

properly identified this site). Often 15:63 and 16:10 are claimed as proofs that Hoshua was written in the early monarchy, but this is not necessarily true (the cross reference in II Samuel 5 doesn't say that David annihilated the Jebusites).

The evidence for the two dates is rather well-balanced. The prominence of Shiloh (18:1, 8-10; 19:51; 21:2; 22:9,12) may point to the involvement of Samuel in its composition. The book then was probably written at the beginning of the monarchy (about 1045BC) by an unknown person who had access to various records of the actual events but this does not mean the traditional view may not be held valid as well. (Obviously no one is going to hold both views at the same time..I mean that either may have good standing.)

The book of Joshua describes the conquest and division of the land by Joshua and Israel. It, therefore, contains prose narrative (most of 1-11, 22), lists of kings and towns (12) and territories (13-21), and bits of poetry (6:26; 10:12-13).

An essential outline looks like this: The book divides logically into halves:

- I. Invasion of the Land 1-21
 - A. Preparation of Israel 1:1-5:12
 - B. The wars of Joshua 5:13-11:15
 - 1. The central Campaign 5:13-8:35
 - 2. The Southern campaign 9:1-10:43
 - 3. The northern Campaign 11:1-15
 - C. Summary of the results 11:16-12:24
- II. Division of the Land 13-24
 - A. Assessment of the Land yet Unconquered 13:1-7
 - B. Dispersal of the Land 13:8 --22:34
 - C. Joshua's Charge and Covenant Renewal 23:1--24:28
 - D. Death of Joshua and Burial Notices 24:29-33

Here is an interesting outline that I believe I plagiarized from Dr. Vannoy some years ago...it is novel and worthy of interest. It sees Joshua 1:2-9 as offering an essential outline for the whole book:

- 1:2....capsulizes 1:10--4:24, (the move over Jordan)
- 1:5....encompasses the ideas of 5-12, the conquest of Canaan
- 1:6....takes in the date of 13-22 the division of the land
- 1:7-8..previews the material of 23-24, the challenge of fidelity to the law of Moses.

This is rather accurate in ideal and offers a nice interlocking sort of device.

The Companion Bible offers a symmetrical outline on this way:

- A. Joshua entering on his work 1:1-18
 - B. Jordan, events connected therewith 2:1 --7:26
 - C. The Land: Conquest 8:1--12:24
 - C. The Land: Division 13:1--21:45
 - B. Jorday, events connected therewith 22:1-34
- A. Joshua ending his work 23:1 --24:28

This device is known as introversion and shows the parallel development of a work.