

## **CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF II SAM 15:10 – 20:2**

### **The Scroll of the Gospel of David by Tony Robinson**

This chiastic structure parallels the gospel recorded in the New Testament for the suffering of the Messiah through His death, burial, resurrection and the forgiveness of sins in chronological order, except point “I.” Point “I” completes the structure to counter the burial of Absalom.

A) II Sam 15:10-12 Absalom **rebelled against the king**; “When you hear the **sound of the shofar**”; Absalom **stole the hearts of the men of Israel**; “There's **no one before the king to understand you**”

B) II Sam 15:13-24 The king's servants said, “Whatever my lord the king decides, **your servants are ready**”; Ittai said, “In whatever place my lord the king will be **whether for death or life there your servant will be**;” David and his servants **pass through the Kidron valley**

C) II Sam 15:32-37 Hushai **came to meet the king**; the king said “**You will be a burden to me**”; “You will **defeat Ahithophel's council** for me; **stay behind**”

D) II Sam 16:1-4 Ziba **came to meet the king**; the king **asked a question about Mephibosheth**; the king **gave Mephibosheth's property to Ziba**

E) II Sam 16:5-13 **David came to Bahurim**; Shimai **came out to meet David**; **Abishai wanted to kill Shimei**; **David forgave Shimei**

F) II Sam 16:15-19 **Hushai won Absalom's trust**; “Whom shall I serve, is it not **my friend's son**?”

G) II Sam 16:20-23 Ahithophel **advised Absalom how to win the trust of Israel**; consort with **your father's concubines**; **pitched a tent on the roof for Absalom**

H) II Sam 17:1-14 Ahithophel wanted to **chase after David**; Ahithophel said, “The people will be at **peace**”; Ahithophel really **desired to kill David**; Absalom had to **choose between which two people** he would send against David; **Ahithophel, who suggested that he kill David was rejected**; Hushai stated “And if he is brought **into a city**”

I) II Sam 17:18-19 Jonathan and Ahimaaz **descend into a well**; a woman **spread a curtain over the well**

J) II Sam 17:23 **Ahithophel's suicide by hanging**

K) II Sam 17:24-25 Absalom **appointed Amasa** over his army in place of Joab; **David's position in Mahanaim**

L) II Sam 17:27-29 Three men brought David and his servants all sorts of provisions because they were hungry, exhausted and thirsty in the desert

K') II Sam 18:1-5 David **appointed officers** and divided his camp into thirds; **David's position near the city gate**

J') II Sam 18:9-15 Absalom **hanging in the elm tree**; David's servant refusing to accept bribery of silver; **Absalom's death**

I') II Sam 18:17 Joab's men throw **Absalom's body into a large pit** and erected a **mound of stones over him**

H') II Sam 18:19-32 Ahimaaz wanted to **run to David**; Ahimaaz called out to the king **“Peace!”**; Ahimaaz really **desired to bring David news**; Joab **chose between sending two people to David**; **Ahimaaz' who suggested** that he carry the message **was rejected**; David was sitting **between the two gates of the city**

G') II Sam 19:5-11 Joab **advised David how to win the trust of his servants**; **“Save the lives of your concubines”**; David **sat at the city gate**

F') II Sam 19:12-15 **David won the hearts of the men of Judah**; **“You are bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh”**

E') II Sam 19:16-23 **Shimei was from Bahurim**; he **hastened to meet the king**; **Abishai wanted to kill Shimei**; Shimei **begged David for forgiveness**

D') II Sam 19:24-30 Mephibosheth **came to meet the king**; the king asked **Mephibosheth a question**; **Mephibosheth and Ziba must divide the property**

C') II Sam 19:31-39 Barzillai **came to meet the king**; **“I will be a burden to you”**; Barzillai said he has no discernment; Let me **stay back**

B') II Sam 19:40-43 The men of Israel and Judah argue over who is **more loyal to the king**; David and his servants **pass over the Jordan**

A') II Sam 20:1-2 **Sheba rebelled against the king**; he **sounded the shofars**; the men of **Israel followed Sheba**; **“we have no part in David”**

## CHRONOLOGICAL GOSPEL EVENTS IN II SAMUEL 15-20

- 1 Satanically inspired event is the catalyst for the prophecy of Messiah's suffering to begin (Satan entered Judas) (Luke 22:1-6, John 13:21-30)
- 2 Tests and declaration of loyalty (by everyone). They argue who is closest to the Messiah (Luke 22:24-30)
- 3 Declaration of loyalty unto death (Luke 22:31-34, Matt 26:30-35, Mark 14:26-31)
- 4 Messiah crosses the Kidron Brook (John 18:1)
- 5 Messiah's custom to go to garden and pray on Mount of Olives (Luke 22:39, Matt 26:30-46, Mark 14:32-42, John 18:1)
- 6 Overwhelmed/grieving on Mount of Olives (Luke 22:41-44, Mark 14:32-34)
- 7 An angel comes and strengthened Messiah (Luke 22:43-44)
- 8 An insincere act of loyalty built on deception (Luke 22:47-48, John 18:2-9)
- 9 Insincere act done for personal gain (money/land) (John 12:4-6)
- 10 Strikes he who comes to confront/arrest Messiah (Luke 22:47-53, Matt 26:51-56)
- 11 Messiah rebukes the servant and tells him to put the sword away "shall I not drink what God has given Me?" (John 18:11)
- 12 Messiah asks to permit him to repair/protect the one confronting Him
- 13 The Chief Priests and elders council to seek ways to kill Messiah (Matt 26:59)
- 14 The disciples flee/deny Messiah
- 15 The betrayer will see he was wrong (Matt 27:3-10)
- 16 The betrayer will set his affairs in order (returns money, pays debts)
- 17 The betrayer hangs himself
- 18 Locations to bury dead bodies
- 19 Shekels of Silver to raise your hand against Messiah
- 20 Messiah exhausted & needing stronger one to carry His burden (where tradition says Goliath's skull is buried) (John 19:17, Mark 15:21)
- 21 Judas is replaced with another (Acts)
- 22 3 men die and two are "resurrected"
- 23 Bead body thrown into the grave and covered
- 24 Three days/men come and Messiah is restored to life
- 25 Messiah's death is good news but God is grieved (Acts 10:34-43, 1 Cor 15:1-4)
- 26 Messiah is killed on a tree/cross/stake (John 19:17,23 Matt 27:35,40, Luke 24:20)
- 27 Messiah is king with crown of thorns (John 19:19, Matt 27:29, Mark 15:17)
- 28 His bones were not broken (be gentle with him)
- 29 Hail and forces of "nature" come and kill many
- 30 Messiah wins greatest battle but the disciples are shamed (John 20:19)
- 31 Disciples do not believe/receive Messiah at first (Luke 24:36-39, John 20:19-20)
- 32 Messiah shows them his flesh and bones
- 33 Messiah preaches forgiveness of sins (unto death)
- 34 Does not remember our sins (Heb 9:11-15, John 20:21-23, Luke 24:46-49)
- 35 Blessings for those who are faithful when Messiah returns