

# 1 Kings 18:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Elijah and the prophets of Baal, within the book's focus on prophetic ministry of Elijah confronting Baalism. The sacrificial system points forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice, fulfilling all temple offerings (Hebrews 10:1-18).

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. Elijah's ministry (c. 860-850 BCE) occurred during Ahab's reign, a

time of intense spiritual crisis in Israel.

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

## 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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<b>וַיְהִי</b> H1961	<b>כַּעֲבָר</b> H5674	<b>וַיָּבֹא</b> H5012	<b>וַיִּנָּבְא</b> H5704
was past	And it came to pass when midday	and they prophesied	
	<b>לְעַל</b> H5927	<b>הַמִּנְחָה</b> H4503	<b>וְאִין</b> H369
until the time of the offering	of the evening sacrifice		
<b>וְאִין</b> H6963	<b>וְאִין</b> H369	<b>וְאִין</b> H369	<b>וְאִין</b> H7182
that there was neither voice	nor any to answer	nor any that regarded	

