

# 1 Kings 14:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Jeroboam's judgment and Rehoboam's reign, within the book's focus on spiritual decline of both kingdoms under various rulers.

The Hebrew text reveals nuances important for understanding this passage's contribution to 1 Kings' theological message about kingship, covenant, and faithfulness to Yahweh. This verse demonstrates the consequences when God's people—especially their leaders—either follow or forsake the covenant established at Sinai.

## Historical Context

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First Kings was written during or after the Babylonian exile (6th century BCE), reflecting on the monarchy period (10th-9th centuries BCE) to explain why the kingdoms fell. This period (c. 930-850 BCE) saw rapid succession and instability, especially in the northern kingdom.

Ancient Near Eastern kingship ideology viewed kings as divine representatives responsible for maintaining cosmic order through right worship. Archaeological discoveries from sites like Megiddo, Hazor, and Samaria confirm the historical

reliability of 1 Kings' descriptions of building projects and administrative structures.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage illustrate the importance of complete obedience to God's word without compromise?
2. What does Elijah's ministry reveal about God's character and His commitment to His covenant people?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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בִּשְׁנָה הַחֲמִישִׁית	מֶלֶךְ	רְחֹבָם	עָלָה
<small>H1961</small>	<small>H4428</small>	<small>H7346</small>	<small>H5927</small>
year	king	Rehoboam	came up
<small>H8141</small>			
And it came to pass in the fifth			
<small>H2549</small>			
שִׁשְׁקִי	מֶלֶךְ	מִצְרַיִם	עָלָה
<small>H7895</small>	<small>H4428</small>	<small>H4714</small>	<small>H5921</small>
that Shishak	king	of Egypt	against Jerusalem
			<small>H3389</small>

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 11:40** (Kingdom): Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

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