

# 1 Kings 15:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of kings of Judah and Israel: Abijam, Asa, Nadab, Baasha, 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

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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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## 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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וְנַדָּב	בֶּן	יְרֹבּוּם	וְיָמַל	עַל	יִשְׁרָאֵל	שָׁנְתִים:
<b>And Nadab</b>	<b>the son</b>	<b>of Jeroboam</b>	<b>and reigned</b>	H5921	<b>over Israel</b>	<b>year</b>
H5070	H1121	H3379	H4427	H3478		H8141
וְיָמַל	בְּנֵי	יְהוּדָה	וְיָמַל	עַל	יִשְׁרָאֵל	שָׁנְתִים:
<b>in the second</b>	<b>of Asa</b>	<b>king</b>	<b>of Judah</b>	<b>and reigned</b>	H5921	<b>over Israel</b>
H8147	H609	H4428	H3063	H4427	H3478	
שָׁנְתִים:						
<b>year</b>						
H8141						

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 14:20** (Kingdom): And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

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