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Is aragorn the last dunedain

ANSWER: This is an interesting question because even though the reader does not say so I infer that it really means, “What happened to Aragorn’s people (the Dúnedain of the North) after the War of the Ring?” The exact wording is: “At the time of Aragorn’s coronation, how many Dunedain were left and what become of the Dunedain after the war of the ring?” So let’s talk about who the Dúnedain were and where they lived and what they did. They were originally the peoples of Arnor and Gondor, and they included families that had lived in Middle-earth for generations before Elendil and his sons brought 9 ship-loads of survivors from the ruin of Númenor near the end of the Second Age. How the Rangers of Eriador were depicted in ‘Born of Hope’. How many of their people survived the War of the Ring? We do not know. Tolkien seems to suggest that Arnor had the greater population when the Realms-in-Exile were founded, but both kingdoms included in their populations people of mixed descent and people who were not descended from Númenoreans at all. Tolkien never provided numbers for their populations or percentages, so we don’t know how many Dúnedain there were at the start of the War of the Last Alliance of Elves and Men. We do know that the population of Arnor declined during the Third Age and that the population of Gondor grew for about a thousand years before that realm, too, began to decline. On a couple of occasions Gondor increased its population by accepting Northmen; but the Kin-strife counteracted that growth through civil war, rebellion, and the secession of Umbar from the realm. There were also “Black Númenoreans” in Middle-earth, descendants of the Kings’ Men who had settled in Middle-earth and thus survived the Downfall. We don’t know how many enclaves they had but Umbar was one of them. Since Gondor conquered Umbar and controlled the haven for a few centuries we have to ask if the Black Númenoreans of Umbar were completely absorbed into Gondor’s population. We know there were still Black Númenoreans living at the end of the Third Age because the Mouth of Sauron was a Black Númenorean. He was not born in the Second Age, as some people suggest, but was a mortal, living man who spent most of his life in Sauron’s service. With so few facts and already several ambiguities it is impossible for us to determine how many Dúnedain lived in Gondor at the end of the Third Age or what percentage of their population was comprised of Dúnedain. Aragorn’s people were distinct from the Dúnedain of Gondor only in that there had been little to no interaction between the two groups for about a thousand years. Aragorn’s years of errantries are the only documented interaction between northern and southern Dúnedain. The company of Rangers who followed Halbarad were not the only Rangers or Eriador living at the time Frodo left the Shire because the Black Riders had slain at least some of the Rangers guarding Sarn Ford in Southfarthing. But were they all that remained of the Rangers? Many a reader has asked this question, and the answer is that we don’t know. Halbarad says the 30 men with him were all the could be gathered in haste, which seems to imply there were others who for whatever reason could not join the company. When the War of the Ring ended Halbarad was dead but the 30 Rangers were still living. And yet many of Gondor’s Dúnedain also appeared to survive, and Gandalf warned Barliman Butterbur that people would soon be migrating north along the Greenway from the South to repopulate Arnor. We learn in the Appendices to The Lord of the Rings that Aragorn re-established Arnor’s capital at Annúminas. Did all those people come from Eriador, were they all from Gondor, or did they include a mix of Dúnedain from the Angle (where Aragorn’s people lived) and Gondor? We don’t know. I hazard the guess there were probably still thousands of Dúnedain living in Gondor, and that some of these people moved north to help rebuild Arnor. In one of his letters Tolkien states that at the end of the Third Age there were more people living in Gondor who spoke an Eldarin language than in Lindon, Rivendell, and Lorien combined. I think they had to number in the thousands. Hence, no matter how small Aragorn’s own population of Dúnedain and Rangers of Eriador may have been, it appears they were reinforced by their kinsmen from the south. That just makes an impossible task (of estimating population) even more impossible. See also: Have you read our other Tolkien and Middle-earth Questions and Answers articles? 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[ˈduːnadan]), were the Men of Númenor and (especially) their descendants who peopled Middle-earth in the Second and Third Ages. History Early history After the Downfall of Númenor, the exiles of Númenor, led by Elendil, established the Realms in Exile of Arnor and Gondor. Not all the Dúnedain in Middle-earth were descended from the followers of Elendil. Others had settled there independently before the Downfall, and later allied themselves with the founders of the Kingdoms of the Dúnedain.[1][2] The ancestors of the Princes of Dol Amroth were among the most prominent of these.[3] Originally ruled by the High King of the Dúnedain, they were divided as the Dúnedain of Arnor and the Dúnedain of Gondor, following the death of Isildur, son of Elendil, in TA 2.[1][4] Division Dúnedain of Arnor See also: Dúnedain of Arnor. Valandil, Isildur’s youngest son, took up his rule in Annúminas, but his people were diminished, and of the Northern Dúnedain and of the Men of Eriador there remained now too few to people the land or maintain the places Elendil built; many of Dúnedain of Arnor had died in the War of the Last Alliance and the Disaster of the Gladden Fields.[1] After the reign of Eärendur, the seventh king that followed Valandil, the Dúnedain of the North became divided into petty realms and lordships, and the evil realm of Angmar destroyed them one by one.[1][5] The remnants of the Northern Dúnedain were also heavily affected by the Great Plague; the joint garrison (of the North and South Kingdoms) at Tharbad ceased to exist.[6] and the last of the Dúnedain of Cardolan died on the Barrow-downs.[5] After the Angmar War, the Dúnedain of the North were reduced to Rangers wandering secretly in the wild, and their heritage was forgotten, save in Imladris, where the Heirs of Isildur were harboured and their line, from father to son, remained unbroken.[1][5] Dúnedain of Gondor See also: Dúnedain of Gondor. In the south, the realm of Gondor endured, and for a time the splendour of the Dúnedain of the South grew, until it recalled the wealth and majesty of Númenor during the reign of Hyarmendacil I by TA 1050.[1][7][4] Yet at the last, in the later Third Age, the Dúnedain of Gondor waned, for their blood became much mingled with that of other men, especially the Northmen of Rhovanion. King Eldacar, who himself had Northmen blood, showed favour to the Northmen who supported him. This led to the Kin-strife, when many of the Dúnedain of Gondor were slain. After his return from exile, many noble houses, including the royal House of Anárion, became more mingled with the blood of “lesser” Men.[7] The kingdoms of the Dúnedain in Middle-earth After the reign of King Eärnur, royal descendants among the Dúnedain of Gondor had become few and no claimant for the throne could be found of pure Númenórean blood, or whose claim all would accept, and people were afraid of a new Kin-strife that would devastate the kingdom. Thus, by default, Mardil began the line of Ruling Stewards of Gondor.[1][7] After the Stewards took up the rule of the south kingdom, the remnant of the Dúnedain of Gondor still defended the passage of the Anduin against the terrors of Minas Morgul and against all the enemies of the West.[1] By the time of the War of the Ring, the Dúnedain of Gondor lived in Minas Tirith and the adjacent townlands, as well as the tributary fiefs and royal lands of Anórien, Lebennin and Bellinias.[2][8] Reunification After the War of the Ring, the Dúnedain were reunited under Aragorn II Elessar, Isildur’s Heir, and their might and dignity was lifted up and their glory renewed.[1] Characteristics The Dúnedain were lords of long life, great power, and wisdom; far superior to the Men of Middle-earth among whom they dwelt and whom they ruled.[2] They were from the beginning far fewer in number than the lesser men.[2] They were tall, pale-skinned, with dark hair, shining grey eyes, and proud faces.[9][10][11] Waning The Third Age marked the beginning of the waning of the Dúnedain, in which their gifts of wisdom, nobility, and long life were slowly withdrawn due to the Downfall of Númenor and their mingling with lesser men.[7] In the beginning of their history, the Dúnedain were blessed with a lifespan thrice the life of lesser men, yet this ever-diminished over the course of the Third Age.[5][2] In Arnor, the strife and dissensions between the kingdoms of Arthedain, Cardolan, and Rhudaur hastened the waning of the Dúnedain.[5] Although, their lifespans ever continued to shorten.[5] The Dúnedain of Arnor, especially their Chieftains, maintained significant longevity living to twice the age of lesser men.[5] In Gondor, after Gondor’s numbers were replenished by lesser Northmen after the Kin-Strife, the mingling did not at first hasten the waning of the Dúnedain, as had been feared, but it still proceeded little by little as it had before.[7] However, after the end of the Kings, the waning was much swifter in Gondor than in Arnor.[5] In fact, Hador the seventh Ruling Steward of Gondor was the last Man of Gondor to live 150 years and after his time the life-span of those with Númenorean blood waned more rapidly.[12] By the time of the War of the Ring, none in Gondor had lived passed 100 years, since the death of the Steward Belecthor II, High King Aragorn II Elessar who lived up to 210 years (the longest since King Arvegil).[5] and he received in some measure their former gifts.[12] He wedded Arwen, daughter of Elrond, brother of Elros first King of Númenor, and so restored the majesty and high lineage of the royal House of Telcontar, but their life-span was not restored and continued to slowly wane until it became like that of other men.[12] Etymology The Westron name for Dúnadan was simply Adin, “westerner”, but this name was seldom used. This name was reserved to those Númenóreans who were friendly to the Elves. Translations Foreign Language Translated name Amharic ? 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