

## **CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF II SAM 15:25-37**

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

A) II Sam 15:25-29 David makes an **“if, then”** statement followed by a **“but if, then”** statement; Zadok and Abiathar are to **return to the city (Jerusalem)**; David **mentions the two sons of the priests**; Zadok and Abiathar **carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem**; David said he would **wait until “word comes from Zadok**

B) II Sam 15:30 David **went up by the ascent of the Mount of Olives**; all the people who were with him **covered their heads**

C) II Sam 15:31 **Someone told David, saying “Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.”** and David said, **“O LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!”**

B') II Sam 15:32 David had **come to the top of the mountain**; Hushai met David with **dust on his head**

A') II Sam 15:33-36 David makes an **“if, then”** statement followed by a **“But if, then”** statement; David said, **“Do you not have Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there (Jerusalem)”**; David **mentions the two sons of the priests**; Hushai, David's friend **returned to Jerusalem**; **“By them (Jonathan and Ahimaaz) you shall send me everything you hear”**

This small structure is within the main structure of II Sam 15-20 and overlaps another structure in II Sam 15:27-16:23. The primary objective of this small structure is to draw our attention to Ahithophel. And that Hushai and the Ark of God are comparable in function in what they do dwelling in Jerusalem (confounding the counsel of Ahithophel as well as “betraying” David).