

CHIASTIC STRUCTURE: 2 Samuel 10-12

Chapter 10-12: David and Hanun the Ammonite

(A1) **Comfort:** David's good intention to comfort Hanun

(B1) **Humiliation:** Hanun humiliates David's men

(C1) War with Ammon and Syria (chiasm)

(D) War with Syria* (chiasm)

(C2) War with Ammon (Siege of Rabbah) (chiasm)

(B1) **Humiliation:** David humiliates Hanun and his people

(A2) **Comfort:** ?

(1a) David's sins (chiasm)

(2) God pronounces judgment (chiasm)

(1b) Consequences (chiasm)

**The war with Syria is a turning point because now Syria ceases to help Ammon, leaving them vulnerable for David's attack. In truth, the war should have ended after the Syrian campaign. Every action from this point on is a descent for David.*

David's Sins

(A1) David takes Bathsheba, illegitimately, and she conceives

(B1) Bathsheba delivers bad news to David

(C1) David schemes unsuccessfully to cover his sin

(D1) David sends word to Joab to kill Uriah

(E) Joab obeys the command; Uriah dies in battle

(D2) Joab sends word to David that Uriah is dead

(C2) David's scheme is a success

(B2) Bathsheba receives bad news and weeps for her husband

(A2) David makes her his wife, legitimately; she bears him the so

(Assessment) God is displeased (11:27)

God Pronounces Judgment

(A1) God sends Nathan

(B1) Nathan's parable of the lamb that was killed

(C1) David pronounces judgment on the (fictitious) man

(D) God pronounces judgment on David

(C2) David repents

(B2) God relents, but declares that David's lamb (child) will die

(A2) Nathan departs