

LITERARY GENRES

Poetical

epical, e.g. Song of Deborah

ritual, e. g. 1 Ki. 8:12 f.

individual and occasional, e.g. David's Lament (cf. early Arabic poets, the troubadours)

rhythmical epigram, proverbs, etc.

early Collections

Wars of Yahweh, Book of Jashar, the Moshelim (Nu.21:27)

(These collections preceded J and E)

Historical Anecdote

Heroic

brief heroic anecdotes, e.g. 2 Sa 23, cf. Samson story

best early example Abimelek story, Ju 9 (preceding Gideon story rewritten)

anecdotes of Saul (e.g. 1 Sa 9) and of David. Episodes, e.g. Danite story

Ju 19-21.

Biographical Story

the Court History of David, 2 Sa 11- 1 Ki 2.

Biographical Compilations

for history of David, of Saul

Prophet stories (the prophets becoming the popular heroes)

David's sin and Gad, 2 Sa 24; Ahijah and Jeroboam, 1Ki 11:29-39; Shemaiah

Ahijah, 12:21-24, late.

History

Annalistic

Ju 1, settlement of Tribes

Extent of David's reign, 2 Sa 5:4-5

His family, 3:2-5, 5:13-14

Building operations, 5:9b, 11

Lists of Officials, 8:16-18; 20:23-26

List of the 30 Heroes, 23:24-29

Solomon's officials, 1Ki 4:2-6

His administrative divisions, 4:7-19

Specifications of Temple, 6:1-9 (and plus?)

Dates of Temple building, 6:37f.

His other buildings, 7:2-12

His cities, 9:15-18

Millo, 9:24b

His navy, 9:26f.

His horse trade, 9:28f. (?)

His altar to Chemosh, 11:7

Jeroboam's buildings, 12:25