

# CHIASTIC STRUCTURE: HIGH LEVEL COMPARISON OF THE KINGS

(A1) Saul performance as king of Israel (1 Sam. 9-20)

(B1) **Interim:** David's exile years (1 Sam. 21-29)

(C1) **Reward:** David wins his battle against the Amalekites and takes the spoil (1 Sam. 30)

(C2) **Reward:** Saul dies in battle with the Philistines and loses everything (1 Sam. 31)

(B2) **Interim:** Saul's death to David taking the throne over Israel (2 Sam. 1-5)

(A2) David's performance as king of Israel (2 Sam. 5-24)

## CHIASTIC STRUCTURE: INTERIM PERIOD (B2)

(A1) King Saul's death (1 Sam. 31)

(B1) David executes the Amalekite (2 Sam. 1:1-16)

(C1) David's lament for the death of King Saul (2 Sam. 1:17-27)

(D1) David is crowned King of Judah (2 Sam. 2:1-3)

(E1) David blesses the men of Jabesh Gilead (2 Sam. 2:4-7)

(F1) Abner crowns Ishbosheth as king of Israel/  
makes war with Judah (2 Sam. 2:8-32) (F1)

(G) **The House of David grows stronger;  
House of Saul grows weaker** (2 Sam. 3:1-5)

(F2) Abner determines to dethrone Ishbosheth/  
makes peace with David (2 Sam. 3:6-27) (F2)

(E2) David curses Joab (2 Sam. 3:28-30)

(D2) David's lament for Abner (2 Sam. 3:31-39)

(C2) Ishbosheth, king of Israel, is killed (2 Sam. 4:1-7)

(B2) David executes Rechab and Baanah (2 Sam. 4:8-12)

(A2) David becomes King of Israel (2 Sam. 5:1-5)

<p>1a) Joab's army goes out</p> <p>2a) The challenge—no winners</p> <p><b>3) The war</b></p> <p>2b) The report of the winners</p> <p>1b) Joab returns to Hebron</p>	<p><b>WAR</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>PEACE?</b></p>	<p>a) Asahel pursues Abner</p> <p>b) Abner warns him off</p> <p>c) Asahel continues to pursue</p> <p>d) Abner kills Asahel</p> <p>a) Joab and Abishai pursue Abner</p> <p>b) Abner takes a stand against Joab</p> <p>c) Joab calls off the pursuit</p> <p>d) <u>Abner</u> returns to Mahanaim</p>
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<p><b>PEACE</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>WAR</b></p>	<p>1a) Abner makes personal covenant of peace with the house of David</p> <p>2a) Abner speaks to Israel to turn them back to David</p> <p>3a) Abner has an audience with the king</p> <p>4a) Abner leaves to deliver Israel (as spoil) to David</p> <p><b>5) Reward: David sends Abner away in peace</b></p> <p>4b) Joab returns with spoil from a raid</p> <p>3b) Joab has audience with the king</p> <p>2b) Joab turns Abner back but not to reconcile with him</p> <p>1b) Joab fulfills personal covenant of vengeance against Abner</p>
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