

The Concordance of the Hebrew Accents in the Hebrew Bible, 5 vol. (Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, 1996).

Abstract

This volume is a sequel to the author's *The Syntax of Masoretic Accents in the Hebrew Bible* (Mellen, 1990). The present work provides the statistics for the entire Hebrew Bible, and an exhaustive documentation of the grammar rules. References are given for every place in the Bible where each rule operates, and the rare anomalies are documented. The present work includes a collation with the two principal manuscripts (Leningrad B19a and Aleppo) and the four principal printed editions (BHS, BHK, Bomberg's 2nd Ed., and Mikraoth Gedoloth) in those places where some problem seemed to exist in the accents of the host text (BHS). This concordance will be useful to those who wish to further study the syntax of the Masoretic accents from the perspective of phrase-structure grammar. It provides help for those who want to study some the problems of accentuation system: this work documents most of those areas.

Includes a general introduction to the entire concordance, a list of the accents, a summary of the frequency of the accents, and an introduction to the phrase-structure grammar. Every volume contains a separate chapter for each disjunctive accent.

Reviews

"Price generated his concordance using computer analysis. By noting the instances where the linguistic meaning of the text did not fit the syntax of the accents, he found evidence that the accent system is musical rather than linguistic, a point exegetes need to keep in mind. These volumes will be valuable for technical studies and for those interested in synagogue cantillation." - *Southwestern Journal of Theology*.

"He does not rely on an unsophisticated acceptance of BHS for the presence of the accents. Rather, he collates manuscript evidence, giving careful analysis of discrepancies between BHS, BHK, Leningrad B19a, and Aleppo. The comprehensive documentation provides a tool for anyone who intends to work seriously in this field." - James D. Nogalski

"The book is the product of much hard work and patient research. It is a valuable resource that merits careful study and meticulous examination." - David B. Weisberg