

## The Parable of the Rich and Poor Men, the Ewe Lamb and the Traveler (2 Sam 12)

Context in Deut History	Rich man	Poor man	Ewe-lamb	Traveler
<b>Conquest (Josh-Judges)</b>	YHWH	Canaanites	Land of Canaan	Israel
<b>early days of Saul</b>	Saul	Agag	Sheep! (1 Sam 15:9ff)	Samuel/Israelite soldiers
<b>Early days of David</b>	Saul	David	Michal	Palti (1 Sam 25:44; reversed at 2 Sam 3:15)
<b>Rise of David</b>	YHWH	Palti	Michal	David
<b>Rise of David, continued</b>	YHWH	Saul	Ahinoam	David
<b>The immediate plot</b>	David	Uriah	Bathsheba	Judah (as recipient of David's offspring to be king, i.e., Solomon)
<b>Amnon's rape of Tamar</b>	YHWH	David (!)	Tamar	Amnon
<b>Absalom's rebellion</b>	YHWH	David (!)	David's concubines (2 Sam 16:22)	Absalom
<b>Adonijah's final plot (the "gift" refused)</b>	Solomon	David (!)	Abishag (1 Kings 1:2; 2:17-25)	Adonijah
<b>Exile</b>	YHWH	Israel	The Land	Assyria/Babylon

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