

## 1 Samuel 26.7-12 chiasm

**A 26.7:** So David and Abishai went to the army by night; there **Saul lay sleeping** within the encampment, with his **spear** stuck in the ground **at his head, yes, at his head**; and Abner and the army lay circled, yes, circled, around him.

**B 26.8-9:** Abishai said to David, "God has given your enemy into your hand today; now therefore let me, please, pin him to the ground with one stroke of the spear; I will not strike him twice." But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can **raise his hand against YHWH's anointed**, and be guiltless?"

**C 26.10:** David said, "As YHWH lives, YHWH will strike him down; or his day will come to die; or he will go down into battle and perish.

**B' 26.11a:** YHWH forbid that I should **raise my hand against YHWH's anointed**;

**A' 26.11b-12:** but now take the **spear** that is **at his head, yes, at his head**, and the water jar, and let us go." So David took the **spear** that was **at Saul's head** and the water jar, and they went away. No one saw it, no one knew it, no one awoke; for **they were all asleep**, because a deep sleep from YHWH had fallen upon them.