

2 Samuel 7 chiastic shapes

7.1-11 chiasm

A v. 1: YHWH has given "rest" from "enemies"

B: v. 2-3: prophet as intermediary: YHWH is with you

C: vv. 4-5: Q of building a house for YHWH

D: v. 6-7a: YHWH has moved in tent/Mishkan

C1: v. 7b-8: Q of building a house for YHWH

B1 v. 9-11a: judges as intermediary: YHWH is with you

A1 v. 11b-c: YHWH has given "rest" from "enemies"

7.5c-7c chiasm

A Are you the one to build a house for Me to dwell in?

B I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought the people of Israel out of Egypt to this day,

C but I kept moving about in Tent and Tabernacle.

C1 As I moved about wherever all the Israelites went,

B1 did I ever speak a word with any of the leaders of Israel whom I appointed shepherds of my people Israel, saying:

A1: "Why have you not built Me a house of cedars?"

7.5-11a chiasm

A 7.5-6: recall of YHWH's freedom since the exodus

B: v. 7: YHWH's free movement among the people

C. v. 8a: I took you to be nagid

B1: v. 9-10: YHWH's being with the people wherever they are

A1: v. 11: recall of YHWH's freedom since the time of judges

7.13-16 chiasm

A v. 13: house/throne/kingdom forever

B v. 14-15: YHWH's paternal *chesed*

A1: v. 16: house/kingdom/throne forever

7.18-29 chiasm

A: vv. 18-19: house of your servant, David, spoken of by YHWH; "this" (*zot*, 2x); torah for the people

B: vv. 20-22: YHWH is "great" (*gadol*, only 7.26 elsewhere in 2 Sam)

C: vv. 23-24: What YHWH has done for Israel

B1: vv. 25-26: YHWH's name is "great" (*gadol*)

A1: vv. 27-29: house of your servant, David, spoken of by YHWH; "this" (*zot*, 2x); YHWH's word is "true"