

***An Israelite Witness:*** "What a show! Elijah challenged the priests of Baal to call on their god to provide the fire for a sacrifice. The priests of Baal placed wood and a calf on their altar. They danced around hysterically yelling and pleading to Melkart for hours until they finally collapsed. Elijah goaded them to yell louder as Melkart could be asleep or in the bathroom! This made the priests scream even louder. But Melkart did not rain down fire on the sacrifice.

Just before evening, Elijah called us all closer to him. He took twelve stones and made an altar to Yahweh saying: "Your name shall be Israel". He reminded us that Yahweh has called us to be a nation under him. Elijah then did a remarkable thing: he dug a trench around the altar and three times had men pour water over the sacrifice until it filled the trench. The wood was soaked. No way to light a fire for that sacrifice!

Elijah then stepped forward and prayed: "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done these things at your command. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, O Lord are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." Then fire rained down from the sky and burned the entire sacrifice and altar: the stones, the wood, the calf, the soil, then licked up the water in the trench. It was awesome! We all fell down and cried, "The Lord – He is God! The Lord – He is God!"

Elijah then had all the priests of Melkart captured and put to death. I'd hate to see how mad Jezebel is going to be! But Elijah is not here. He has run to Jezreel and the rain has returned!"