

士師記の構成と編集

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ABSTRACT Tetsuo SASAKI, “Structure and Redaction of the Book of Judges.” The book of Judges is divided into three parts: A (1:1-2:10), B (2:11-16:31), and C (17:1-21:25) by the divider phrases such as “וַיֵּשְׁבוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הָרֶעַע בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה” (2:11, 3:7, 3:12, 4:1, 6:1, 10:6, 13:1), “בְּיָמִים קָדָמַי אֵין מֶלֶךְ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל” (17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25),” name of Judge, years of occupied or self-governed situation, and death descriptions of leaders. In section A intrusion of tribal country Israel into Canaan after the death of Joshua, in section B wars or battles by Judges against their enemies, and in section C the domestic security concerning the tribes of Dan and Benjamin are shown. Such national defense and domestic security in the latter two sections are essential conditions for functioning the state (i.e. so-called “the nightwatcher state”). The book of Judges can be formed orderly and shaped wholly before the 10th century B.C.E., when the (client) Levites escaped from the North, from the persecution by Jeroboam I (2 Chr. 11:13-17, 13:9-12).