

Parallel Structure of the Stories of Bathsheba, Tamar, and the Woman of Tekoa

Table 6.1 from April D. Westbrook, *'And He Will Take Your Daughters...'* *Woman Story and The Ethnical Evaluation of Monarchy in the David Narrative* (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2015)

Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11–12)	Tamar/woman of Tekoa (2 Samuel 13–14)
Prelude: Israel fights Ammon/Syria (Joab starts/David finishes) (10:1–19)	Prelude: Israel fights Ammon (Joab starts/David finishes) (12:26–31)
Sexual Violation: David commits adultery with Bathsheba (11:1–4)	Sexual Violation: Amnon rapes Tamar (13:1–18)
Public revelation of violation is imminent (11:5)	Public revelation of violation is imminent (13:19–22)
Response: David plots/commits murder via his servants (11:6–27)	Response: Absalom plots/commits murder via his servants (13:23–39)
Response: Nathan is sent to David by YHWH (12:1a)	Response: woman of Tekoa is sent to David by Joab (14:1–3)
Nathan tells David a parable—a parody of David (12:1b–4)	Woman of Tekoa tells David a personal story—a parody of David (14:4–7)
Response: David will bring justice (12:5–6)	Response: David will bring justice (14:8–11)
Nathan accuses David and prophesies judgment (12:7–12)	Woman of Tekoa accuses David and appeals to his ego (14:12–17)
David acknowledges his sin (12:13a)	David identifies Joab's deception but agrees (14:18–21)
Nathan prophesies death of David's son and leaves (12:13b–15a)	Joab acknowledges king's favor and leaves to return David's son (14:22–23)
Destiny of David's infant son determined by YHWH / David acknowledges inability to cause his son's return (12:15b–23)	Destiny of David's son Absalom determined by David/ David commands his son's return (14:24–33a)
Solomon is born and YHWH loves him (12:24–25)	Absalom is returned to the king's presence and the king kisses him (14:33b–d)