overline{\Theta}$ ідни $\omega \omega$ євох <2>й оүоүноч 2ї оүсоп же ачна нас \cdot аү ω ачноуги ммос \cdot v.9
- ν. 10 (Page 109, f. 54', Copt. \vec{P} Ια) αγω πχοείς νασωλ $\vec{\Pi}$ εβολ μπεμόβοι ετογαάβ μπεμτό εβολ νηζεθνός τηρογή αγω νζεθνός τηρογ ναναγ αιν αρημάθ μπκας επογαάι πε εβολ είτοοτη μπαοείς. \vec{v} 10
- v. 11 Ca2w thytn eboa· ca2w thytn eboa· amhitn eboa mmay· ayw mπp- xw2 eakabapton· amhitn eboa 2n tecmhte· ayw ntetnπepx thytn eboa neteine nne2naay mπx0eïc· v,11
- ν. 12 ΧΕ ΕΤΕΤΝΉΥ ΑΝ ΕΒΟΛ 2Ν ΟΥΦΤΟΡΤΡ ΟΥΔΕ ΕΤΕΤΝΑΜΟΟΦΕ ΑΝ 2Ν ΟΥΠΌΤ ΤΙΧΟΕΪΟ ΓΑΡ ΝΑΜΟΟΦΕ 2Α ΤΕΤΝ2Η ΑΥΌ ΠΕΤΟΦΟΥ2 ΜΜΌΤΝ ΠΕ ΠΙΧΟΕΪΟ ΠΝΟΥΤΕ ΜΠΙΚΑ \cdot ν. 12
- ν.13 εις 2ημτε πλώμρε νλειμέν λύω νάχισε νάχι εσού εμάτεν ν.13
- v. 14 NHE ETEPEZAZ NAP WTHPE EZPAÏ EXWK. TAÏ TE HE ETEPETEKEINE NACWW NTÑ $\{\bar{\mathbf{N}}\}\bar{\mathbf{N}}$ PWHE. AYW TEKEODY EBOA ZÑ NPWHE. *.14
- ν. 15 $\bar{\mathbf{n}}$ ζεθνός έτοψ ναρ ωπήρε ντείζε εζραί έχων αγώ νρρώου ναψταμ ντευτάπρο. Σε νετώπουχω ναυ έτβηητη ναναύ έρου αγώ νετώπους σύζωτη ναείμε. \mathbf{v} . 15

ν.7 2Ϊ ΟΥΤΟΟΥ: 2Ι ΝΤΟΟΥ sa 48 | ΕΠΟΥΟΥΧΑΪ: ΕΠΟΥΧΑΪ sa 48 | ΕΙΧω: ΕΕΙΧω sa 48

v. 8 **λΠΕ2ΡΟΟΥ**: pr. **'ΔΕ** sa 48 | NNET2λΡΕ2: NNETλΡΕ2 sa 48

 $^{^{}v.9}$ Mapenxaie: Mapenxaeie sa 48, CLM 3469 | $\overline{\text{NoIAHM}}$: $\overline{\text{NoIHM}}$ sa 48 | NoYoynou: $\overline{\text{2}}\overline{\text{NoYoYnou}}$ sa 48

ν. 10 επογχαϊ· πε: επογχαϊ π^{sic!} CLM 3469 | Μπχοείς: Μπνογτε sa 48, CLM 3469

v.11 сагш тнүти^{1,2}: сагштй sa 48, CLM 3469 | амніттй^{1,2}: амнєітй sa 48, амнєінє CLM 3469 | еакафартон: єакафартос sa 48 | итетйперх: йтетйпірх sa 48, CLM 3469

v. 12 2N ΟΥϢΤΟΡΤΡ: + AN CLM 3469 | NAMOOϢε: ΠΕΤΝΑΜΟΟϢΕ sa 48 | MMWTN: + E2OYN sa 48

v. 13 NAXICE: NEUXICE sa 108^L NAXI: NEUXI sa 108^L

v.14 ε2ραϊ: > sa~48, $sa~105^{L}.4$ | Ναρωφ: Ναρωφ $\bar{\bf q}~sa~48$, $sa~105^{L}.4$, $sa~108^{L}$ | Ντη νηρωμε: Ντη νηρωμε: sa~48, Ντη νηρωμε: sa~48, Ντη νηρωμε: sa~48, Ντη νηρωμε: $sa~108^{L}$ | αγω πεκεοού εβολ 2η νηρωμε: > $sa~108^{L}$

ν.15 ΝζΕΘΝΟC: ΝζΘΝΟC sa 108^L | ΝΤΕΙζΕ: ΝΤΕΕΙΖΕ sa 48 | ΕΖΡλΙ: > sa 48, sa 105^L.4, sa 187, CLM 3469 | NР-РШОУ: NЕРШОУ sa 105^L.4, NЕРРШОУ sa 187, NЕРРШ[О] Y CLM 3469 | NЕТМПОУШШ: NЕТЕ МПОУ-ШШ sa 48, sa 108^L, sa 187, NЕ[ΤΕ] МПОУ[ШШ] CLM 3469 | NЕТМПОУСШТМ: NЕТЕ МПОУСШТМ sa 48, sa 108^L, sa 187, NЕТЕ [МПО] Y CШ[ТМ] CLM 3469

4. The English Translation of Isa 51-52

The English translation of Isa 51–52 from the Sahidic dialect of the Coptic language is as follows:⁶²

Chapter 51

- v. 1 Hear me, you that pursue what is righteous, and seek the Lord. Look to the solid rock that you hewed and to the pit⁶³ that you dug.
- v. 2 Look to Abraam your father and Sarra⁶⁴ who bore⁶⁵ you; because he was but one, then I called him and blessed him and loved him and multiplied him.
- v. 3 And I have comforted⁶⁶ you now, Sion;⁶⁷ I comforted all her desolate places, <and I will make her desolate places>⁶⁸ like the garden of the Lord; and⁶⁹ in her they will find joy and gladness, confession and the voice of praise.
- v. 4 Hear; 70 hear, my people, 71 and you kings, give ear to me, because a law will go out from me, and my judgment for a light of^{2} the 73 nations.
- v. 5 My righteousness *will draw*⁷⁴ near swiftly; *and*⁷⁵ my salvation will go out *like the light*, ⁷⁶ and the nations will hope in my arm; the islands will wait for me and hope in my arm.
- v. 6 Lift up your eyes to heaven,⁷⁷ and look at the earth beneath, *and see that I have strengthened heaven*⁷⁸ like smoke, and the earth will become old like *these garments*,⁷⁹ and those who live on the earth⁸⁰ will die like these things, but my salvation will be forever, and⁸¹ my righteousness will not fail.

⁶² In translating the text using NETS, the same principles were applied as in the translation of the previous chapters (cf. e.g. Bak, *Isa* 46–48, 614).

NETS: to the hole of the pit \rightarrow T 2.

⁶⁴ NETS: to Sarra → T 4.

⁶⁵ Lit. who bears (LXX: ώδίνουσαν) \rightarrow T 7.

NETS: I will comfort \rightarrow T 7.

⁶⁷ Tr. \rightarrow T 6.

Om. in sa $52 \rightarrow T2$.

⁶⁹ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1.

⁷⁰ Om. $me \rightarrow T 2$.

⁷¹ \rightarrow T 5.

⁷² NETS: to nations (LXX: φῶς ἐθνῶν).

⁷³ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 5.

⁷⁴ NETS: $draws \rightarrow T7$.

⁷⁵ Om. in NETS (LXX: καί).

⁷⁶ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1.

⁷⁷ Tr. \rightarrow T 6.

NETS: because heaven was strengthened \rightarrow T 1, T 7.

⁷⁹ NETS: a garment \rightarrow T 7.

⁸⁰ Lit. in the earth \rightarrow T 4.

⁸¹ LXX lit. $but(\delta \dot{\epsilon}) \rightarrow T$ 3.

- v. 7 Hear me, you who know judgment, my people, you in whose so heart is my law; do not fear the reproach of men, and do not be dismayed by their contempt.
- v. 8 For just as a garment it will be devoured by time, 83 and like wool 84 *they* 85 will be devoured by a moth, but my righteousness will be forever and 86 my salvation for generations of generations.
- v. 9 Awake, awake, O Ierousalem; put on *the glory*⁸⁷ of your *holy*⁸⁸ arm! Awake, as at the beginning of a day, like a generation of long ago! Are you not⁸⁹
- v. 10 she who made desolate the sea, the water 90 of the great abyss, 91 who made 92 the depth 93 of the sea a way of passage of 94 those being delivered
- v. 11 and of those who have been ransomed? For by the Lord they shall be returned and come to Sion with joy and everlasting gladness; for gladness and praise shall be upon their head and joy shall take hold of them; pain and sorrow and sighing have fled away.
- v. 12 I am, I am⁹⁸ he who comforts you. Acknowledge of whom you were cautious;⁹⁹ you were afraid because of a mortal man and a son of man, who have dried up like grass.
- v. 13 And you have forgotten God who made you, who made heaven and laid the foundations of the earth. And always, all *your* days, ¹⁰⁰ you feared the face of the fury of the one who was oppressing you, for just as he planned to do away with you, and where now is the fury of the one who was oppressing you?
- v. 14 For when you are saved, he will not stand nor linger,
- v. 15 because I am *the Lord*¹⁰¹ God, ¹⁰² who stirs up the sea and *stirs up* its waves¹⁰³ the Lord Sabaoth is his^{104} name.

⁸² LXX lit. *your* (ὑμῶν) → T 7.

⁸³ See the commentary.

⁸⁴ LXX in pl. ($\xi \rho \alpha$) \rightarrow T 7.

NETS: $it \rightarrow T7$.

⁸⁶ LXX lit. $but \rightarrow T$ 3.

NETS: the strength \rightarrow T 3.

Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1.

⁸⁹ See the commentary.

⁹⁰ See the commentary.

NETS: the water, the abundance of the deep \rightarrow T 7.

⁹² See the commentary.

⁹³ NETS: the *depths* \rightarrow T 7.

NETS: $for \rightarrow T 4$.

⁹⁵ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 4.

Om. in sa 52; text based on sa $48 \rightarrow T$ 2. See the commentary.

⁹⁷ NETS: their heads (LXX: τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτῶν).

⁹⁸ Lit. om. in sa $52 \rightarrow T 2$.

⁹⁹ Lit. *you were cautious* om. in Copt. \rightarrow T 2.

NETS: the days \rightarrow T 5.

¹⁰¹ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1.

¹⁰² NETS: your God → T 2.

NETS: and *makes* its waves to sound \rightarrow T 3.

¹⁰⁴ NETS: $my \rightarrow T 7$.

- v. 16 I will put my words in your mouth and shelter you in^{105} the shadow of my hand, by which I established heaven and laid the foundations of the earth. And Sion will say, 106 "My people." 107
- v. 17 Awake, awake! O Ierousalem, 108 you who have drunk from the hand of the Lord the cup of his wrath, for you have drained dry and emptied the cup of ruin, the goblet of *my* 109 wrath.
- v. 18 And there was none who comforted you from among your children whom you have born, and there was none who took hold of your hand, not even from among all your sons, whom you have raised.
- v. 19 These two things are set against you who will grieve with you? ruin and destruction, famine and dagger who will comfort you?
- v. 20 Your sons, 110 who lie down at the head of every street like a half-cooked beet, who are full of the wrath of the Lord *and* 111 made feeble by the Lord God.
- v. 21 Therefore hear, you who are humbled, who are drunk, but not with wine.
- v. 22 Thus says the Lord, 112 who judges his people: See, I have taken from your hand the cup of ruin, the goblet of my^{113} wrath, and you shall not continue to drink it any longer.
- v. 23 And I will put it into the hands of those who have wronged you and humbled you, who have said to your soul, "Bow down, that we may pass by," and you put your back level to the ground, outside, for those who were going by.

Chapter 52

- v. 1 Awake, awake, O Sion! Put on your strength, 114 and *you yourself* 115 put on your glory, O Ierousalem, the holy city; 116 the uncircumcised and unclean shall no longer continue to pass through you.
- v. 2 Shake off the dust, and rise up; sit down, O Ierousalem; *loosen*¹¹⁷ the bond *of*¹¹⁸ your neck, O captive daughter *of*¹¹⁹ Sion!
- v. 3 Because this is what the Lord says: You were sold for nothing, and not with money you shall be redeemed.

¹⁰⁵ NETS: under → T 4.

NETS: he will say to Sion. See the commentary.

¹⁰⁷ NETS: "You are my people" → T 2.

NETS: *Stand up*, O Ierousalem \rightarrow T 2. See the commentary.

¹⁰⁹ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1. See the commentary.

¹¹⁰ Sa 52 om. are the ones perplexed \Rightarrow T 2.

¹¹¹ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1.

¹¹² NETS: the Lord $God \rightarrow T 2$.

¹¹³ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1.

¹¹⁴ Om. O Sion \rightarrow T 2.

Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1.

¹¹⁶ Lit. the city \rightarrow T 5.

¹¹⁷ NETS: take off \rightarrow T 3.

¹¹⁸ NETS: from (LXX: τοῦ τραχήλου σου = sa 52).

¹¹⁹ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 7.

- v. 4 Thus says the Lord: Formerly, my people went down into Egypt to sojourn there, 120 and they were led by force to the Assyrians.
- v. 5 And now, why are you here? This is what the Lord says, Because my people were taken for nothing, you marvel and howl. This is what the Lord says, Because of you, my name is continually blasphemed among the nations.¹²¹
- v. 6 Therefore my people shall know my name in that day, because I myself am the one who speaks: I am here,
- v. 7 like season upon the *mountain*, ¹²² like the feet of one bringing glad tidings of a report of peace, like one bringing glad tidings of good things, because I will make your salvation heard, *saying:* "Sion, ¹²³ your God shall reign *upon you*," ¹²⁴
- v. 8 the voice¹²⁵ of those who watch over you was lifted up, and they shall rejoice together, because *faces* shall look at *faces*¹²⁷ when the Lord will have mercy on Sion.
- v. 9 Let the desolate places of Ierousalem $cry \ out^{128}$ together in joy, because he^{129} has had mercy on her and has delivered her.¹³⁰
- v. 10 And the Lord shall reveal his holy arm before all the nations, and all the nations from the 131 ends of the earth shall see the salvation that comes from the Lord. 132
- v. 11 Depart, depart, go out from there, and touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of it; and 133 separate yourselves 134 from those who carry 135 the vessels of the Lord,
- v. 12 because you shall not go out with confusion, nor shall you go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the Lord God of Israel is the one who gathers you together.
- v. 13 See, my servant shall understand, and he shall be exalted and glorified exceedingly.
- v. 14 Just as many shall be astonished at you so shall your appearance be without glory from men, and your glory [be absent] from the men –
- v. 15 so shall many nations be astonished at him, and kings shall shut their mouth, because those who were not informed about him shall see and those who did not hear shall understand.

¹²⁰ Tr. \rightarrow T 6.

¹²¹ Tr. → T 6.

NETS: upon the *mountains* \rightarrow T 7.

¹²³ NETS: saying to Sion. See the commentary.

¹²⁴ Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1.

NETS: *because* the voice \rightarrow T 2. See the commentary.

¹²⁶ Om. with their voice \rightarrow T 2.

NETS: eyes shall look at eyes \rightarrow T 3.

¹²⁸ NETS: break forth \rightarrow T 3.

¹²⁹ NETS: the Lord \rightarrow T 2.

¹³⁰ NETS: *Ierousalem* \rightarrow T 2.

Om. in NETS: \rightarrow T 1.

¹³² NETS: $God \rightarrow T$ 3.

Om. in NETS \rightarrow T 1.

¹³⁴ NETS: be separated \rightarrow T 7.

¹³⁵ NETS: you who carry \rightarrow T 7.

5. Tables of Language Differences

The differences between the text of the Septuagint and its Coptic translation will be presented in the following order: additions (Table 1) and omissions (Table 2) found in the Coptic text, the use of different vocabulary (Table 3), changes of prepositions (Table 4) and articles (Table 5),¹³⁶ changes in word order (Table 6),¹³⁷ and semantic changes (Table 7).¹³⁸ The last table shows the Greek borrowings appearing in the Coptic text of Isa 51–52 (Table 8).¹³⁹

Verse	Septuagint text	Coptic text		
51:3	εὐφροσύνην καὶ ἀγαλλίαμα εὑρήσουσιν ἐν αὐτῆ: in her they will find joy and gladness	pr. λγω (Ziegler: pr. και Sa)		
51:5	ἐξελεύσεται: will go out	+ NΘE ΜΠΟΥΟΕΙΝ : like the light (Ziegler: + ως φως Sa)		
51:6	őτι: because	NTETNNAY XE: and see that (> Ziegler)		
51:9	τοῦ βραχίονός σου: of your arm	ΜΠΟΥ ΘΒΟΪ ΕΤΟΥ ΔΑΒ: of your <i>holy</i> arm (Ziegler: του αγιου Sa); > sa 230.1		
51:15	ἐγώ: I	ANOK ΠΕ ΠΣΟΕΪC: I am the Lord (Ziegler: + κυριος Sa)		
51:17	τοῦ θυμοῦ: of wrath	МП λ σ ω ΝΤ: of <i>my</i> wrath (Ziegler: + μου Sa); CLM 3469: ΜΠ σ ω ΝΤ (= LXX)		
51:20	ἐκλελυμένοι: made feeble	pr. λγω (Ziegler: pr. και Sa)		
51:22	τοῦ θυμοῦ: of wrath	MπλσωΝΤ: of my wrath (Ziegler: + μου Sa)		
52:1	ἔνδυσαι: put on	pr. NTO 2ωωτε: you yourself (Ziegler: pr. συ Co)		
52:7	βασιλεύσει σου ὁ θεός: Your God shall reign	+ ε2Ρλϊ εχω: upon you (Ziegler: επι σοι Co)		
52:10	ὄψονται πάντα τὰ ἄκρα τῆς γῆς: all the ends of the earth shall see	N2EONOC THPOY NANAY XİN APHXĀ Mπκα2: all the <i>nations from the</i> ends of the earth shall see (Ziegler: εθνη απ ακρων Sa)		
52:11	ἀφορίσθητε: be separated	pr. λγω (Ziegler: pr. και without any references to Coptic)		

Table 1. Additions in the Coptic text

Omitting or adding an article does not necessarily result from the translator's intention to interfere with the content. The semantic rules frequently (especially in Coptic) decide about the omission of an article. Therefore, it would make no "material" sense to list all the places where the Coptic translation is not faithful to all the articles occurring in the Greek LXX. Table 5 only shows selected examples.

¹³⁷ The differences in word order do not always have to reflect the real changes introduced by the Coptic translator. They can often depend on the syntactic rules according to which, e.g. the direct object usually appears immediately after the verb (see Isa 41:18, 19) (cf. B. Layton, A Coptic Grammar. With Chrestomathy and Glossary. Sahidic Dialect. Second Edition, Revised and Expanded. With an Index of Citations [Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 2004] § 182).

Here we have included the grammatical and semantic changes (e.g. number, tense, person, gender, etc.).

For remarks concerning the tables see Bak, *Isa* 41, 76.

Table 2. Omissions in the Coptic text

51:1	εὶς τὸν βόθυνον τοῦ λάκκου: to the hole of the pit	επεζϊειτ: to the pit (> Ziegler), CLCM 3469: Μπωμ[ι] = LXX
51:3	καὶ θήσω τὰ ἔρημα αὐτῆς: and I will make her desolate places	< λγω †Νλκω ΝΝΕCΜλ ΝΧλΕΙΕ ΤΗΡΟΥ>: = sa 48, om. in sa 52 (Ziegler: αὐτῆς 1º∩2º Sa)
51:4	ἀκούσατέ μου: hear <i>me</i>	CωTM: hear (> Ziegler)
51:11	καὶ ἀγαλλιάματος αἰωνίου: and everlasting gladness	om. in sa 52 (> Ziegler); sa 48: ΜΝ ΟΥΤΕλΗλ ΦΑ ΕΝΕ2
51:12	ἐγώ εἰμι ὁ παρακαλῶν σε: I <i>am</i> he who comforts you	ANOK ΠΕΤΟΟΠΟ MMO: I [am] he who comforts you (> Ziegler); sa 48, sa 230.1, CLM 3469: ANOK ΠΕ ΠΕΤΟΟΠΟ MMO (= LXX)
51:12	τίνα εὐλαβηθεῖσα: of whom <i>you were cautious</i>	NT€ NIM: of whom (> Ziegler)
51:15	ό θεός σου: your God	πνογτε: God (> Ziegler)
51:16	λαός μου εἶ σύ: <i>you are</i> my people	πλλλο c : my people (> Ziegler)
51:17	ἀνάστηθι: stand up!	> sa 52 (Ziegler: > Sa); sa 48, CLM 3469: λ26PλT6 (= LXX)
51:20	οἱ ἀπορούμενοι: the ones perplexed	> sa 52 (Ziegler: > Sa); CLM 3469: €T2K&€IT (= LXX)
51:22	δ θεός: God	om. in sa 52 (> Ziegler)
52:1	Σιων²: O Sion	> sa 52 (Ziegler: om. Σιων² Sa)
52:8	ὄτι¹: because	> sa 52 (Ziegler: om. ὄτι Sa); ∡ε sa 48 (= LXX)
52:8	τῆ φωνῆ: with the voice	> Sa 52 (> Ziegler)
52:9	ἠλέησεν κύριος: the Lord has had mercy	λ4Νλ : he has had mercy (Ziegler: om. κύριος Sa)
52:9	ἐρρύσατο Ιερουσαλημ: he has delivered <i>Ierousalem</i>	λ4ΝΟΥ2Μ ΜΜΟC : he has delivered <i>her</i> (Ziegler: αυτην Sa)

Table 3. Changes of words

51:6	ή δέ: but	λΥω : and (Ziegler: και η Co)
51:8	τὸ δέ: but	aγω: and (> Ziegler)
51:9	τὴν ἰσχύν: the strength	Μπεοογ: the glory (Ziegler: την δοξαν Co)
51:15	ἠχῶν τὰ κύματα αὐτῆς: who <i>makes</i> its waves <i>to sound</i>	ετωτορτρ Νηεc20ειΜ : who <i>stirs up</i> its waves (> Ziegler)
52:2	ἔκδυσαι: take off	Βωλ εβολ: loosen (Ziegler: εκλυσαι Sa)
52:8	όφθαλμοὶ πρὸς ὀφθαλμοὺς ὄψονται: eyes shall look at eyes	CENANAY NZO MN 20: faces shall look at faces (> Ziegler)
52:9	ρηξάτω: let it/they break forth	ωω εβολ: let they cry out (> Ziegler)
52:10	παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ: from <i>God</i>	2ΪΤΟΟΤϤ ΜΠϪΟϾΪC: from the Lord (Ziegler: κυριου); sa 48: ΜΠΝΟΥΤΕ

Table 4. Changes of prepositions

51:2	εἰς Σαρραν: to Sarra	CAPPA: Sarra (> Ziegler), sa 230.1: ε[CA]
		PPA = LXX
51:6	τὴν γῆν: the earth (in Acc.)	2M πκλ2: lit. in the earth (> Ziegler)
51:10	ρυομένοις: <i>for</i> those being delivered	NNENTAYTA2MOY: of those being delivered
		(> Ziegler)
51:11	λελυτρωμένοις:	NNENTAYCOTOY: of those who have been
	for those who have been ransomed	ransomed (> Ziegler)
51:16	ύπὸ τὴν σκιὰν: under the shadow	2N ΘλΪΒεC: in the shadow (> Ziegler)

Table 5. Changes of articles

51:4	λαός μου: my people	πλλο c : lit. <i>the</i> my people (Ziegler: pr. ο Co)
51:4	ἐθνῶν: lit. of nations	NN2€0NOC: lit. of <i>the</i> nations (> Ziegler)
51:13	πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας: all <i>the</i> days	$\overline{\text{NNOY200Y THPOY}}: \text{ of } your \text{ days (> Ziegler)};$ sa $48: \overline{\text{NNE200Y THPOY}} (= LXX)$
52:1	πόλις: city	ΤΠΟλΪ C : <i>the</i> city (Ziegler: pr. η without any references to Coptic)

Table 6. Changes in word order

51:3	σὲ 1 / νῦν 2 / παρακαλέσω 3 / Σ ιων 4 :	NTO $2\omega\omega T \varepsilon^1 / C\ddot{i}\omega N^4 / \lambda IC \varepsilon T C\omega T \varepsilon^3 /$
	I will comfort ³ / you ¹ / now ² , / Sion ⁴	TENOY ² : I have comforted ³ / you ¹ / now ² , / Sion ⁴
		(> Ziegler)
51:6	ἄρατε¹ / εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν² / τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς	
	ὑμῶν³: lift up¹ / your eyes³ / to heaven²	/ your eyes³ / to heaven² (Ziegler: tr. εἰς τ. οὐρ. /
		τ. ὀφθ. ὑμ. without any references to Coptic)
52:4	εἰς Αἴγυπτον¹ / κατέβη² / ὁ λαός μου³ / τὸ	λπλλλοC3/βωΚ Επεcht2/εκhmε1/
	πρότερον ⁴ / παροικῆσαι ἐκεῖ ⁵ : formerly, ⁴ /	\bar{N} ΜΟΡ Π^4 / ε ΟΥω2 \bar{M} ΜλΥ 5 (> Ziegler)
	my people ³ / went down ² / into Egypt ¹ /	
	to sojourn there ⁵	
52:5	διὰ παντὸς¹ / τὸ ὄνομά μου² / βλασφημεῖται³	$CEX\ddot{I}OYA^3/ETAPAN^2/2NN{E}2EONOC^4/$
	/ ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ⁴ : my name² [is] / continual-	ΝΟΥΟ€ΪϢ NÏM¹ (> Ziegler)
	ly ¹ / blasphemed ³ / among the nations ⁴	

Table 7. Semantic changes

51:2	ώδίνουσαν ὑμᾶς: who bears you	ΤΕΝΤΑC† ΝΑ<ΑΚΕ> ΜΜωΤÑ: who bore you (Ziegler: ωδινασαν without any references to Coptic)
51:3	παρακαλέσω: I will comfort	αΙCEΠCωΠE : I have comforted you (Ziegler: παρεκαλεσα Sa)
51:5	ἐγγίζει: [my righteousness] draws	Na2ωN: [my righteousness] will draw (> Ziegler)
51:6	ό οὐρανὸς ὡς καπνὸς ἐστερεώθη: heaven was strengthened like smoke	NTAITAΣΡΕ ΤΠΕ ΝΘΕ ΝΟΥΚΑΠΝΟC: I have strengthened heaven like smoke (> Ziegler); sa 48, CLCM 3469: NTAYTAΣΡΕ (= LXX)
51:6	ώς ἱμάτιον: like a garment	N⊖€ NN€120ÏT€: like these garments
51:7	ἐν τῆ καρδία ὑμῶν: in your heart	2M πεγ2HT: in their heart (Ziegler: αυτων Co)
51:8	ώς ἔρια: like wool (in pl.)	NΘE NOYCOPT: like wool (in sg.) (Ziegler: εριον Sa)
51:8	βρωθήσεται: it will be devoured	CENAOYOMOY : <i>they</i> will be devoured (Ziegler: βρωθησονται Co)
51:10	ύδωρ ὰβύσσου πλήθος: the great water of the abyss (NETS: the water, the abundance of the deep)	πμοογ μπνογν €τοψ: the water of the great abyss (> Ziegler)
51:10	τὰ βάθη: the depths	Μπωϊκ: the depth (Ziegler: το βαθος Co)
51:15	ὄνομά μοι: my name	ΠΕϤΡΑΝ: his name (Ziegler: αυτου Co); sa 48: ΠΑΡΑΝ (= LXX)
52:2	Σιων: Sion	$\bar{N}Ci\omega(N)$: of Sion (> Ziegler)
52:7	ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων: upon the mountains	2Ϊ ΟΥΤΟΟΥ: upon the mountain (> Ziegler); sa 48: 2Ϊ ΝΤΟΟΥ (= LXX)
52:11	ἀφορίσθητε: be separated	NΤ€ΤΝΠЄΡΣ. ΤΗΥΤΝ: separate yourselves (> Ziegler)
52:11	οἱ φέροντες: you who carry	EBOλ NETEINE : from those who carry (> Ziegler)

Table 8. Greek words in the Coptic text

51:2	Αβρααμ	ABPA2AM
52:7	ἀγαθός	λΓλθΟN
52:2	αἰχμάλωτος	αΪΧΜΑλωΤΟC
52:1, 11	ἀκάθαρτος	аканартос
52:4	Άσσύριοι	ассурїос
51:8, 11(2x), 13, 14, 17; 52:12	γάρ	ГАР
51:6(3x), 8	δέ	Δ€
51:5, 6, 8	δικαιοσύνη	ΔΪΚΑΪΟϹΥΝΗ
51:4, 5; 52:5, 10(2x), 15	ἔθνος	г€өнос
52:7	εἰρήνη	€ІРНИН

52:7	εὐαγγελίζω	εγλΓΓελΪζε
52:8	εὐφραίνω	εγφρανε
51:10, 15	θάλασσα	θλλλCCλ
51:13(2x)	θλίβω	θλΪΒ€
51:9, 17; 52:1, 2, 9	Ίερουσαλήμ	ΘΙλΗΜ
52:12	Ίσραηλ	ΠΊΗλ
51:6	καπνός	КАПНОС
51:22	κρίνω	KPÏNE
51:4, 7, 16, 22; 52:4, 5, 6	λαός	лаос
51:11, 19	λύπη	λΥΠΗ
51:5	νῆσος	NHCOC
51:4,7	νόμος	NOMOC
51:14, 18; 52:12	οὐδέ	ογδε
51:3	παράδεισος	парадісос
51:1	πέτρα	πετρα
52:1	πόλις	πολις
51:15	Σαβαώθ	САВАШӨ
51:2	Σαρρα	САРРА
51:3, 11, 16; 52:1, 2, 7, 8	Σιων	cïωn
51:12	χόρτος	хортос
51:23	ψυχή	ΨΥΧΗ

6. The Analysis of Selected Philological Questions Found in Isa 49-50

The last part of the paper analyses the more difficult philological questions found in Isa 51–52 concerning two areas. Firstly, these issues can result from differences between the Sahidic manuscripts, which has been indicated in the critical apparatus of the Coptic text. Secondly, they may relate to the way of reading and translating the Greek text of the Septuagint into the Coptic language. The philological issues requiring commentary can be found in the following verses:

Isa 51:3

Manuscript sa 52 omits the text passage **λγω †Νλκω ΝΝΕCMλ ΝΧΔΕΙΕ ΤΗΡΟΥ**, which is a translation of the Greek καὶ θήσω τὰ ἔρημα αὐτῆς ("and I will make her desolate places"). This omission is the result of an error, referred to as *parablepsis* (or more accurately *homoioteleuton*). The copyist "jumped" from the first to the second **THPOY**, omitting several Coptic words. The manuscripts available to the author: sa 48, sa 230.1 and CLM 3469 contain the longer, correct version.

The mistake was noticed in Joseph Ziegler's critical apparatus and noted as a "jump" from the first to the second $\alpha \dot{\nu} \tau \eta \varsigma$ ($\alpha \dot{\nu} \tau \eta \varsigma$ 1° Ω 2° Sa). Ziegler lists Greek manuscripts that contain such an error. He also provides the abbreviation "Sa," suggesting that all

Sahidic manuscripts contain a shorter version of the text. This is not the case. Only in sa 52 does the omission of part of the verse occur. The manuscripts available to the author, sa 48, sa 230.1 and CLM 3469, contain text consistent with the longer version of the Greek Septuagint.

Isa 51:8

All other manuscripts available to the author (sa 48, sa 230.1, CLM 3469) read the verb form as $\mathbf{CEN}\lambda\bar{\mathbf{P}}$ with the plural subject \mathbf{CE} . They probably read the form \mathbf{NOY} –, preceding the noun \mathbf{WTHN} , as a possesive article ("their"), which is grammatically incorrect. The correct spelling should take the form \mathbf{NOE} \mathbf{TAP} \mathbf{NNOY} \mathbf{WTHN} $\mathbf{CEN}\lambda\bar{\mathbf{P}}$ $\mathbf{TE}\lambda\mathbf{GE}$.

Since in the LXX text there is only the noun $i\mu\dot{\alpha}\tau$ 100, there is no need to add a possessive article in the Coptic translation. The more correct version is therefore the one found in the manuscript of interest to this study, sa 52. Therefore, Ziegler's observation stating that Coptic texts read the verb $\pi\alpha\lambda\alpha$ 100 μσονται in the plural does not apply to the manuscript analysed here, sa 52.

Isa 51:9

Manuscript sa 52 reads the verse as NTO AN Πε. Since the pronoun NTO is of the feminine gender, the nominal phrase should take the form NTO AN Tε. The correct spelling is found in manuscripts sa 48 and sa 230.1.

Isa 51:10

Since the noun $\Theta \lambda \lambda \lambda CC \lambda$, which is the object of the action of Jerusalem, occurs without any prefix, $\Pi MOOY$ should also have no initial ϵ . A more correct version would therefore be found in witnesses such as sa 48 and sa 230.1. Perhaps the spelling $\epsilon \Pi MOOY$ found in the manuscript analysed in this study is the result of an error of *dittography*. This is because the earlier word $\bar{N} \times \lambda i \epsilon$ ends with the vowel ϵ , which may have been doubled by mistake.

Another comment concerns the spelling of πενταμκω, meaning literally "he who made." Since the verse talks about Jerusalem all the time, the correct reading is **TENTACK**ω ("she who made"). It is found in such manuscripts as sa 48 and sa 230.1. It is also suggested by the surviving fragment of CLM 3469: [TEN] TACKω.

¹⁴⁰ Crum, Coptic Dictionary, 262b.

¹⁴¹ Crum, Coptic Dictionary, 639a.

Isa 51:11

Manuscript sa 52 omits several words: MN ΟΥΤΕλΗλ Φλ εΝε2. Since these words are immediately followed by the repeated noun ΤελΗλ, the omission can be treated as a *parablepsis* error. All other manuscripts available to the author – sa 48, sa 230.1 and CLM 3469 – contain the correct version.

Isa 51:16

The Greek text ἐρεῖ Σιων has been translated in NETS as "he will say to Sion." In a footnote, the possibility of "you will say to Sion" is also suggested. It would also be grammatically correct to translate it as "Sion will say." It is this third possibility that is found in the Coptic translation CÏωN NAXOOC, which is less ambiguous than the text of the LXX and sees Zion as the subject of the sentence.

Isa 51:17

Ziegler's remark as to the Sahidic manuscripts leaving out the translation of the Greek verb ἀνάστηθι ('> 407 Sa') is not precise. Admittedly, one does not find this form in the manuscript of interest to this study, sa 52. However, witnesses sa 48 and CLM 3469 contain the verb Δ2€ PAT€ which is a translation of the Greek ἀνάστηθι.

A similar imprecision applies to the Greek $\tau \circ \tilde{\nu} \theta \upsilon \mu \circ \tilde{\nu}$ ("of wrath"). Ziegler's critical apparatus indicates that the Sahidic manuscripts add the possessive pronoun $\mu \circ \upsilon$ ("my [wrath]"). However, there is a manuscript, CLM 3469, which reads $\bar{M}\Pi \delta \omega N \bar{T}$, which is exactly the same as the Septuagint does, and therefore without the possessive pronoun.

Isa 52:7

The Greek verb εὐαγγελἰζω appears twice in the Septuagint. The Coptic translator uses a little more philological diversity here. This is because he first renders this verb with the Coptic expression $\mathsf{T}\lambda \mathbf{U} \mathbf{E}$ $\mathsf{O} \mathbf{E} \mathsf{I} \mathbf{U}$, 142 and only in the second occurrence he uses a loanword from the Greek $\mathbf{E} \gamma \lambda \Gamma \mathsf{E} \lambda \ddot{\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{E}$.

The Greek expression $\lambda \dot{\epsilon} \gamma \omega \nu$ Σιων is not unambiguous and can be translated in two ways: 1) NETS translates it as "saying to Sion:", perhaps influenced by some manuscripts adding the genus τη before the word "Sion." 2) The second possibility is to insert a colon after the verb form "saying:". The Coptic translator is much more unambiguous here, clearly choosing the latter option: ε IX ω \bar{M} MOC $\times \varepsilon$ ci ω N. The particle $\times \varepsilon$, which introduces independent speech, is placed before the noun "Sion."

Isa 52:8

In his critical apparatus, Ziegler states that the Sahidic manuscripts omit the translation of the Greek ὅτι, occurring at the very beginning of the verse. This observation is true of the manuscript analysed in this study, sa 52. However, it cannot be applied to all

¹⁴² Cf. Crum, Coptic Dictionary, 257b.

Sahidic witnesses. This is because manuscript sa 48 contains a translation of ὅτι in the form of the Coptic **Δ**ε.

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