

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

Chart by Wes Howard-Brook, partly from interpretation in Robert Polzin, *David and the Deuteronomist* (Indiana Univ. Press, 1993)