Title: A divine call to relationship and a covenantal renewal in Deuteronomy 28:69-30:20 : a syntagmatic, syntactic and text-linguistic analysis

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Abstract:

This study uses a linguistic approach and applies syntagmatics, syntax and text-linguistics procedures to the Hebrew text of Deut 28:69-30:20 in order to assess what the linguistic information thus obtained might contribute for the understanding of the literary, structural and theological aspects portrayed in this passage.

Chapter 1 surveys the methodology that is applied to the text in Chapters 2 and 3 generating structural and theological information that Chapters 4 and 5 analyze. Finally, Chapter 6 provides a general summary, methodological evaluation, conclusions, and recommendations.

This investigation has demonstrated that in Deut 28:69-30:20 vocabulary, grammar, micro and macro-syntax, rhetoric and pragmalinguistic are highly crafted with literary cohesion and coherence to convey the theology of the text. Textlinguistics allowed identifying rhetorical strategies in Deut 28:69-30:20. These strategies seek to provide a speech that combines a high level of organization and art while conveying a message. These strategies enhance persuasion and memory. Repetition carries on motifs through the speech and portrays more than one aspect of the issue or even return to the topic after a digression. The changes in personal pronouns display harmonic patterns that allow the speaker to argue with the individual while addressing
the multitude. Temporal patterns provide the presentation of a comprehensive covenantal programmatic offer for the future of the audience. This offer implies a program and a history of the conditional program of what the Lord intends to fulfill in behalf of the audience and their descendants and the certain prophetic portrayal of what the near and future history of the people will be. The audience has the key, the final answer that the text does not register. Although the prophetic portrayal of the text shows us what their answer in the future will be. Therefore, textlinguistics has proved to be efficient in elucidating the way rhetoric, structure and theology function in the text.