

B. The divided kingdom in general

We compared the size and strength of the two kingdoms. Something which I fear is not realized by a great many people who have Sunday School lessons about the events in the history of these two kingdoms, but they don't have a very clear idea of the difference in size and extent and location of them. Then the duration of each. That, of course, the end of in precise figures. The beginning of which we have an approximate figure of 931. Then we noticed the difference in the number of dynasties in the two kingdoms. How many dynasties were there in the ~~southern~~ southern kingdom? Just one dynasty in the southern kingdom. How many were there in the northern kingdom? There were quite a number. Of course, it is a little ~~hard~~ question it would have to run to call it a dynasty, but at least in the northern kingdom there were at least six kings who were not related in a family way to each other, and ~~some~~ some of these kings were men who had no relatives ^{who reigned} at all and others were men who had as many as three four relatives who reigned before or after them. So it is a little hard to know just how many dynasties to call it, but there were two long dynasties and two or three ~~short~~ short ones and then one or two kings who were unrelated.

~~The~~ The northern kingdom has a number of different dynasties. It does not have the steady, continuous progression from father to son that you have in the southern kingdom. The one southern dynasties several times as long as any one of the northern dynasties, and more than 50 percent than all of them put together.

Then we have already mentioned in connection with this outline you are preparing the fact that Kings ~~it~~ takes up one kingdom after the division and follows that one a certain distance and then it goes back to another and follows it down a certain distance. It doesn't say now in this year such a thing happened in Judah and this year such a thing happened in Israel, and the next year such a thing happened in Judah. It treats them separately. It discusses one a ways and then it discusses the other a ways, and I think you will notice as you make your ~~outline~~ outline that the divisions are very, very clear in Kings.