

I meant the accession; the death would be ~~forty~~ forty years later, 930. The accession of Solomon about 970. David is about 1000 as I have already mentioned. ~~Now~~ ^{the} 'A' would be the reign of Solomon. Under "A" we'll mention number 1. his inheritance. How big a kingdom did Solomon build up? That would be good question for a test. How big a kingdom did Solomon build up? The answer would be nothing, of course. Solomon did not build up a kingdom. Solomon inherited a kingdom. I think that people don't realize what a difference David made in the condition of Israel. We have Israel at the death of Saul, a few people scattered on the hill tops fleeing from the

Philistines in constant danger of their lives. David took this little group, built them together into a strong, united nation, built an army out of it with which he conquered the Philistines and the other nations round about until he conquered the Philistines and the other nations round about until he conquered an area nearly three times as large as the total area in which the Israelites lived. It was as if the kingdom of Israel today were to conquer transjordan and Syria and Lebanon.--to conquer all that area. There was an area which was ~~thirty~~ thirty-times as large as the area in which any Israelites were living at all at the time when David became king. And David by force of arms built up a strong and powerful ~~empire~~ empire there. This empire which David built up was inherited by his son, ~~Solomon~~ Solomon. So

Solomon did not build up anything but he inherited a very strong empire. He inherited such power as no king of Israel ever had before or since. ~~They~~ ~~would~~ David had to ~~work~~ work and fight very hard to build it up. Solomon simply received it.

Number 2. The glory of his kingdom. We find in I Kings lengthy accounts of the glory of the kingdom of Solomon, lists of his great men whom he put in positions of authority over different sections. He didn't bother with the old tribal lines. He divided it up into ~~a~~ new stated areas disregarding the borders of the tribes and he put a man in charge of each of these and they had