

2 Samuel 11.14-25 chiasms (following Fokkelman, p. 61)

A (vv. 14-15): David sends assignment to Joab

B (vv. 16-17): Fighting and Uriah killed

C (vv. 18-19a): Joab sends envoy to David

D: v. 19b-21

A: When you've completed your report to the king

B: If it happens that he gets angry and says,

C: Why did you come near to the city

D: You must know they shoot from the wall

E: Who struck Abimelech

D1: Wasn't it a woman who threw from the wall?

C1: Why did you come near to the wall

B1: You must then say,

A1: "Your servant Uriah is dead"

C1 (v. 22): Joab's envoys come to David

B1 (vv. 23-24): Report of fighting and Uriah's death

A1 (v. 25): David sends reaction to Joab