

REFERENCES ON THE TWENTY-FOUR HISTORIES

“Twenty-Four Histories” were a Manchu Qing Dynasty state-sanctioned list of orthodox anthologized history annals dating to A.D. 1775, when Emperor Qianlong concurrently sanctified the compilation of the encyclopedia book *Si-ku Quan Shu* (complete collection of books of the four library vaults), which could be termed the second last ‘book burning’ in Chinese history. The Manchu rulers, who did not sanctify *Ming Shi* (History of the Ming Dynasty) until after over two hundred years of revision, systematically destroyed or revised thousand years of the Chinese books that contained references to the northern barbarians.

The whole set of “Twenty-Four Histories” contains 3213 volumes. During the Republic of China time period, Ke Shaomin’s *Xin Yuan Shi* (New History of the [Mongol] Yuan Dynasty) and Zhao Erxun’s *Qing Shi Gao* ([Manchu] Qing Dynasty’s History Manuscripts) were counted either individually or both among the set, for which the anthology was termed “Twenty-Five Histories” or “Twenty-Six Histories”.

“Twenty-Four Histories” are listed below in the order of the dynasties covered by the books (not the order of production of the books).

1. Sima Qian. *Shi-ji* (Historic Records/The Grand Clerk’s Records). Written by Sima Qian in the 2nd-1st centuries B.C. Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 1982.
English print: William H. Nienhauser, Jr. *The Grand Scribe’s Records*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994-ongoing.
Annotation and collation:
Pei Yin of the Liu-Soong dynasty. *Shi-ji Ji-jie* (“collected annotation”).
Xu Guang of the Eastern Jinn dynasty. *Shi-ji Yin-yi* (“the sounds and meaning of the words”).
Sima Zhen of the Tang dynasty. *Shi-ji Suo-yin* (“to search for the hidden”).
Zhang Shoujie of the Tang dynasty. *Shi-ji Zheng-yi* (“to rectify the true meaning”).
Liang Yushen of the Qing dynasty. *Shi-ji Zhi-yi* (“annotating on the dubious”).
Takigawa Kametaro (1865-1946). *Shiki Kaichiyu Kosho* (collected annotation and collation on *Shi-ji*).
2. Ban Gu (A.D. 32-92). *Han Shu* (History of the [Western] Han Dynasty). Written by Ban Gu in the 1st century A.D. Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 1962.
Annotation and collation:
Chen Zan (Fu Zan/Xue Zan/Pei Zan) of the Jinn dynasty. *Han Shu Ji-jie Yin-yi* (“collected annotation and the sounds and meaning of the words”).
Yan Shigu of the Tang dynasty. *Han Shu Zhu* (annotation).
Qian Dazhao of the Qing dynasty. *Han Shu Bian-yi* (“arguing about the questionable”).
Wang Xianqian of the Qing dynasty. *Han Shu Bu-zhu* (“supplementary annotation”).
3. Chen Shou (A.D. 233-297). *San Guo Zhi* (History of the Three Kingdoms). Written by Chen Shou in the 3rd century A.D.
Annotation and collation:
Pei, Songzhi (A.D. 372-451) of the Jinn dynasty. *San Guo Zhi Zhu* (annotation). Taipei: Dingwen Printing.

4. Fan Ye (A.D. 398-445) of the Liu-Soong dynasty. *Hou Han Shu* (History of the Latter Han Dynasty). Written by Fan Ye in the 5th century A.D. Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 1965.
Independent authoring from among eight versions, annotation and collation:
Ban Gu, to Liu Zhen to Bian Shao to Cai Yong. *Dong-guan Han Ji* (the Han annals from the eastern Dong-guan palace).
Sima Biao (A.D. ?-306) of the Jinn dynasty. *Xu Hou Han Shu* (continuum to *Hou Han Shu*).
Yuan Hong (A.D. 328-376) of the Jinn dynasty. *Hou Han Ji* (annals of the Latter Han dynasty).
Liu Zhao of the Southern Liang dynasty. *Zhu-bu Hou Han Shu* (“supplementary annotation on *Hou Han Shu*”).
Li Xian (Tang Dynasty aetheling Zhang-huai-tai-zi, A.D. 654-684). Annotation on *Hou Han Shu*.
5. Fang Xuanling. *Jinn Shu* (History of the Jinn Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Fang Xuanling in the 7th century A.D. Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 1974.
Independent authoring from among twenty-three versions of *Jinn Shu*:
Wang Yin of the Eastern Jinn dynasty. *Jinn Shu*.
Gan Bao (A.D. 286-336) of the Eastern Jinn dynasty. *Jinn Ji* (annals of the Jinn dynasty).
Shen Yue of the Liu-Soong dynasty. *Jinn Shu*.
6. Shen Yue. *Soong Shu* (History of the [Liu-]Soong Dynasty). Edited and Compiled by Shen Yue in the 5th century A.D.
7. Xiao Zixian. *Nan Qi Shu* (History of the Southern Qi Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Xiao Zixian in the 6th century A.D.
8. Yao Silian. *Liang Shu* (History of the [Southern] Liang Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Yao Silian in the 7th century A.D.
9. Yao Silian. *Chen Shu* (History of the [Southern] Chen Dynasty). Written by Yao Silian in the 7th century A.D.
10. Wei Shou. *Wei Shu* (History of the [Tuoba] Wei Dynasty). Written by Wei Shou in the 6th century A.D. Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 1974.
11. Li Baiyao. *Bei Qi Shu* (History of the Northern Qi Dynasty). Written by Li Baiyao in the 7th century A.D.
12. Linghu Defen. *Zhou Shu* (History of the [Northern] Zhou Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Linghu Defen in the 7th century A.D.
13. Wei Zheng. *Sui Shu* (History of the Sui Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Wei Zheng in the 7th century A.D. Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 1973.
14. Li Yanshou. *Nan Shi* (History of the Southern Dynasties). Written by Li Baiyao in the 7th century A.D.
15. Li Yanshou. *Bei Shi* (History of the Northern Dynasties). Written by Li Baiyao in the 7th century A.D.
16. Liu Xu. *Jiu Tang Shu* (Old History of the Tang Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Liu Xu in the 10th century A.D. (*Jiu Tang Shu* was edited during the Posterior Jinn dynasty when Shi Jingtang, a barbarian-origin emperor, in A.D. 941, ordered Zhang Zhaoyun and Jia Wei, and prime minister Zhao Ying, to compile the history annals for the Tang dynasty, which was completed in A.D. 945 and credited under the new prime minister Liu Xu.)

17. Ouyang Xiu and Soong Qi. *Xin Tang Shu* (New History of the Tang Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Ouyang Xiu and Soong Qi in the 11th century A.D. Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 1975.
18. Xue Juzheng. *Wu Dai Shi* ([Old] History of the Five Dynasties). edited and compiled under Xue Juzheng in the 10th century A.D.
19. Ouyang Xiu. *Xin Wu Dai Shi* (New History of the Five Dynasties). Edited and compiled by Ouyang Xiu in the 11th century A.D.
20. Tuo-tuo (Toqto'a). *Soong Shi* (History of the Soong Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Tuo-tuo in the 14th century A.D.
21. Tuo-tuo (Toqto'a). *Liao Shi* (History of the [Khitan] Liao Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Tuo-tuo in the 14th century A.D.
22. Tuo-tuo (Toqto'a). *Jin Shi* (History of the [Jurchen] Jinn Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Tuo-tuo in the 14th century A.D.
23. Soong Lian. *Yuan Shi* (History of the [Mongol] Yuan Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Soong Lian in the 14th century A.D.
24. Zhang Tingyu. *Ming Shi* (History of the Ming Dynasty). Edited and compiled by Zhang Tingyu in the 18th century A.D.

