

1 Samuel 23.14-15 chiasm

A: 14ab **David remained** in the strongholds in the wilderness, in the hill country of the **Wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day,**

B: 14c but YHWH did not give him into his hand.

A¹: 15 **David was in the Wilderness of Ziph** at Horesh when he learned that **Saul had come out to seek his life.**

1 Samuel 23.16-18 chiasm

A: 16 Saul's son **Jonathan** set out and came to **David** at **Horesh**; there **he strengthened his hand** through **YHWH**.

B: 17a He said to him, "Do not be afraid; for the hand of **my father Saul** shall not find you;

C: 17b **you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be second to you**

B¹: 17c **my father Saul** also knows that this is so."

A¹: 18 Then the two of them **made a covenant** before **YHWH**; **David** remained at **Horesh**, and **Jonathan** went home.

Jonathan's bond with David

18.1-4

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the life of Jonathan was bound to the life of David, and **Jonathan loved him as his own life**. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. **Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own life**. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

20.13-17

But if my father intends to do you harm, YHWH do so to Jonathan, and more also, if I do not disclose it to you, and send you away, so that you may go in safety. May YHWH be with you, as he has been with my father. If I am still alive, show me the faithful love of YHWH; but if I die, never cut off your faithful love from my house, even if YHWH were to cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth." Thus **Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May YHWH seek out the enemies of David."** **Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him; for he loved him as he loved his own life.**

23.16-18

Saul's son Jonathan set out and came to David at Horesh; there he strengthened his hand through YHWH. He said to him, "Do not be afraid; for the hand of my father Saul shall not find you; you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be second to you; my father Saul also knows that this is so." **Then the two of them made a covenant before YHWH**; David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.

2 Samuel 1.25-26

How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, **my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.**