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!"