

# 1 Kings 15:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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 temple represents God's dwelling among His people and foreshadows Christ as Immanuel ('God with us').

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

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## 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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בַּיּוֹם	וְיָמָם	כִּמְלָכָה	וְיָמָם	הַכָּה	בְּיַתְּרָה	כָּל	אֶת	כָּל	יְתִתְבָּאֵל	בְּיַתְּרָה	
H1961	And it came to pass when he reigned	H4427		H5221	that he smote	H853	H3605	all the house		H1004	
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not to Jeroboam	H3808	he left	H3605	any that breathed	H5397	not to Jeroboam	H5704				
H3379		H7604			H3379						
וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	
until he had destroyed	H8045	him according unto the saying	H1697	of the LORD	H3068						
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which he spoke	H1696	by	H3027	his servant	H5650	Ahijah	H281	the Shilonite	H7888		

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