Appendix: Comparison of the Text-Forms of MT and LXX in Jer 25:1-7

- 1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon,
- which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:
- 3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, and even to this day, these twenty-three years

 the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you early and again, and you have not listened.
- 4 And the LORD would send to you all his servants the prophets early and again, and you did not listen and did not incline your ear to hear,

MT LXX

הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר־הָיָה עַל־יִרְמְיָהוּ עַל־כָּל־עַם יְהוּדָה בַּשָּׁנָה הָרְבִּעִית לִיהוּיָקִים בָּן־יאשִׁיָהוּ מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה הִיא הַשָּׁנָה הָרָאשׁנִיתּ לִנבוּכַדרֵאצֵר מֵלֶךְ בַּבַל:

Ὁ λόγος ὁ γενόμενος πρὸς Ιερεμίαν ἐπὶ πάντα τὸν λαὸν Ιουδα ἐν τῷ ἔτει τῷ τετάρτῳ τοῦ Ιωακιμ υἱοῦ Ιωσία βασιλέως Ιουδα,

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah

אֲשֶׁר דְּבֶּר יִ<mark>רְמְיָהוּ הַנְּבִיא</mark> עַל־כָּל־עַם יְהוּדָה וְאֶל כָּל־יִשְׁבֵי יְרוּשְׁלַם לאמר:

בו־אָמוֹן מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה

זה שלש ועשרים שנה

הָיָה דְבַר־יְהנָה אֵלַי

ועד היום הגה

ואַדבּר אַליכם

אַשֶּׁכֵּים ּ וַדַבֵּר

ולא שמעתם:

מִן־שָׁלשׁ עַשָּׁרָה שַׁנָה לִיאִשְּיָהוּ

ὂν ἐλάλησεν πρὸς πάντα τὸν λαὸν Ιουδα καὶ πρὸς τοὺς κατοικοῦντας Ιερουσαλημ λέγων

'Ev³ (= □) τρισκαιδεκάτφ ἔτει τοῦ Ιωσία υἱοῦ Αμως βασιλέως Ιουδα καὶ ἕως τῆς ἡμέρας ταύτης εἴκοσι καὶ τρία ἔτη

καὶ ἐλάλησα πρὸς ὑμᾶς ὀρθρίζων καὶ λέγων

וְשָׁלַח⁴ יְהוָה אֲלֵיכֶם אֶת־כָּל־עֲבָדִיוֹ הַגְּבִאִים הַשְׁכֵם וְשָׁלֹחַ וְלֹא שְׁמַעְתֶם וְלֹא־הִטִּיתֶם אֶת־אָזְנְכֶם לְשָׁמֹעֵ:

καὶ ἀπέστελλον (= האשל) πρὸς ὑμᾶς τοὺς δούλους μου (= יסטר) τοὺς προφήτας ὄρθρου ἀποστέλλων, καὶ οὐκ εἰσηκούσατε καὶ οὐ προσέσχετε τοῖς ἀσὶν ὑμῶν,

which he spoke to all the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:

In the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, and until this day, twenty-three years

and I have spoken to you rising early and speaking.

And I sent to you

my servants the prophets,

sending early,
and you did not listen
and did not heed with your ears,

- ¹ Note the irregular feminine form.
- ² The form presupposed is *infinitivus absolutus* בשבם.
- 3 This presupposes the compressed form of the preposition (משׁלשׁ) and the confusion of the letters מ and ⊐ either by a scribe or the translator.
- ⁴ Note the irregular verbal form. The form suggested by the parallel cases is imperfect consecutive, which is also to be presupposed behind the Greek formulation (against Stipp 1994, 113).

5 saying, Turn now everyone from his evil way and from the wickedness of your deeds, and dwell in the land which the LORD has given to you and your forefathers forever and ever:

6 and do not go after other gods to serve them and to worship them, and do not enrage me with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm.

7 And you did not listen to me, says the LORD, in order to enrage me with the work of your hands to your own harm.

ושבו עַל־הַאָּדַמָה אֲשֵׁר נָתַן יִהנָה לָכֵם וִלַאֲבוֹתיכם

ואַל־תַּלכוּ אַחַרִי אַל הִים אַחרים וַלֹא־תַכִעִיסוּ אוֹתִי

ולא־שמעתם אלי

λέγων Άποστράφητε ἕκαστος ἀπὸ τῆς ὁδοῦ αὐτοῦ τῆς πονηρᾶς καὶ ἀπὸ τῶν πονηρῶν ἐπιτηδευμάτων ὑμῶν, καὶ κατοικήσετε ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἧς έδωκα (= נחתי) ὑμῖν καὶ τοῖς πατράσιν ὑμῶν | I have given to you and your forefathers

μη πορεύεσθε ὀπίσω θεῶν ἀλλοτρίων τοῦ δουλεύειν αὐτοῖς καὶ τοῦ προσκυνεῖν αὐτοῖς, ὅπως μὴ παροργίζητέ με έν τοῖς ἔργοις τῶν χειρῶν ὑμῶν

καὶ οὐκ ἠκούσατέ μου.

ἀπ' αἰῶνος καὶ ἕως αἰῶνος.

saying,

Turn, each of you, from his evil way and from your wicked doings5, and dwell in the land which

forever and ever:

do not go after alien gods to serve them and to worship them, lest you enrage me with the works of your hands

to harm yourselves.

And you did not listen to me.

Bold face *marks differences in text-form.* **Red letters** *highlight the changes of the MT.* 1st-person forms are enframed.

The Vorlage probably corresponded to the MT, but the translator misinterpreted the noun "wickedness" as an adjective attribute.

Bold face *marks differences in text-form.* Italics mark free translation. *1st-person forms are enframed.*