

Chiasm of 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

A chiasm is a literary structure where vocabulary of the first section of a passage is repeated in reverse order in the second. The center of the chiasm is typically the climax of the passage. In 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 the center and climax is "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "and do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you (2 Cor 6:17).

A Or what agreement has the temple **of God** with idols? For we are the temple of the living **God**; just as **God** said, (6:16a)

B "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; **AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.** (6:16b)

C "Therefore, COME OUT (Greek: *exerchomai*) FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. (6:17a)

C' "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome (Greek: *eisdechomai*) you. (6:17a)

B' **And I will be** a father to you, And you **shall be** sons and daughters **to Me**," Says the Lord Almighty. (6:18)

A' Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear **of God.** (7:1)