

CHRONICLES OF THE CHINESE DYNASTIES

- Shi-ji* 史記, Historical Records, compiled by Si-ma Qian 司馬遷 (B.C. 145-86) of Former Han in the reign of Wu-di (B.C. 141-87) covering Zhou 周 (B.C. 1134-250), Qin 秦 (B.C. 221-206) and Former Han 前漢 (B.C. 202 - A.D. 8) dynasties up to Wu-di (B.C. 141-101). Si-ma Qian's father, Si-ma Dan 談 (d. 110 B.C.) was the originator of the *Shih-ji*. Some of the extant chapters were added by another hand.
- Ch'en Han-shu* 前漢書, History of the Former Han Dynasty, compiled by Ban Gu 班固, (A.D. 32-92) of Later Han in the reign of Ming-di 明帝. *Han-shu* was begun by Ban Biao 彪 (A.D. 3-54), father of Ban Gu. The latter's sister Ban Zhao 昭 added some contributions.
- Hou Han-shu* 後漢書, History of the Later Han (A.D. 25-220), a composite work, the major portion of which was compiled by Fan Yeh 范曄 (A.D. 398-445) of Liu Song (南朝 劉宋).
- Wei-zhi* 魏志, Record of Wei (A.D. 221-265), forms part of the *San-guo-zhi* 三國志 (History of the Three Kingdoms) compiled by Chen Shou 陳壽 (A.D. 233-297) of Western Jin 西晉.
- Jin-shu* 晉書, History of Western Jin (A.D. 265-316) and Eastern Jin (A.D. 317-418), compiled by Fang Xuan-ling 房玄齡, Li Yan-shou 李延壽 and others during the reign of Emperor Tai-zong (唐太宗: A.D. 626-649) of Tang.
- Wei-shu* 魏書, History of Northern Wei (A.D. 386-534), compiled by Wei Shou 魏收 (A.D. 506- 572) of Northern Qi 北齊 during the period of A.D. 551-554.
- Bei-shi* 北史, History of Northern Dynasties (Northern Wei, Northern Qi 北齊, Northern Zhou, and Sui) which covers the period from A.D. 386 to 618, written by Li Yan-shou during the period A.D. 627-659.
- Song-shu* 宋書, History of the (Liu) Song 劉宋 (A.D. 420-479), compiled by Chen Yue 沈約 (A.D. 441-513) of Southern Qi (A.D. 479-502) and Liang (A.D. 502-557) in 487 on the basis of an old text compiled by Xu Yuan 徐爰.
- Nan-shi* 南史, History of the Southern Dynasties (Song, Qi 齊, Liang and Chen 陳: A.D. 420-589), written by Li Yan-shou of Tang during the period A.D. 627-649 (唐太宗 貞觀 年間).
- Nan-Qi-shu* 南齊書, History of the Southern Qi (A.D. 479-502), compiled by

Xiao Zi-xian 蕭子顯 of Liang.

Liang-shu 梁書, History of the Liang Dynasty (A.D. 502-577), compiled by Wei Zheng 魏徵 and Yao Si-lian 姚思廉 during the reign of Emperor Tai-zong (A.D. 626-636) of Tang.

Bei Qi-shu 北齊書, History of Northern Qi (A.D. 550-577), written by Li Po-yao 李百藥.

Zhou-shu 周書, History of Northern Zhou (A.D. 556-581), compiled by Lin-hu De-fen 令狐德棻 during the reign of Emperors Gao-zu 高祖 and Tai-zong 太宗 of Tang (A.D. 618-628).

Sui-shu 隋書, History of Sui (A.D. 581-618), edited by a board headed by Wei Zheng 魏徵 (A.D. 580-643) of Tang during the period of A.D. 629-636 (唐太宗 貞觀 3年 - 10年).

Jiu Tang-shu 舊唐書, [Old] History of the Tang (A.D. 618-907), compiled by Liu Xu 劉昫 (A.D. 887-946) of Later Jin 後晉 during A.D. 940-945 (後晉 天福 5年 - 開運 2年).

Xin Tang-shu 新唐書, [New] History of the Tang, edited by Ou Yang Xiu 歐陽修 (A.D. 1007-1072) and Song Qi 宋祁 (A.D. 998-1061) of Song during the period A.D. 1044-1060.

Zi-zhi Tong-jian 資治通鑑, (Comprehensive Mirror for Aid in Government) a general chronicle of Chinese history from 403 B.C. to A.D. 959, compiled by Si-ma Guang 司馬光 (A.D. 1019-1086) of Song dynasty (A.D. 960-1279) with chosen associates.