

# Generalized “Riv” format

## I. Court Procedure

Call for witnesses

Introduction of the case

Judicial proof of the faithfulness of the Suzerain and  
unfaithfulness of the Vassal

## II. Accusation

## III. Sentence (announcement of judgment)

# **“Riv” format in Deuteronomy 32**

## **I. Court Procedure (32:1-14)**

Call for witnesses (32:1-3)

Introduction of the case (32:4-6)

Judicial proof of the faithfulness of the Yahweh (32:7-14)

## **II. Accusation (32:15-18)**

## **III. Sentence (32:19-26)**

## ***IV. Gracious Ultimate Assurance (32:27-43)***

# **“Riv” format in Isaiah 1**

## **I. Court Procedure (1:2-4)**

Call for witnesses (1:2a)

Introduction of the case (1:3-4)

Faithfulness of Yahweh and unfaithfulness of Israel  
(1:2b)

## **II. Accusation (1:5-23)**

1<sup>st</sup> accusation (1:5-9)

2<sup>nd</sup> accusation (1:10-15)

*Appeal for repentance (1:16-20)*

3<sup>rd</sup> accusation (1:21-23)

## **III. Sentence (32:19-26)**

*Mercy clause (1:25-27)*

## **“Riv” format in Hosea 4:1-3**

- I. Court Procedure (4:1)**
- II. Accusation (4:2)**
- III. Sentence (4:3)**

## **“Riv” format in Micah 6**

### **I. Court Procedure (6:1-6)**

Call for witnesses (6:1-2)

Faithfulness of Yahweh (6:3-4)

*Reaction of Micah (6:5-8)*

### **II. Accusation (6:9-12)**

### **III. Sentence (6:13-16)**

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