

2.8-20 chiasm:

A: (8-10): shepherds in fields: glory of Lord, joy

B: (11-13): (what is told) city of David, find child swaddled in manger; angelic multitude appear

C: (14): Glory to God in the highest!

B¹: (15-19): angels leave; made known what was told: Bethlehem, find child swaddled in manger

A¹: (20): shepherds (in fields): glory and praise to God

2.15-20 chiasm:

A (v. 15): shepherds go to Bethlehem to see what has been made known by the Lord

B (v. 16): Mary (and Joseph) are found

C (vv. 17-18): shepherds make known to "all": amazement

B¹ (v. 19): Mary responds

A¹ (v. 20): shepherds return from Bethlehem and respond to what they've seen and heard

2.22-39 chiasm

A: 2.22-24: law of the lord

B: 2.25-27: intro of Simeon as devout and filled with Holy Spirit: consolation of Israel

C: 2.28-2.35: Simeon's praise of God

B¹: 2.36-38: intro of Anna as devout: redemption of Jerusalem

A¹: 2.39: law of the lord

2.40-52 chiasm:

A (v. 40): Jesus filled with wisdom and God's favor

B (v. 41-45): up to Jerusalem; parents search for Jesus

C (v. 46-47): Jesus in temple with teachers

B¹ (v. 48-51): Jesus questions the search; down to Nazareth

A¹ (v. 52): Jesus increased in wisdom and divine favor