

Parallels between 2 Samuel 13 and 14

ELEMENT	2 SAM 13	2 SAM 14
A man and a woman talk, one with words provided by a “wise” third person	Amnon (“worded” by Jonadab) speaks to Tamar	Woman of Tekoa (“worded” by Joab) speaks to the king
Deceptive speech	The woman speaks of violence in her family, but it’s really about David/Absalom	Amnon speaks of being sick and needing food, but it’s really about his sexual desire for her
At first, the one listening is deceived	Tamar is deceived into making/offering food to Amnon	David is deceived into accepting her story as “truth”
The woman pleads for nonviolence	Tamar begs Amnon not to rape her, then not to abandon her	The woman begs the king to rescue the other son to avoid his death
A woman is faced with desolation because of male violence	Tamar, raped by Amnon, is no longer “marriageable”	The woman says that if her other son is killed, she is left with nothing
The “advisor” returns to speak to the king	Jonadab tells David his other sons still live	Joab summons Absalom back
Absalom aftermath	Absalom kills Amnon and flees to his grandfather in Geshur for three years	Absalom returns to Jerusalem, but he and his father the king don’t speak for two years