

Tones for the Readings

I. Old Testament and Acts of the Apostles

INTRODUCTION

A reading from the Book of the Prophet I - sai - ah.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet E - zek - i - el.

A reading from the first Book of Kings.
second

A reading from the Book of Prov - erbs.

A reading from the Book of Ex - o - dus.

A reading from the Book of Wis - dom.

A reading from the Acts of the A - pos - tles.

RECITING TONE

FLEX

FULL STOP

accent on last syllable accent not on last syllable accent on last syllable accent not on last syllable

QUESTION

CONCLUSION

accent on last syllable accent not on last syllable

ACCLAMATION

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The flex is used at the end of major clauses within a sentence. In short sentences it may be omitted, and in long sentences it may be used more than once. For the flex, one leaves the reciting tone either on the last syllable or an earlier syllable, as the accentuation demands. The flex should not be used to introduce a question. The full stop is used at the end of every sentence. The question formula is used for all questions, except when the question occurs at the end of a reading. In the question formula, one leaves the reciting tone two syllables before the last accent. In long questions, the ending is used only for the last clause of the question, with the reciting tone for the first clause.

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