

# 1 Kings 19:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

## Analysis

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**And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Elijah flees to Horeb, within the book's focus on prophetic ministry of Elijah confronting Baalism.

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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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

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

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

## 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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וַיַּב ט	וְהִנֵּה ה	מִרְאֲשֵׁת יו	עַגֵּת		
And he looked	H2009	at his head	and behold there was a cake		
H5027		H4763	H5692		
רֶצֶף ים	וְצִפֹּ חַת	מֵי ים	וַיֵּאכֶל	וַיִּשְׁתֵּ	וַיֵּשָׁב
baken on the coals	and a cruse	of water	And he did eat	and drink	again
H7529	H6835	H4325	H398	H8354	H7725
וַיִּשְׁכַּב:					
and laid him down					
H7901					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 4:11** (Parallel theme): Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

**1 Kings 17:6** (Parallel theme): And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

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