

# 1 Kings 15:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**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: Abijah, 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

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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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**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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וְנָדָב בֶּן	יִרְבֹּעַ מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	עָלָיו	שָׁנָתוֹ:
And Nadab	the son	of Jeroboam	and reigned	over Israel
H5070	H1121	H3379	H4427	H5921 H3478 H8141

שְׁנֵי שָׁנִים	לְאַסָּא	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה	עָלָיו	יִשְׂרָאֵל
in the second	of Asa	king	of Judah	and reigned	over Israel
H8147	H609	H4428	H3063	H4427	H5921 H3478

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## 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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