

LIFE OF DAVID—HANDOUT 11

2 Samuel 1:17-27

2 Samuel 2:1-11

Structure (vv. 1-11)

Hesed (vv. 5, 6)

2 Samuel 2:13-32

Pattern (vv. 12, 13)

Symmetries:

Alliteration

Repetition of the same consonants. Must use the Hebrew Text.

PROSODIC ARRANGEMENT OF 2 SAMUEL 1:19-27

Tricolon: ¹⁹ “Your beauty, O Israel,
is slain on your high places!
How have the mighty fallen!

Bicolon:

1st Colon: ²⁰ “Tell *it* not in Gath, Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
2nd Colon: Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

Bicolon:

1st Colon: ²¹ “O mountains of Gilboa, Let not dew or rain be on you, nor fields of offerings;
2nd Colon: For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

Bicolon:

1st Colon: ²² “From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty
2nd Colon: The bow of Jonathan did not turn back, And the sword of Saul did not return empty.

Tricolon:

²³ “Saul and Jonathan, beloved and pleasant
in their life, And in their death they were not parted;
They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions.

Bicolon:

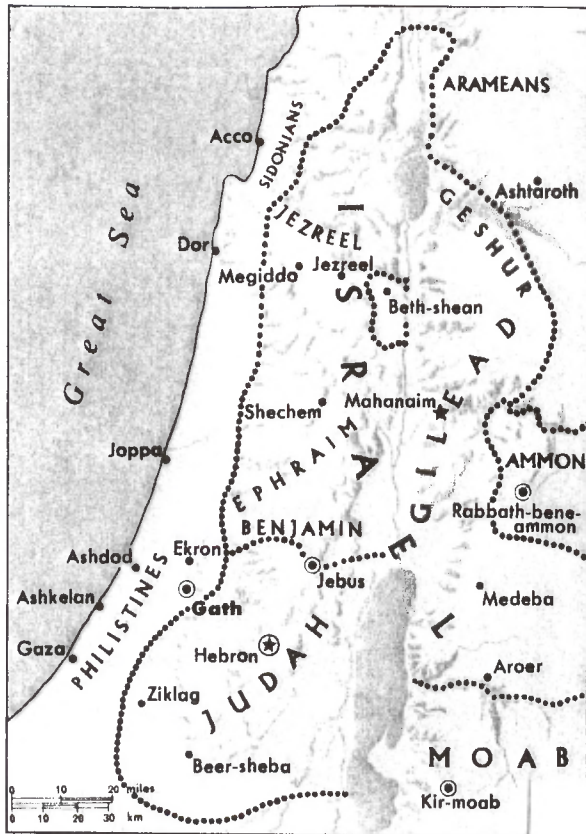
1st Colon: ²⁴ “O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, Who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,
2nd Colon: Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. ²⁵ “How have the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!

Tricolon + Bicolon:

Jonathan is slain on your high places.
²⁶ “I am distressed for you, my brother
Jonathan; You have been very pleasant to me.

Colon: Your love to me was more wonderful Than the love of women.

Colon: ²⁷ “How have the mighty fallen, And the weapons of war perished!”



2 SAM. 2:8-11

