

1 Kings 18:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

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

בַּעֲדָה רַיִשְׁתִּי	וְאָמַרְתִּי יְמִינְתְּךָ	תִּתְפַּנְאֵל	עַד
H1961	was past	And it came to pass when midday	and they prophesied
H5674		H6672	H5012

לֹאָל וְתַ	בְּמִנְחָה הַ	אָיִן
until the time of the offering	of the evening sacrifice	H369
H5927	H4503	

לֹא וְלֹ	אָיִן	עַנְהָה	אָיִן	לֹא שָׁבָב
that there was neither voice		nor any to answer		nor any that regarded
H6963	H369	H6030	H369	H7182

