

4—Combining the Stories

“The Keys to the Kingdom”

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1. Multiple Source Model of the Hebrew Bible

- A. Documentary Hypothesis—Julius Wellhausen (1878) identifies multiple sources of the Torah:
 - 1) Yahwist (J) from Solomon’s time (950)
 - 2) Elohist (E) from later (9th c.)
 - 3) Deuteronomist (D) from Josiah’s time (7th c.)
 - 4) Priestly (P) from Ezra’s time (5th c.)
- B. Deuteronomistic History—Martin Noth (1943) indentified common themes in the history books (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, King) based on the book of Deuteronomy, in response to the Babylonian Exile (6th c.)
- C. Supplementary Hypothesis—John Van Seters (1975) argued against an independent Elohist (E) source, that the Yahwist (J) was a prologue to the older DH, and the Priestly (p) was a supplement to it, rather than an independent source.
- D. Recent Archaeology—Israel Finkelstein’s (2007) extensive archeological survey of northern and southern Israel suggests a relatively late origin of the histories of David and Solomon, and identifies earlier Northern traditions enveloped into the history of Israel and Judah (Jacob cycle, Exodus, Judges, Positive Saul, Elijah/Elisha cycles).

2. What it takes to write a history:

- A. The development of a written language
- B. Formation of the socio-political environment
- C. Literacy must spread from the city to the countryside
- D. All of these happened in the late 8th century

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4. The appearance of Pan-Israel theology

A. "All Israel" including both Israelites and Judaites

Northern	Southern	Deuteronomist	Priestly
Northern Heroes	Southern Heroes	Exile Heroes	Priestly Heroes
King Ahab/Jehu	King Hezekiah	King Josiah	The Levites
Elijah/Elisha	Isaiah/Amos	Jeremiah/Ezekiel	Ezra/Nehemiah
Aram Attacks	Assyria Attacks	Babylon Attacks	Persia Restores
About Victory	About Kingdom	About Blame	About Details

v. 6

Amos 7:10

1 For this is what Amos is saying:
 "Jeroboam will die by the sword,
 and Israel will surely go into exile,
 away from their native land."

v. 21

Isaiah 7:13-14

Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you **house of David** . . . The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim **broke away from Judah**—he will bring the king of Assyria."

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Jeremiah 2:5

5 This is what the Lord says:
“What fault did your ancestors find in me,
that they strayed so far from me?
They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.

Ezra 4:2

they came to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the families and said, “Let us help you build because, like you, we seek your God and have been sacrificing to him since the time of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here.”