

LIFE OF DAVID—HANDOUT 21

2 Samuel 18:19-19:39

A. Dispatch of Messengers (18:19-23)

B. David Waiting for Messengers (vv. 24-27)

A'. Report of Messengers (vv. 28-32)

Stair-step/Terrace Paradigm:

My son, my son Absalom (18:33)

Absalom, my son, my son

my son Absalom (19:4)

Absalom my son, my son

Bracket:

19:1

19:8

Sandwich:

O Absalom my son, my son (18:33)

Joab and Troops (19:1-3)

O Absalom my son, my son (19:4)

Chiasm (19:6):

Love	Hate
Hate	Love

Structure (19:9-43):

A. Israel or Judah? (19:9-15)

B. Shimei, the Benjamite, Appears (19:16-23) [Cisjordan]

C. Mephibosheth, the Saulide, Appears (19:24-30) [Jerusalem]

B'. Barzillai, the Gileadite, Appears (19: 31-39) [Transjordan]

A'. Judah or Israel? (19:40-43)

(J. Dennison, modified from Ronald Youngblood, *Expositor's Bible Commentary*, 3:1032)

Structure (19:9-10):

King delivered us from hand our enemies (What is A)	Original Paradigm
(he) saved us from hand Philistines (What is more, B)	Time Past

And now he has fled from land from Absalom	Reverse Paradigm
Absalom <i>messiah</i> dead	Time Present

And now why silent on return of the king ?	Reverse Reverse Paradigm
	Time Present—Back to Original Paradigm

Framing Bracket:

19:24

19:30

On Mephibosheth, see “A King and a Cripple” (J. T. Dennison) at Kerux.com

Structure:

19:31	
v. 33	
	vv. 34-37
v. 38	
19:39	

Mirror Reflection:

A. Hushai	
B. Ziba	
	C. Shimei
	C'. Shimei
B'. Ziba	
A'. Barzillai	