

Structure of Joshua to 2 Kings

The first edition of these books of interpretive history were based around the pre-exilic work of the Deuteronomic Historians. A set of Framework passages were created in Deuteronomic language, probably by Baruch, with the content being added by other scribes largely from existing sources.

A second edition with additional material was created after the exile had taken place to reflect the new reality.

Chapter & Verse		Source of Content
	Framework	
	Content	
	<i>Later Material (not in the Josianic Edition)</i>	
Joshua		
1	Joshua's commission	
2-3	Spies in Jericho; crossing the Jordan	Folk Tales & liturgy
4	Setting up Gilgal	J & others
5	Circumcision & Joshua's vision	J
6-8:29	Destruction of Jericho to destruction of Ai	J
8:30-35	Covenant renewal	
9	Gibeonite 'treaty'	Folk Tales & J
10-11	Canaan conquered	Folk Tales & J
12	List of kings defeated by Joshua	?
13-19	Allocation of territory	Archives
20	Cities of refuge	Archives
21	Levitical cities	Archives
21:43-22:9	Conclusion of conquest: dismissal of eastern tribes	
22:10-end	The trans-Jordanian altar controversy.	Priest
23:1-15	Joshua final address	
23:15-16	<i>Warning to put away Mesopotamian gods</i>	
24	Covenant renewal; death of Joshua	
Judges		
1, 2:6-10	<i>Recapitulation</i>	
2:1-5	Yahweh's refusal to drive out the nations	
2:11-21,3:5-6	Israel's unfaithfulness	
2:22-3:4	<i>Explanation of why some land still unconquered.</i>	
3:7-8:28	Tales of the Judges	Folk Tales
8:29-9: end	Abimelech	J & Folk Tales
10-16	More Tales of the Judges	J & Folk Tales
17-21	<i>The Levites concubine & civil war</i>	J & others
I Sam		
1:1-4:18	Birth of Samuel to death of Eli	Ancient Narrative
4:19-7:2	Loss and return of the Ark	Ancient Narrative & DH
7:3-4	Spiritual renewal	J
7:5-8: end	Samuel and the monarchy question	Tales of the Prophets

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9:1-10:19 & 24-25	Saul chosen as king by the prophet Samuel	Folk Tales
10:20-23	<i>Saul chosen by lot</i>	J
10:26-11: end	<i>Saul defeats the ammonites</i>	J
12	Samuels Farewell speech	
13-14	The wars of Saul and Jonathan	J
15	Saul disobeys Samuel after defeating Amalekites	J & Tales of the Prophets
16:1-13	David anointed	J & Tales of the Prophets?
16:14-18:21 (note 1)	<i>David & Goliath: Saul's armour bearer version</i>	
16:14-18:21 (note 2)	David & Goliath: the shepherd boy version	J
18:22-19:17	Saul's children support David	J
19:18-end	<i>Saul pursues David.</i>	J
20	Jonathan helps David; acknowledges his future kingship	Ancient Narrative
21:1-9 & 22:6-end	The priests of Nob and Abiathar's escape	Folk Tales
21:10-22:5	David's feigned madness amongst the Philistines etc	Ancient Narrative
23:1-14	David, with Abiathar, liberates Keilah	Tales of the Prophets
23:14-24: end	David spares Saul, who acknowledges him as king elect.	J
25	David acknowledged as king elect by the wife of Nabal	J
26,27 & 29	<i>David spares Saul's life, then lives in Philistia</i>	J
28	Saul's séance with the dead Samuel	J
30	David attacks Amalekites after their raid on Ziglaga	J & DH
31	Saul dies in battle: Israel under Philistine control.	J & DH
II Samuel		
1	David's elegy on the death of Saul	Jashar
2	David and Ishbaal govern Hebron and the North respectively	J
3	<i>Abner defects to David, is murdered and mourned</i>	J & Ancient Narrative
4	<i>Ishbaal assassinated</i>	J & Ancient Narrative
5	David becomes king of Israel: Jerusalem captured	J & Ancient Narrative
6	Ark brought to Jerusalem	J
7	Covenant with David and his dynasty	
8	David's victories	?
9	Jonathan's son restored to wealth	J
10	Ammonites and Arameans defeated	J
11-20	<i>Bathsheba affair; rape of Tamar; two rebellions</i>	J
21	Gibeonites avenged; Saul's offspring eliminated	J
22	David's thanksgiving	psalm
23	<i>Appendices</i>	Various
24	The plague	Ancient Narrative & DH
I Kings		
1-2	The succession struggle	J

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2:2-4	David's advice to Solomon		
3	Solomon's prayer for wisdom; The prostitute's child		Acts of Solomon
4	Administrative officers; magnificence and fame		Acts of Solomon
5-7	Building the temple		Acts of Solomon
8	Dedication of temple		
9:6-9	<i>Warning of destruction of temple & exile</i>		Dtr2
9:1-5 & 10-end	Miscellaneous acts		Acts of Solomon
10	Queen of Sheba		Acts of Solomon
11	Errors of Solomon: Jeroboam's rebellion; death of Solomon		
12-16	Records of the kings Solomon to Ahab with judgements.		Memorials
17-21	Tales of Elijah		Tales of the Prophets & Memorials
22	Jehoshaphat and Ahaziah		Memorials
II Kings			
1	Ahaziah: death of Elijah		Tales of the Prophets & Memorials
2-13	Tales of Elijah		Tales of the Prophets & Memorials
14-16	Kings till the fall of Israel		Memorials
17	Fall of Israel		
18-21	Hezekiah to Ammon		Memorials, Isaiah and other material
22-23	Josiah		
24-25	<i>Exile of Judah</i>		
note 1	16:14 -17:11 & 32-40 & 42-49 & 51-54 & 18:6-13 & 16		
note 2	17:12-30 & 41 & 50 & 55-18:5 & 18:14-15 & 17-19		