

in Chronicles except in so far as it ~~is~~ directly touches the history of the kingdom of Judah in relation to something concerning that kingdom which is described in Chronicles. Chronicles only deals directly with the kingdom of Judah.

So we have the statement made at the end of the account, "The rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he ~~ruled~~ ruled and how he reigned, behold they are written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ chronicles of the kings of Israel." It says that and then you turn over to Chronicles and you don't say anything about it. Is that a contradiction in the Bible? (Asks students) It is ~~not~~ a different sort of book of chronicles he is referring to. But it is an evident statement that there were chronicles kept that ~~they~~ describe the history in detail. I think such statements as this are quite important from that viewpoint. The claim which the Bible makes is ~~not~~ that some individual was interested in writing up a few things ~~that~~ and that the rest of the things that happened simply were forgotten. It is evident that they had a careful system of recording events. There is a book of chronicles of the kings of Israel which is now no longer in existence or at least there is no copy available that ~~was~~ anybody knows anything about. That such records were kept is here indicated, and such have not remained to us today. I think that is an important matter regarding the history and the chronology. The claim here made is that there were ~~records~~ definite records kept for political purposes, but those records have not preserved to us. It's interesting that we have a somewhat similar situation in Egypt. Down in Egypt they kept records of the deeds of the king and records of the great events of their reign, ^{of their} and wars, of the numbers of troops in each event and so forth. But those records have not been preserved. They were doubtless written on papyrus which has disappeared, just as if Wilmington were to be buried, were to be deserted, say, ^{for} in fifty years there ~~wouldn't~~ probably wouldn't be any of our paper left. Someone coming here after fifty years would think we were illiterate, ~~we~~ couldn't write, except that he would notice occasionally something chiseled on the front of