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2 Kings

2 Kings 1

2 Kings 1:1

ULT

¹ Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

UST

¹ After King Ahab died, the country of Moab rebelled against Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:2

ULT

² Then Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and was injured. So he sent for messengers and said to them, "Go, ask Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I will recover from this injury."

UST

² One day, Ahaziah, the new king of Israel, fell through the wooden slats in his upstairs room, in his palace in Samaria, and was injured. So he sent for his messengers and commanded them, "Go and ask of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether or not I will recover from this injury."

How was Ahaziah injured?

Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and was injured.

2 Kings 1:3

ULT

³ But the angel of Yahweh said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and ask them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to consult with Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?'"

UST

³ But the angel from Yahweh said to Elijah, the prophet from the city of Tishbe, "The king of Samaria is sending some messengers to Ekron. Go and meet them and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you wish to ask Baal-Zebub whether you will recover?'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:4**ULT**

⁴ Therefore Yahweh says, "You will not come down from the bed to where you have gone up; instead, you will certainly die." Then Elijah left.

UST

⁴ Yahweh says that you should tell King Ahaziah that he will not recover from his being injured; he will surely die." Then Elijah left.

Why was Ahaziah going to certainly die?

Ahaziah was going to consult with Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron; therefore, he would certainly die.

2 Kings 1:5**ULT**

⁵ When the messengers returned to Ahaziah, he said to them, "Why have you returned?"

UST

⁵ So Elijah went to meet the messengers and told that to them, and they returned to the king instead of going to Ekron. The king asked them, "Why have you come back so quickly?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:6**ULT**

⁶ They said to him, "A man came to meet us who said to us, 'Go back to the king who sent you, and say to him, "Yahweh says this: 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you sent men to consult with Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you will not come down from the bed to which you have gone up; instead, you will certainly die.'"

UST

⁶ They replied, "A man came to meet us and said to us, 'Go back to the king who sent you and tell him that Yahweh says, "Is it because there is no God in Israel that you wish to ask Baal-Zebub whether you will recover? Go tell the king that he will not recover from being injured; instead, he will surely die.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:7**ULT**

⁷ Ahaziah said to his messengers, "What sort of man was he, the one who came up to meet you and said these words to you?"

UST

⁷ The king said to them, "The man who came to meet you and told that to you, what did he look like?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:8**ULT**

⁸ They answered him, "He wore a garment made of hair and had a leather belt wrapped around his waist." So the king replied, "That is Elijah the Tishbite."

UST

⁸ They replied, "He was wearing a cloak made from camel hair and had a wide leather belt around his waist." The king exclaimed, "That must be Elijah!"

What did Elijah wear?

Elijah wore a garment made of hair, and had a leather belt wrapped around his waist.

2 Kings 1:9**ULT**

⁹ Then the king sent a captain with fifty soldiers to Elijah. The captain went up to Elijah where he was sitting on the top of a hill. The captain spoke to him, "You, man of God, the king has said, 'Come down.'"

UST

⁹ Then the king sent an officer with fifty soldiers to seize Elijah. They found Elijah sitting on the top of a hill. The officer called out to him, "Prophet, the king commands that you come down here!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:10

ULT

¹⁰ Elijah answered and said to the captain, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.

UST

¹⁰ But Elijah replied to the officer, "I am a prophet, so I command that fire come down from the sky and burn up you and your fifty soldiers!" Immediately, fire came down from the sky and completely burned up the officer and his fifty soldiers.

What consumed the captain and his fifty men?

A fire came down from heaven and consumed the captain and his fifty men.

2 Kings 1:11

ULT

¹¹ Again King Ahaziah sent to Elijah another captain with fifty soldiers. This captain also said to Elijah, "You, man of God, the king says, 'Come down quickly.'"

UST

¹¹ When the king found out about that, he sent another officer with fifty more soldiers. They went to where Elijah was, and the officer called out to him, "Prophet, the king commands that you come down immediately!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:12

ULT

¹² Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." Again the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.

UST

¹² But Elijah replied, "I am a prophet, so I command that fire come down from the sky and kill you and your soldiers!" Then a fire from God came down from the sky and killed that officer and his soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:13**ULT**

¹³ Yet again the king sent a third group of fifty warriors. This captain went up, fell on his knees before Elijah, and implored him and said to him, "You, man of God, I ask you, let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight."

UST

¹³ When the king heard about that, he sent still another officer with fifty more soldiers. They went to where Elijah was; the officer prostrated himself in front of Elijah and said to him, "Prophet, I plead with you, be kind to me and my fifty soldiers, and do not kill us!"

How did the third captain approach Elijah?

The third captain went up, fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him.

2 Kings 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Indeed, fire came down from heaven and consumed the first two captains with their men, but now let my life be precious in your sight."

UST

¹⁴ We know that two times fire came down from the sky and killed officers and the soldiers with them. So now, please be kind to me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The angel of Yahweh said to Elijah, "Go down with him. Do not be afraid of him." So Elijah arose and went down with him to the king.

UST

¹⁵ Then the angel from Yahweh said to Elijah, "Go down and go with him. Do not be afraid of him." So Elijah went with them to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Later Elijah said to Ahaziah, "This is what Yahweh says, 'You have sent messengers to consult with Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron. Is it because there is no God in Israel from whom you can ask for information? So now, you will not come down from the bed where you have gone up; you will certainly die.'"

UST

¹⁶ When Elijah arrived, he said to the king, "This is what Yahweh says: 'You sent messengers to go to Ekron to ask Baal-Zebub, their god, whether you would recover. You acted as though there is no God in Israel to consult. So you will not recover from being injured; instead, you are going to die!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So King Ahaziah died according to the word of Yahweh that Elijah had spoken. Joram began to reign in his place, in the second year of Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, because Ahaziah had no son.

UST

¹⁷ So Ahaziah died, which is what Yahweh told Elijah would happen. Ahaziah's younger brother Joram became the new king, at the same time that Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat, had been ruling Judah for almost two years. Ahaziah's brother became the king because Ahaziah had no son to become the king.

Why did Joram begin to reign in the place of Ahaziah?

Joram began to reign in his place because Ahaziah had no son.

2 Kings 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ As for the other matters concerning Ahaziah, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel?

UST

¹⁸ If you want to know about all the other things that Ahaziah did, they are written in the Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2

2 Kings 2:1

ULT

¹ So it came about, when Yahweh was going to take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah left with Elisha from Gilgal.

UST

¹ When Yahweh was about to take the prophet Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and his fellow prophet Elisha were traveling south from Gilgal.

When did Elijah leave with Elisha from Gilgal?

When Yahweh was going to take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, Elijah left with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 Kings 2:2

ULT

² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me to Bethel." Elisha replied, "As Yahweh lives, and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

UST

² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because Yahweh has told only me to go to the city of Bethel." But Elisha replied, "Just as certainly as Yahweh lives and you live, I will not leave you!" So they went down together to Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:3

ULT

³ The sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that Yahweh will take away your master from you today?" Elisha replied, "Yes, I know it, but do not talk about it."

UST

³ An association of prophets at Bethel came to Elisha and Elijah; they asked Elisha, "Do you know that Yahweh is going to take your master Elijah away from you today?" Elisha answered, "Certainly I know that, but do not talk about it!"

How did Elisha answer when the sons of the prophets told him that Yahweh would take his master from him?

Elisha answered, "Yes, I know it, but do not talk about it."

2 Kings 2:4**ULT**

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, wait here, please, for Yahweh has sent me to Jericho." Then Elisha replied, "As Yahweh lives, and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

UST

⁴ Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because Yahweh has told only me to go to Jericho." But Elisha replied again, "Just as certainly as Yahweh lives and you live, I will not leave you!" So they went together to the city of Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that Yahweh will take away your master from you today?" Elisha answered, "Yes, I know it, but do not talk about it."

UST

⁵ As they neared Jericho, another association of prophets who were from there came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that Yahweh is going to take your master Elijah away from you today?" He answered again, "Certainly I know that, but do not talk about it!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:6**ULT**

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for Yahweh has sent me to the Jordan." Elisha replied, "As Yahweh lives, and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two went on.

UST

⁶ Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because Yahweh has told only me to go to the Jordan River." But again Elisha replied, "As certainly as Yahweh lives and you live, I will not leave you!" So they continued walking together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:7**ULT**

⁷ Later, fifty of the sons of the prophets stood opposite them at a distance while the two stood by the Jordan.

UST

⁷ Fifty men from the association of prophets who were from Jericho also went, but they watched from a distance as Elijah and Elisha stopped at the edge of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:8**ULT**

⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it. The river divided on both sides so that the two of them walked over on dry ground.

UST

⁸ Then Elijah rolled up his cloak and struck the water with it. A path opened up for them through the river, and they walked across as though they were on dry ground.

Why did the river divide on both sides?

Because Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it, the river divided on both sides.

2 Kings 2:9**ULT**

⁹ It came about, after they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask me what I should do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha replied, "Please let a double portion of your spirit come on me."

UST

⁹ When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "What do you want me to do for you before I am taken away?" Elisha replied, "I want you to enable me to very powerfully continue your ministry."

For what did Elisha ask?

Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit to come on him.

2 Kings 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Elijah answered, "You have asked for a difficult thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, this will happen for you, but if not, it will not happen."

UST

¹⁰ Elijah replied, "You have asked for something which is difficult for me to make happen. But if you see me when I am taken from you, you will get what you are requesting. But if you do not see me, then you will not get it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ As they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared, which separated the two men from each other, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

UST

¹¹ As they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot surrounded by fire pulled by horses surrounded by fire, appeared. The chariot driver drove the chariot between Elijah and Elisha and separated them. Then Elijah was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind.

How did Elijah go up into heaven?

Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:12**ULT**

¹² Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!" He saw Elijah no more, and he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

UST

¹² Elisha saw it. He cried out, "My father! My father! The Israelite chariots and their drivers have taken my master away!" They disappeared into the sky, and Elisha never saw Elijah again. Then Elisha tore his own robe into two pieces to show that he was deeply saddened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:13**ULT**

¹³ He picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen off him, and went back to stand by the bank of the Jordan.

UST

¹³ Elijah's cloak had fallen off when he was taken away, so Elisha picked it up and returned to the bank of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He struck the water with Elijah's cloak that had fallen and said, "Where is Yahweh, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the waters, they divided on both sides and Elisha crossed over.

UST

¹⁴ He rolled up the cloak and struck the water with it, and cried out, "Is Yahweh, the God of Elijah, here with me, too?" Then the water separated, and a path opened up for him, and Elisha went across.

What happened when Elisha struck the waters with Elijah's cloak?

When Elisha had struck the waters, they divided on both sides and Elisha crossed over.

2 Kings 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ When the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him across from them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha!" So they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

UST

¹⁵ When the association of prophets from Jericho saw what happened, they exclaimed, "The Spirit of God has now given the same ability to Elisha that Elijah had!" They walked over to Elisha and bowed down in front of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ They said to him, "See now, among your servants there are fifty strong men. Let them go, we ask, and look for your master, in case the Spirit of Yahweh has taken him up and thrown him onto some mountain or into some valley." Elisha answered, "No, do not send them."

UST

¹⁶ One of them said, "Sir, if you permit us, fifty of our strongest men will go and search for your master on the other side of the river. Perhaps the Spirit of Yahweh has left him on some mountain or in some valley." Elisha replied, "No, do not send them."

What did the sons of the prophets want fifty strong men to do?

They wanted fifty strong men to go and look for Elisha's master, in case the Spirit of Yahweh had taken him up and thrown him onto some mountain or into some valley.

2 Kings 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But when they urged Elisha until he was ashamed, he said, "Send them." Then they sent fifty men, and they looked for three days, but did not find him.

UST

¹⁷ But they continued to urge him. Finally he was tired of saying "No," and he said, "Very well, send them." So fifty men searched for three days, but they did not find Elijah.

For how long did the fifty men look for Elijah?

The fifty men looked for three days.

2 Kings 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They came back to Elisha, while he stayed at Jericho, and he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go?'"

UST

¹⁸ They returned to Jericho, and Elisha was still there. He said to them, "I told you that you should not go, because you would not find him!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The men of the city said to Elisha, "See, we beg of you, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my master can see, but the water is bad and the land is not fruitful."

UST

¹⁹ Then the leaders of Jericho came to talk with Elisha. One of them said, "Our master, we have a problem. You can see that this is a very nice place to live in. But the water is bad, and as a result, crops will not grow on the land."

What was the problem at Jericho?

The water was bad and the land was not fruitful.

2 Kings 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ Elisha replied, "Bring me a new bowl and put salt in it," so they brought it to him.

UST

²⁰ Elisha said to them, "Put some salt in a new bowl and bring the bowl to me." So they brought it to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:21**ULT**

²¹ Elisha went out to the spring of water and threw salt in it; then he said, "Yahweh says this, 'I have healed these waters. From this time on, there will be no more death or unfruitful land.'"

UST

²¹ Then Elisha went out to the spring from which the people in the town got water. He threw the salt into the spring. Then he said, "This is what Yahweh says: 'I have made this water good. No one will die anymore because of bad water, and the land will grow fruitful crops.'"

How was the water healed? (vv21-22)

Elisha went out to the spring of water and threw salt in it.

2 Kings 2:22**ULT**

²² So the waters were healed to this day, by the word which Elisha spoke.

UST

²² And the water became pure, just as Elisha said it would. Since that time it has always remained pure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:23**ULT**

²³ Then Elisha went up from there to Bethel. As he was going up the road, young boys came out of the city and mocked him; they said to him, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!"

UST

²³ Elisha left Jericho and went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, a group of young boys from Bethel saw him and started to make fun of him. They continued shouting, "Go away, you bald-headed man!"

When some boys mocked Elisha, what curse happened to them? (vv23-24)

When some boys mocked Elisha, two female bears came out of the woods and injured forty-two of the boys.

2 Kings 2:24**ULT**

²⁴ Elisha looked behind him and saw them; he called on Yahweh to curse them. Then two female bears came out of the woods and injured forty-two of the boys.

UST

²⁴ Elisha turned around and reprimanded them in the name of Yahweh. Immediately two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then Elisha went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

UST

²⁵ Elisha left Bethel and went to Mount Carmel, and after that he returned to the city of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3

2 Kings 3:1

ULT

¹ Now in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Joram son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria; he reigned twelve years.

UST

¹ After Jehoshaphat had been ruling Judah for almost eighteen years, Ahab's son Joram became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for twelve years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:2

ULT

² He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, but not like his father and his mother; for he removed the sacred stone pillar of Baal that his father had made.

UST

² He did things that Yahweh said were evil, but he did not do as much evil as his father and mother had done, and he got rid of the stone pillar for worshipping Baal that his father had made.

How was Joram's evil different from the evil of his father and his mother?

Joram's evil was not like his father and his mother, for he removed the sacred stone pillar of Baal that his father had made.

2 Kings 3:3

ULT

³ Nevertheless he held on to the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not turn away from them.

UST

³ But he committed the sins that King Jeroboam had committed and which induced the Israelite people to sin, and he did not stop committing the same sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:4**ULT**

⁴ Now Mesha king of Moab bred sheep. He had to give to the king of Israel 100,000 lambs and the wool of 100,000 rams.

UST

⁴ Mesha, the king of Moab, raised sheep. Every year he was forced to give 100,000 lambs and the wool from 100,000 rams to the king of Israel, because his kingdom was controlled by the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:5**ULT**

⁵ But after Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

UST

⁵ But after King Ahab died, Mesha rebelled against the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:6**ULT**

⁶ So King Joram left Samaria at that time to mobilize all Israel for war.

UST

⁶ So King Joram left Samaria to call together soldiers from across all Israel to go to war.

Why did King Joram leave Samaria?

King Joram left Samaria to mobilize all Israel for war.

2 Kings 3:7**ULT**

⁷ He sent a message to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me against Moab to battle?" Jehoshaphat replied, "I will go. I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

UST

⁷ Then he sent this message to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah: "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. So will your army join my army and fight against the army of Moab?" Jehoshaphat replied, "Yes, we will help you. We are ready to do whatever you want us to. My soldiers and my horses are ready to help you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:8**ULT**

⁸ Then he said, "By which way should we attack?" Jehoshaphat answered, "By way of the wilderness of Edom."

UST

⁸ He asked, "On which road should we march to attack them?" Joram replied, "We will go south to Jerusalem, where your army will join us. Then we will all go south of the Dead Sea and then turn north through the wilderness of Edom."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:9**ULT**

⁹ So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. They wandered around for seven days, and then there was no water for the army or for the animals that followed them.

UST

⁹ So the king of Israel and his army went with the kings of Judah and Edom and their armies. They marched for seven days. Then there was no water left for their soldiers or for their animals that carried supplies.

What three armies marched in a semicircle for seven days?

Israel, Judah, and Edom marched in a semicircle for seven days.

2 Kings 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So the king of Israel said, "What is this? Has Yahweh called three kings to give them into the hand of Moab?"

UST

¹⁰ The king of Israel exclaimed, "This is a terrible situation! It seems that Yahweh will allow the three of us to be captured by the army of Moab!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here a prophet of Yahweh, that we may consult Yahweh by him?" One of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah."

UST

¹¹ Jehoshaphat said, "Is there a prophet here who can ask Yahweh for us what we should do?" One of Joram's army officers said, "Elisha son of Shaphat, is here. He was Elijah's assistant."

What had Elisha done for Elijah?

Elisha had poured water on the hands (a helper) of Elijah.

2 Kings 3:12**ULT**

¹² Jehoshaphat said, "The word of Yahweh is with him." So the king of Israel, Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went down to him.

UST

¹² Jehoshaphat said, "It will be good to ask him, because he speaks what Yahweh tells him to say." So those three kings went to Elisha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:13**ULT**

¹³ Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and mother." So the king of Israel said to him, "No, because Yahweh has called these three kings together to give them into the hand of Moab."

UST

¹³ Elisha said to the king of Israel, "Why do you come to me? Go and ask those prophets that your father and mother consulted!" But Joram replied, "No, we want you to ask Yahweh, because it seems that Yahweh has brought us three kings together in order to allow the army of Moab to capture us."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Elisha replied, "As Yahweh of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely were it not for the fact that I honor the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you, or even look at you.

UST

¹⁴ Elisha replied, "I serve Yahweh, the commander of the armies of angels in heaven. As surely as he lives, if I did not respect Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not even think about doing anything to help you.

Why did Elisha pay attention to the king of Israel?

Elisha paid attention to the king of Israel because Elisha honored the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah.

2 Kings 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But now bring me a musician." Then it came to pass when the harpist played, the hand of Yahweh came upon Elisha.

UST

¹⁵ But bring a musician to me." So they did that. When the musician played on his harp, Yahweh gave this message to Elisha.

When did the hand of Yahweh come upon Elisha?

When the harpist played, the hand of Yahweh came upon Elisha.

2 Kings 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He said, "Yahweh says this, 'Make this dry river valley full of trenches.'

UST

¹⁶ He said, "Yahweh says that he will cause this dry streambed to be full of water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For Yahweh says this, 'You will not see wind, neither will you see rain, but this river valley will be filled with water, and you will drink, you and your livestock and all your animals.'

UST

¹⁷ The result will be that your soldiers and your animals that carry supplies and your livestock will have plenty of water to drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ This is an easy thing in the sight of Yahweh. He will also give you victory over the Moabites.

UST

¹⁸ That is not difficult for Yahweh to do. But He will do more than that. He will also enable you to defeat the army of Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You will attack every fortified city and every good city, cut down every good tree, stop up all springs of water, and ruin every good piece of land with rocks."

UST

¹⁹ You will conquer all their beautiful cities, cities that have high walls around them. You must cut down all their fruit trees, stop water from flowing from their springs, and ruin their fertile fields by covering them with rocks."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ So in the morning about the time of offering the sacrifice, there came water from the direction of Edom; the country was filled with water.

UST

²⁰ The next morning, at the time when they offered the sacrifices of grain, they were surprised to see water flowing from Edom and covering the ground.

When was the country filled with water?

In the morning about the time of offering the sacrifice, there came water from the direction of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

2 Kings 3:21**ULT**

²¹ Now when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come to fight against them, they gathered themselves together, all who were able to put on armor, and they stood at the border.

UST

²¹ When the people of Moab heard that the three kings had come with their armies to fight against them, all the men who were able to fight in battles, from the youngest men to the oldest ones, were summoned, and they took their positions at the southern border of their land.

Who from the Moabites gathered themselves together to fight?

All who were able to put on armor gathered themselves together.

2 Kings 3:22**ULT**

²² They awakened early in the morning and the sun reflected on the water. When the Moabites saw the water opposite them, it looked as red as blood.

UST

²² But when they rose early the next morning, they saw that the water across from them appeared to be as red as blood.

What did the Moabites think when they saw the water? (vv22-23)

When the Moabites saw the water, they thought the three kings had been destroyed, and they had killed each other.

2 Kings 3:23**ULT**

²³ They exclaimed, "This is blood! The kings have certainly been destroyed, and they have killed each other! So now, Moab, let us go plunder them!"

UST

²³ They exclaimed, "It is blood! The three enemy armies must have fought and killed each other! So let us go and take everything that they have left!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ When they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites surprised them and attacked the Moabites, who fled before them. The army of Israel drove the Moabites across the land, killing them.

UST

²⁴ But when they reached the area where the Israelite soldiers had set up their tents, the Israelites attacked the soldiers from Moab and forced them to retreat. The Israelite soldiers pursued the soldiers from Moab and killed many of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:25**ULT**

²⁵ They destroyed the cities, and on every good piece of land every man threw a rock until it was covered up. They stopped up every spring of water and chopped down all the good trees. Only Kir Hareseth was left with its rocks in place. But the soldiers armed with slings surrounded and attacked it.

UST

²⁵ The Israelites also destroyed their cities. Whenever they passed fertile fields, they threw rocks on those fields until the fields were covered with rocks. They stopped water from flowing from the springs and cut down the fruit trees. Finally, only the capital city, Kir Hareseth, remained. The Israelite soldiers who threw stones with slings surrounded the city and attacked it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:26**ULT**

²⁶ When King Mesha of Moab saw that the battle was lost, he took with him seven hundred swordsmen to break through to the king of Edom, but they failed.

UST

²⁶ When the king of Moab realized that his army was being defeated, he took with him seven hundred men who fought with swords, and they tried to force a way through the Israelite lines of soldiers to escape to get help from the king of Edom, whom they hoped would join them, but they were unable to escape.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:27**ULT**

²⁷ Then he took his oldest son, who should have reigned after him, and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall. So there was great anger against Israel, and the Israelite army left King Mesha and returned to their own land.

UST

²⁷ Then the king of Moab took his oldest son, who would have become the next king, and killed him and offered him as a sacrifice to their god Chemosh, burning him on top of the city wall. Then God became very angry at the Israelite army, so the army left and went back to their own land.

What did the king of Moab do to his oldest son?

He took his oldest son and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall.

2 Kings 4

2 Kings 4:1

ULT

¹ Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets came crying to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared Yahweh. Now the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves."

UST

¹ One day the widow of one of Yahweh's prophets came to Elisha and cried out to him, "My husband, who worked with you, is dead. You know that he revered Yahweh very much. But now someone to whom he owed a lot of money has come to me. I cannot pay him back, so he is threatening to take away my two sons to be his slaves as payment!"

What was going to happen to the children of the wife of one of the sons of the prophets?

The creditor was going to take her two children to be his slaves.

2 Kings 4:2

ULT

² So Elisha said to her, "What can I do for you? Tell me what do you have in the house?" She said, "Your servant has nothing in the house, except a pot of oil."

UST

² Elisha replied, "What can I do to help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" She replied, "We have only a container of olive oil. We have nothing else."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:3

ULT

³ Then Elisha said, "Go out to borrow jars from your neighbors, empty jars. Borrow as many as possible.

UST

³ Elisha said, "Go to your neighbors and borrow from them as many empty jars as you can.

From where should the woman borrow jars?

The woman should borrow jars from her neighbors.

2 Kings 4:4**ULT**

⁴ Then you must go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour oil into all those jars; set aside the jars that are full."

UST

⁴ Then take the jars into your house with your sons. Shut the door. Then pour olive oil from your container into the other jars. When each jar is full, set it aside and fill another jar. Keep doing that until all the jars are full."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:5**ULT**

⁵ So she left Elisha and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her, and she filled them with oil.

UST

⁵ So she did what Elisha told her to do. Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she kept filling them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:6**ULT**

⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another jar." But he said to her, "There are no more jars." Then the oil stopped flowing.

UST

⁶ Soon all the jars were full. So she said to one of her sons, "Bring me another jar!" But he replied, "There are no more jars!" Right then the olive oil stopped flowing.

When did the oil stop flowing?

After her son said there were no more jars, the oil stopped flowing.

2 Kings 4:7**ULT**

⁷ Then she came and told the man of God. He said, "Go, sell the oil; pay your debt, and live with your sons on the rest."

UST

⁷ When she told Elisha what had happened, he said to her, "Now sell the oil. And with the money you get, pay what you owe, and there will be enough extra money to keep buying food for yourself and your sons." So she did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:8**ULT**

⁸ One day Elisha walked to Shunem where an important woman lived; she urged him to eat food with her. So as often as Elisha passed by, he would stop there to eat.

UST

⁸ One day Elisha went to the city of Shunem. There was a wealthy woman who lived there with her husband. One day she invited Elisha to her house for a meal. Elisha went there, and from then on every time Elisha was in Shunem he went to their house to eat a meal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:9**ULT**

⁹ The woman said to her husband, "See, now I realize that this is a holy man of God who is always passing by.

UST

⁹ One day the woman said to her husband, "I am sure that this man who often comes here is a prophet who brings messages from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Let us make a little room on the roof for Elisha, and let us put in it a bed, a table, a seat, and a lamp. Then when he comes to us, he will stay there."

UST

¹⁰ I think we should make a small room for him on our flat roof, and put a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp in it. If we do that, whenever he comes here, he will have a place to stay." So they did that.

What did the important woman from Shunem and her husband make for Elisha?

They made a little room on the roof for Elisha, with a bed, a table, a seat, and a lamp.

2 Kings 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ So when the day came again that Elisha stopped there, he stayed in the room and rested there.

UST

¹¹ One day Elisha returned to Shunem, and he went up to that room to rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:12**ULT**

¹² Elisha said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." When he had called her, she stood before him.

UST

¹² He said to his servant Gehazi, "Tell the woman that I want to speak to her." So the servant went and told her. When she came to the doorway of Elisha's room,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:13**ULT**

¹³ Elisha said to him, "Say to her, 'You have gone to all this trouble to care for us. What can be done for you? Can we speak for you to the king or to the army commander?'" She answered, "I live among my own people."

UST

¹³ Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tell her that we are both grateful for all the kind things that she has done for us. Then ask her what we can do for her. Ask, 'Do you want me to go to the king or the army commander to request something for you?'" Gehazi gave her this message. She replied, "No, your master does not need to do that, because my family are able to give me what I need."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So Elisha said, "What can we do for her, then?" Gehazi answered, "Indeed, she has no son, and her husband is old."

UST

¹⁴ Later, Elisha asked Gehazi, "What do you think that we can do for that woman?" He replied, "Well, she has no son, and her husband is an old man."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So Elisha answered, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the door.

UST

¹⁵ Elisha told Gehazi, "Call her back again." So Gehazi went and called her. And when the woman returned, as she stood in the doorway,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Elisha said, "At this time of year, in one year's time, you will be holding a son." She said, "No, my master and man of God, do not lie to your servant."

UST

¹⁶ Elisha said to her, "About this time next year you will be holding your infant son in your arms." But she protested, "Oh, Sir, you are a prophet who brings messages from God, so please do not deceive me by saying things like that!"

What was the woman to be holding in one year's time?

In one year's time, she would be holding a son.

2 Kings 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But the woman conceived and gave birth to a son at the same time in the following year, as Elisha had said to her.

UST

¹⁷ But a few months later, the woman became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son at that time the following year, just like Elisha had predicted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father, who was with harvesters.

UST

¹⁸ When the child was growing up, one day he went out to the fields to see his father, who was working with the men who were harvesting grain.

When did the child hurt his head? (vv18-19)

When the child went out one day to his father, who was with harvesters, he hurt his head.

2 Kings 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He said to his father, "My head, my head." His father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother."

UST

¹⁹ Suddenly the boy exclaimed, "My head hurts! My head hurts!" His father said to one of the servants, "Carry him home to his mother!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ When the servant had picked him up and brought the boy to his mother, the child sat on her knees until noon and then died.

UST

²⁰ So the servant carried him home, and his mother held him on her lap. But at noontime the boy died.

Where did the child sit until he died?

The child sat on his mother's knees until he died.

2 Kings 4:21**ULT**

²¹ So the woman got up and laid the boy on the bed of the man of God, shut the door, and went out.

UST

²¹ She carried him up the steps to the prophet's room and laid him on the bed. She left him there and went out and shut the door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:22**ULT**

²² She called to her husband, and said, "Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys so that I may hurry to the man of God and then come back."

UST

²² She then called out to her husband, saying, "Send to me one of the servants and a donkey so that I can ride on it quickly to the prophet, and then come back!" But she did not tell her husband that their son had died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:23**ULT**

²³ Her husband said, "Why do you want to go to him today? It is not a new moon nor a Sabbath." She replied, "It will be all right."

UST

²³ Her husband called out to her and said, "Why do you want to go today? This is not the day when we celebrate the festival of the new moon, and it is not a Sabbath day!" But she only replied, "Just do what I requested and everything will be all right."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then she saddled a donkey and said to her servant, "Drive on quickly; do not slow down for me unless I say so."

UST

²⁴ So she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead the donkey! Do not slow down for me unless I tell you to do so!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:25**ULT**

²⁵ So she went and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. So when the man of God saw her in the distance, he said to Gehazi his servant, "Look, here comes the Shunammite woman."

UST

²⁵ As they approached Mount Carmel, where Elisha was, Elisha saw her in the distance. He said to Gehazi, "Look, the woman from Shunem is coming!"

Where was the man of God?

The man of God was at Mount Carmel.

2 Kings 4:26**ULT**

²⁶ Please run to meet her and say to her, 'Is everything alright with you and with your husband and child?'" She answered, "It is alright."

UST

²⁶ Run to her, and ask her if everything is all right with her and her husband and with her child!" So Gehazi ran to her and asked her, but she said nothing to Gehazi except, "Yes, everything is fine."

When Gehazi asked the woman if everything was alright, what did she answer?

When Gehazi asked the woman if everything was alright, she answered, "It is alright."

2 Kings 4:27**ULT**

²⁷ When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi came near to thrust her away but the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for she is very upset, and Yahweh has hidden the problem from me, and has told me nothing."

UST

²⁷ But when she came to where Elisha was, she prostrated herself on the ground in front of Elisha and took hold of his feet. Gehazi started to push her away, but Elisha said, "Do not push her away! Something is troubling her very much, but Yahweh has not told me what it is."

What did the woman do when she came to the man of God at the mountain?

When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet.

2 Kings 4:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then she said, "Did I ask you for a son, my master? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me?'"

UST

²⁸ Then she said to Elisha, "O sir, I did not request you to enable me to give birth to a son, but I did say, 'Do not lie to me.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:29**ULT**

²⁹ Then Elisha said to Gehazi, "Dress for travel and take my staff in your hand. Go to her home. If you meet any man, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer him. Lay my staff on the child's face."

UST

²⁹ Then Elisha realized that something must have happened to her son. So he said to Gehazi, "Get ready to leave immediately. Take my staff stick and go to her home. Do not stop to talk to anyone on the way. Go quickly to where her son is and lay the staff on the child's face. If you do that, perhaps Yahweh will cause him to live again."

What should Gehazi do if he met any man or if anyone greeted him?

If Gehazi met any man or if anyone greeted him, he should not answer him.

2 Kings 4:30**ULT**

³⁰ But the mother of the child said, "As Yahweh lives, and as you live, I will not leave you." So Elisha arose and followed her.

UST

³⁰ But the boy's mother said, "Just as certain as Yahweh lives and you live, I will not go home if you do not go with me." So Elisha returned with her to her home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:31**ULT**

³¹ Gehazi hurried on ahead of them and laid the staff on the child's face, but the child did not speak or hear. So then Gehazi returned to meet Elisha and told him saying, "The child has not awakened."

UST

³¹ But Gehazi hurried quickly ahead. When he got to the woman's home, he laid the staff on the child's face, but the child did not move or say anything. So Gehazi returned to meet Elisha along the road, and told him, "The child is still dead."

What did Gehazi lay on the child's face?

He laid the staff on the child's face.

2 Kings 4:32**ULT**

³² When Elisha arrived at the house, the child was dead and was still on the bed.

UST

³² When Elisha reached the house, he saw that the boy was lying dead on his bed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:33**ULT**

³³ So Elisha went in and shut the door on the child and himself and prayed to Yahweh.

UST

³³ Elisha went into the room by himself and shut the door and prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:34**ULT**

³⁴ He went up and lay on the child; he put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. He stretched himself out on the boy, and the boy's body grew warm.

UST

³⁴ Then he lay down on the boy's body, and put his mouth on the boy's mouth, and put his eyes on the boy's eyes, and put his hands on the boy's hands. Then the boy's body started to become warm!

How did the boy's body grow warm?

Elisha stretched himself out on the boy, and the boy's body grew warm.

2 Kings 4:35**ULT**

³⁵ Then Elisha got up and walked around the room and again went up and stretched himself out on the boy. The child sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes!

UST

³⁵ Elisha got up and walked back and forth in the room several times. Then he stretched his body on the boy's body again. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes!

What did the child do before he opened his eyes?

The child sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes.

2 Kings 4:36**ULT**

³⁶ So Elisha called Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite!" So he called her, and when she came into the room, Elisha said, "Pick up your son."

UST

³⁶ Then Elisha summoned Gehazi. He said, "Call the boy's mother." So Gehazi went and called her, and when she came in, Elisha said, "Here, take your son."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:37**ULT**

³⁷ Then she lay facedown on the ground at his feet and bowed to the ground, and then picked up her son and went out.

UST

³⁷ She gratefully prostrated herself at Elisha's feet. Then she picked up her son and carried him downstairs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:38**ULT**

³⁸ Then Elisha came again to Gilgal. There was famine in the land, and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him. He said to his servant, "Put the large pot on the fire and cook stew for the sons of the prophets."

UST

³⁸ Then Elisha returned to Gilgal. But at that time there was a famine in that area. One day as the association of prophets was sitting in front of Elisha listening to what he was teaching, he said to his servant, "Put a large pot on the fire and make some stew for these men."

Who gathered wild gourds? (vv38-39)

One of the sons of the prophets gathered wild gourds.

2 Kings 4:39**ULT**

³⁹ One of them went out into a field to gather vegetables. He found a wild vine and gathered enough wild gourds to fill the fold of his robe. They cut them up and put them into the stew, but did not know what kind they were.

UST

³⁹ One of the prophets went out to the fields to gather some vegetables. But he gathered only some wild gourds and put them in his cloak and brought them back. He shredded them and put them in the pot, but he did not know that the gourds were poisonous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ So they poured out the stew for the men to eat. Later, as they were eating, they cried out and said, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" So they could not eat it anymore.

UST

⁴⁰ He served the stew to the prophets, but after the men had eaten only a couple bites, they cried out, "Our master, there is something in the pot that will kill us!" So they would not eat it.

How did Elisha remove the death from the pot? (vv40-41)

Elisha threw some flour into the pot.

2 Kings 4:41**ULT**

⁴¹ But Elisha said, "Bring some flour." He threw it into the pot and said, "Pour it out for the people, so that they may eat." Then there was no longer anything hurtful in the pot.

UST

⁴¹ Elisha said, "Bring me some flour." They brought him some, and he threw it in the pot and he said, "It is all right now. You can eat it." And they ate it, and it did not harm them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:42**ULT**

⁴² A man came from Baal Shalishah to the man of God and brought twenty loaves of barley bread in his sack from the new harvest, and fresh ears of grain. He said, "Give this to the people so they can eat."

UST

⁴² One day a man from the city of Baal Shalishah brought to Elisha a sack of freshly cut grain and twenty loaves of barley bread, made from the first grain that they had harvested that year. Elisha said to his servant, "Give it to the group of prophets, so that they can eat it."

How many people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread? (vv42-43)

One hundred people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread.

2 Kings 4:43**ULT**

⁴³ His servant said, "What, should I set this before a hundred men?" But Elisha said, "Give this to the people, so they can eat, because Yahweh says, 'They will eat and will have some left.'"

UST

⁴³ But his servant exclaimed, "Do you think that we can feed a hundred of us prophets with only that much? How can I place this before them all?" But Elisha replied, "Give it to the prophets so that they can eat it, because Yahweh says that there will be plenty for all of them, and there will be some left over!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ So his servant set it before them; they ate, and left some remaining, just as the word of Yahweh promised.

UST

⁴⁴ After his servant gave it to the prophets, they ate all that they wanted, and there was food left over, just as Yahweh had promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5

2 Kings 5:1

ULT

¹ Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great and honorable man in his master's view, because by him Yahweh had given victory to Aram. He was also a strong, courageous man, but he was a leper.

UST

¹ A man named Naaman was the commander of the army of Aram. Yahweh had enabled him to win many victories, and the king of Aram admired and honored him. Naaman was also a strong and brave soldier, but he had leprosy.

What had Yahweh given to Aram by Naaman?

Yahweh had given victory to Aram.

2 Kings 5:2

ULT

² The Arameans had gone out raiding in bands and had taken a little girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife.

UST

² Some time previously, groups of soldiers had invaded the land of Israel, and they had captured a young girl and taken her to Aram. She became a servant for Naaman's wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:3

ULT

³ The girl said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would heal my master of his leprosy."

UST

³ One day, that girl said to her, "I wish that my master would go to see the prophet in the city of Samaria. That prophet would heal your husband from his leprosy."

Whom did the little girl say would heal her master?

The girl said the prophet who was in Samaria would heal her master.

2 Kings 5:4**ULT**

⁴ So Naaman went in and told the king what the little girl from the land of Israel had said.

UST

⁴ Naaman's wife told her husband what the girl from Israel had said, and Naaman told that to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:5**ULT**

⁵ So the king of Aram said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." Naaman left and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of clothes.

UST

⁵⁻⁶ The king said to him, "Very well, go and see the prophet. I will write a letter for you to take to the king of Israel, saying that I sent you." The king wrote in the letter, "I am sending this letter with my army commander Naaman, who serves me faithfully. I want you to heal him of his disease." So Naaman, assuming that the king of Israel was the prophet, took the letter and 330 kilograms of silver, 66 kilograms of gold, and ten sets of clothing, to give to the king of Israel, and he went to Samaria, taking along several servants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:6**ULT**

⁶ He also took the letter to the king of Israel that said, "Now when this letter is brought to you, you will see that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

UST

⁶

To whom did Naaman take the letter which was from the king of Aram?

Naaman took the letter to the king of Israel.

2 Kings 5:7**ULT**

⁷ When the king of Israel had read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man wants me to cure a man of his leprosy? It seems he is seeking to start an argument with me."

UST

⁷ When he arrived in Samaria, he gave the letter to the king of Israel. The king read the letter. Then, being very dismayed, the king tore his clothes and said, "I am not God! I am not able to cause people to live or to die! Why does the one who wrote this letter request me to cure this man of his leprosy? I do not have power to cure leprosy. The king of Aram is merely looking for an excuse to attack us!"

What did the king of Israel think was the reason Naaman came to him for a cure?

The king of Israel thought Naaman was seeking to start an argument with him.

2 Kings 5:8**ULT**

⁸ So when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent word to the king saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."

UST

⁸ The prophet Elisha heard why the king of Israel had torn his robe, so he sent a message to the king, saying, "Why are you upset? Send Naaman to me, and he will find out that I am a true prophet in Israel."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:9**ULT**

⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house.

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⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots to Elisha's house and waited outside the door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and dip yourself into the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored; you will be clean."

UST

¹⁰ But Elisha did not come to the door. Instead, he sent a messenger to Naaman to tell him, "Go to the Jordan River and go down seven times into the water. Then your skin will be well, and you will no longer have leprosy."

What was Naaman told to do to be clean?

Naaman was told to go and dip himself into the Jordan seven times to be clean.

2 Kings 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away and said, "Look, I thought he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of Yahweh his God, and wave his hand over the place and heal my leprosy.

UST

¹¹ But Naaman became very angry. He said, "I thought that surely he would wave his hand over the leprosy, and pray to Yahweh, and heal me!

How did Naaman think Elisha would heal him?

Naaman thought Elisha would come out to him and stand and call on the name of Yahweh his God, and wave his hand over the place and heal the leprosy.

2 Kings 5:12**ULT**

¹² Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Can I not bathe in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

UST

¹² Surely the Abana River and the Pharpar River in Damascus in my own country of Aram have better water than any in Israel! Can I not go into my rivers at home and be healed and cleansed?" So he turned and walked away in great disgust.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:13**ULT**

¹³ Then Naaman's servants came near and spoke to him, "My father, if the prophet had commanded you do some difficult thing, would you not have done it? How much rather then, when he says to you to simply, 'Dip yourself and be clean?'"

UST

¹³ But his servants came to him, and one of them said, "Sir, if that prophet had told you to do something difficult, you would certainly have done it. So why do you refuse to do such a simple thing he asks, when he says, "Go down seven times in the water and be clean?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, obeying the instructions of the man of God. His flesh was restored again like the flesh of a little child, and he was healed.

UST

¹⁴ So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and went into the water seven times, as the prophet had instructed, and his skin became healthy, like the smooth skin of a young child.

Like what was Naaman's flesh restored?

Naaman's flesh was restored again like the flesh of a little child.

2 Kings 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Naaman returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came and stood before him. He said, "Look, now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. So therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

UST

¹⁵ Then Naaman and those who were with him went back to talk to Elisha. They stood in front of him, and Naaman said, "Now I know that there are no real gods anywhere else in the world, but there is the true God here in Israel! So now please accept these gifts that I have brought to you!"

After Naaman was healed, what did he know?

After Naaman was healed, he knew that there was no God in all the earth except in Israel.

2 Kings 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But Elisha replied, "As Yahweh lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." Naaman urged Elisha to take a gift, but he refused.

UST

¹⁶ But Elisha replied, "Just as certainly as Yahweh, the one whom I serve, lives, I will not accept any gifts." Naaman kept urging him to accept the gifts, but Elisha kept refusing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So Naaman said, "If not, then I ask you to let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on, your servant will offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to any god but Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ Then Naaman said, "Very well, but I have one request. This soil here in Israel is Yahweh's soil, so please allow me to take some soil from this place and put it in sacks on two mules. Then I will take it back home with me and make an altar on this soil. From now on, I will offer sacrifices to Yahweh on that altar. I will not offer sacrifices to any other god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ In this one thing may Yahweh pardon your servant, that is, when my king goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, may Yahweh pardon your servant in this matter."

UST

¹⁸ However, when my master, the king, goes into the temple of the god Rimmon to worship him, I ask that Yahweh will forgive me because I will have to bow down, too."

For what did Naaman ask Yahweh to pardon him?

Naaman asked Yahweh to pardon him when he bowed himself in the house of Rimmon.

2 Kings 5:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Elisha said to him, "Go in peace." So Naaman left.

UST

¹⁹ Elisha replied, "Go home, and do not worry about that." So Naaman and his servants started to travel home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:20**ULT**

²⁰ He had traveled only a short distance, when Gehazi the servant of Elisha the man of God said to himself, "Look, my master has spared this Naaman the Aramean by not receiving from his hands gifts that he brought. As Yahweh lives, I will run after him and receive something from him."

UST

²⁰ But then Elisha's servant Gehazi said to himself, "It is not good that my master has allowed this Aramean man to leave like this. He should have accepted his gifts. So just as certainly as Yahweh lives, I will go and catch up with Naaman and get something from him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:21**ULT**

²¹ So Gehazi followed after Naaman. When Naaman saw someone running after him, he jumped down from his chariot to meet him and said, "Is everything alright?"

UST

²¹ So Gehazi hurried to catch up with Naaman. When Naaman saw Gehazi running toward him, he stopped the chariot in which he was riding, jumped out, and went to see what Gehazi wanted. He asked him, "Is everything all right?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:22**ULT**

²² Gehazi said, "Everything is alright. My master has sent me, saying, 'See, now there have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothes.'"

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²² Gehazi replied, "Yes, but two young prophets from the hill country where the descendants of Ephraim live have just arrived. Elisha has sent me to tell you that he would like thirty-three kilograms of silver and two sets of clothing to give to them."

According to Gehazi, who came from the hill country of Ephraim?

According to Gehazi, two young men of the sons of the prophets came from the hill country of Ephraim.

2 Kings 5:23**ULT**

²³ Naaman replied, "I am very happy to give you two talents." Naaman urged Gehazi and tied two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothes, and laid them on two of his servants, who carried the bags of silver before Gehazi.

UST

²³ Naaman replied, "Certainly! You can have sixty-six kilograms of silver!" He urged Gehazi to take it. He also gave him two sets of clothing. He tied up the silver in two bags and gave them to two of his servants to carry back to Elisha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:24**ULT**

²⁴ When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the bags of silver from their hands and hid them in the house; he sent the men away, and they left.

UST

²⁴ But when they arrived at the hill where Elisha lived, Gehazi took the silver and the clothes from Naaman's servants and sent the servants back to Naaman. Then he took those things into his house and hid them.

What did Gehazi hide in the house?

He hid the bags of silver in the house.

2 Kings 5:25**ULT**

²⁵ When Gehazi went in and stood before his master, Elisha said to him, "Where have you come from, Gehazi?" He answered, "Your servant went nowhere."

UST

²⁵ When he went to Elisha, Elisha asked him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?" Gehazi replied, "I did not go anywhere."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:26**ULT**

²⁶ Elisha said to Gehazi, "Was not my spirit with you when the man turned his chariot to meet you? Is this a time to accept money and clothes, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants?"

UST

²⁶ Elisha asked him, "Do you not realize that my spirit was there when Naaman got out of his chariot to talk with you? This is certainly not the time to accept gifts of money and clothes and olive groves and vineyards and sheep and oxen and servants!"

What happened because Gehazi lied? (vv26-27)

Because Gehazi lied, he became a leper.

2 Kings 5:27**ULT**

²⁷ So the leprosy of Naaman will be on you and your descendants forever." So Gehazi went out from his presence, a leper as white as snow.

UST

²⁷ Because you have done this, you and your children and all your descendants, forever, will have leprosy just like Naaman had!" When Gehazi left the room, he was a leper. His skin was as white as snow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6

2 Kings 6:1

ULT

¹ The sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "The place where we live with you is too small for us all."

UST

¹ One day the association of prophets said to Elisha, "Look, this place where we meet together with you is very small."

Why did the sons of the prophets want to build a place to live? (vv1-2)

The place where they lived with Elisha was too small, so they wanted to build a place to live.

2 Kings 6:2

ULT

² Please let us go to the Jordan, and let every man cut down a tree there, and let us build us a place there where we may live." Elisha answered, "You may go ahead."

UST

² Allow us to go to the Jordan River and cut down some trees to make logs to build a new meeting place." So Elisha said, "Very well, go."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:3

ULT

³ One of them said, "Please go with your servants." Elisha answered, "I will go."

UST

³ One of them said to Elisha, "Please come with us." So Elisha replied, "Very well, I will go with you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:4**ULT**

⁴ So he went with them, and when they came to the Jordan, they began to cut down trees.

UST

⁴ So they went together. When they reached the Jordan River they cut down some trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:5**ULT**

⁵ But as one was chopping, the ax head fell into the water; he cried out and said, "Oh no, my master, it was borrowed!"

UST

⁵ But while one of them was cutting down a tree, suddenly the axe head separated from the handle and fell into the water. He cried out to Elisha, "O, Master, what shall I do? The axe is not mine. I borrowed it!"

Why was the man who lost the axe head worried?

He was worried because the axe was borrowed.

2 Kings 6:6**ULT**

⁶ So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" The man showed Elisha the place. He then cut off a stick, threw it in the water, and made the iron float.

UST

⁶ Elisha replied, "Where did it fall into the water?" After the man showed him the place, Elisha cut off a stick, threw it into the water, and the axe head rose to the water surface.

How did Elisha make iron float?

He cut off a stick, threw it in the water, and made the iron float.

2 Kings 6:7**ULT**

⁷ Elisha said, "Pick it up." So the man reached out his hand and grabbed it.

UST

⁷ Elisha said, "Take it out of the water." So the man reached his hand down and picked up the axe head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:8**ULT**

⁸ Now the king of Aram was waging war against Israel. He consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place."

UST

⁸ Whenever the king of Aram prepared to send his army to fight against Israel, he first consulted his officers, and then told them where they should set up their tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:9**ULT**

⁹ So the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Be careful not to pass that place, for the Arameans are going down there."

UST

⁹ But each time Elisha would send a message to warn the king of Israel, telling him where the army of Aram was planning to attack them, saying, "Be sure that your army does not go near that place, because the army of Aram has set up their tents there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The king of Israel sent a message to the place about which the man of God had spoken and warned him. More than once or twice, when the king went there, he was on his guard.

UST

¹⁰ So the king of Israel would send messengers to warn the people who lived in that place, and the people would remain on guard. That happened several times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ The king of Aram was enraged about these warnings, and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not tell me who among us is for the king of Israel?"

UST

¹¹ The king of Aram was very upset about this, so he summoned his army officers and said to them, "One of you is revealing our plans to the king of Israel. Which one of you is doing it?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:12**ULT**

¹² So one of his servants said, "No, my master, king, for Elisha the prophet in Israel tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your own bedroom!"

UST

¹² One of his officers answered, "Your Majesty, it is not one of us. Elisha the prophet knows what we plan to do, and he tells the king of Israel everything. He even knows what you say in your own bedroom!"

Who told the king of Israel the words of the king of Aram?

Elisha told the king of Israel the words of the king of Aram.

2 Kings 6:13**ULT**

¹³ The king replied, "Go and see where Elisha is so I may send men and capture him." It was told him, "See, he is in Dothan."

UST

¹³ The king of Aram replied, "Go and find out where he is, and I will send some men there to capture him." Someone told him, "People say that he is in the city of Dothan, north of Samaria."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So the king sent to Dothan horses, chariots, and a large army. They came by night and surrounded the city.

UST

¹⁴ So the king sent a large group of soldiers to Dothan with horses and chariots. They arrived at night and surrounded the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God had risen early and gone outside, behold, a large army with horses and chariots surrounded the city. His servant said to him, "Oh, my master! What will we do?"

UST

¹⁵ Early the next morning, Elisha's servant got up and went outside the house. He saw the soldiers of Aram with their horses and chariots surrounding the town. So he went inside the house and reported it to Elisha and exclaimed, "Oh, sir! What are we going to do?"

Why was Elisha's servant worried?

He was worried because he saw a large army with horses and chariots surrounding the city.

2 Kings 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Elisha answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

UST

¹⁶ Elisha replied, "Do not be afraid! Those who are helping us are many more than those who are helping them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Elisha prayed and said, "Yahweh, I beg that you will open his eyes that he may see." Then Yahweh opened the servant's eyes, and he saw. Behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha!

UST

¹⁷ Then he prayed, "Yahweh, I request that you open my servant's eyes in order that he can see what is out there!" So Yahweh enabled the servant to look out and see that surrounding the hill on which the town was built was a huge number of horses and chariots; they seemed to be made of fire!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When the Arameans came down to him, Elisha prayed to Yahweh and said, "Strike these people blind, I ask you." So Yahweh made them blind, just as Elisha had asked.

UST

¹⁸ When the army of Aram prepared to attack Elisha, he prayed again, saying, "Yahweh, cause all these soldiers to become blind!" Yahweh answered his prayer and caused them to be unable to see clearly.

How did Elisha lead the Arameans to Samaria? (vv18-19)

Elisha asked Yahweh to blind them, and then Elisha told them to follow him.

2 Kings 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Elisha told the Arameans, "This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you are looking for." Then he led them to Samaria.

UST

¹⁹ Then Elisha went to them and said, "You are not on the right road. This is not the city that you are searching for. I will take you to the man whom you are searching for." But he led them to the city Samaria, the capital of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ It came about that when they had come into Samaria, Elisha said, "Yahweh, open the eyes of these men that they may see." Yahweh opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the middle of the city of Samaria.

UST

²⁰ As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha prayed again, saying, "Yahweh, now enable these soldiers to see correctly again!" So Yahweh enabled them to see correctly, and they were surprised to see that they were inside Samaria.

Where were the Arameans when Yahweh opened their eyes?

The Arameans were in the middle of the city of Samaria when Yahweh opened their eyes.

2 Kings 6:21**ULT**

²¹ The king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, "My father, should I kill them? Should I kill them?"

UST

²¹ When the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "Sir, shall I tell my soldiers to kill them? Shall we kill all of them?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:22**ULT**

²² Elisha answered, "You must not kill them. Would you kill those whom you had taken captive with your sword and bow? Put bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master."

UST

²² Elisha replied, "No, you must not kill them. If your army captured many of your enemies in a battle, you would certainly not kill them. Give these men something to eat and drink, and then allow them to return to their king."

What did the king of Israel do to the Arameans? (vv22-23)

He put bread and water before them, and he sent them away.

2 Kings 6:23**ULT**

²³ So the king prepared much food for them, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went back to their master. Those bands of Aramean soldiers did not return for a long time into the land of Israel.

UST

²³ So the king of Israel did that. He told his servants to provide a big feast for them. And when they had eaten and drunk plenty, he sent them away. They returned to the king of Aram and told him what had happened. So for a while after that, soldiers from Aram stopped raiding towns in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:24**ULT**

²⁴ Later after this Ben Hadad king of Aram gathered all his army and attacked Samaria and besieged it.

UST

²⁴ But some time later, Ben Hadad the king of Aram, assembled his entire army, and they went to Samaria and surrounded the city for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:25**ULT**

²⁵ So there was a great famine in Samaria. Behold, they besieged it until a donkey's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a kab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.

UST

²⁵ Because of that, after a while there was hardly any food left inside the city, so that eventually a donkey's head, which was usually worthless, cost eighty pieces of silver, and one cup of dove's dung cost five pieces of silver.

Why was a donkey's head sold for eighty pieces of silver?

There was a great famine in Samaria, so a donkey's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver.

2 Kings 6:26**ULT**

²⁶ As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, saying, "Help, my master, king."

UST

²⁶ One day when the king of Israel was walking on top of the city wall, a woman cried out to him, "Your Majesty, help me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:27**ULT**

²⁷ He said, "If Yahweh does not help you, how can I help you? Is there anything coming from the threshing floor or winepress?"

UST

²⁷ He replied, "If Yahweh will not help you, I certainly cannot. I do not have any wheat or wine!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:28**ULT**

²⁸ The king continued, "What is troubling you?" She answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son so that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'"

UST

²⁸ What is your problem?" She replied, "Several days ago, that women over there said to me, 'Because we have nothing left to eat, let us kill your son today, in order that we can eat his flesh. Then tomorrow we can kill my son and eat his flesh.'

What did the woman tell the king was troubling her? (vv28-29)

She answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son so that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'" So we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, "Give your son that we may eat him, but she has hidden her son."

2 Kings 6:29**ULT**

²⁹ So we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, "Give your son that we may eat him, but she has hidden her son."

UST

²⁹ So we killed my son and cut his body up and boiled his flesh and ate it. The next day, I said to her, 'Now give your son to me, in order that we can kill him and cook his flesh and eat it.' But she has hidden her son."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:30**ULT**

³⁰ So when the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his clothes (now he was passing by on the wall), and the people looked and saw that he had sackcloth underneath, against his skin.

UST

³⁰ When the king heard what the woman said, he tore his robe to show that he was very upset. The people who were standing close to the wall were able to see that the king was wearing rough cloth underneath his robe because he was very upset.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:31**ULT**

³¹ Then he said, "May God do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha son of Shaphat remains on him today."

UST

³¹ The king exclaimed, "I wish that God will strike me dead if I do not cut off the head of Elisha today, because he is the one who has caused these terrible things to happen to us!"

Who did the king blame for the famine?

He blamed Elisha.

2 Kings 6:32**ULT**

³² But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. The king sent a man from before him, but when the messenger came to Elisha, he said to the elders, "See how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold the door shut against him. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

UST

³² So the king sent an officer to get Elisha. Before the officer arrived, Elisha was sitting in his house with some Israelite elders who were talking with him. Elisha said to them, "That murderer, the king of Israel, is sending someone here to kill me. Listen. When he arrives, shut the door and do not allow him to come in, because the king will be coming right behind that officer!"

When the messenger came to Elisha, what did he tell the elders to do?

When the messenger came to Elisha, he told the elders to shut the door, and hold the door shut against him.

2 Kings 6:33**ULT**

³³ While he was still talking with them, behold, the messenger came down to him. The king had said, "Behold, this trouble comes from Yahweh. Why should I wait for Yahweh any longer?"

UST

³³ And while he was still speaking, the king and the officer arrived. The king said, "It is Yahweh who is allowing us to have all this trouble. I will no longer wait for him to help us."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7

2 Kings 7:1

ULT

¹ Elisha said, "Hear the word of Yahweh. This is what Yahweh says: 'Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.'"

UST

¹ Elisha replied to the king, "Listen to what Yahweh says: 'He says that by this time tomorrow, at the marketplace here in Samaria, you will be able to buy seven liters of the best flour for one piece of silver, and fourteen liters of barley for one piece of silver.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:2

ULT

² Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, "See, even if Yahweh should make windows in heaven, can this thing happen?" Elisha replied, "See, you will watch it happen with your own eyes, but you will not eat any of it."

UST

² The officer accompanying the king said to Elijah, "That cannot happen! Even if Yahweh himself would open the windows of the sky and send grain down to us, that certainly could not happen!" Elisha replied, "Because you said that, you will see it happen, but you will not be able to eat any of the food!"

What did Elisa say would happen to the captain who did not believe him?

Elisha said the captain would not eat any of the flour or barley.

2 Kings 7:3

ULT

³ Now there were four men with leprosy right outside the city gate. They said one to another, "Why should we sit here until we die?"

UST

³ That day there were four men who had leprosy who were sitting outside the gate of the city of Samaria. They said to each other, "Why should we wait here until we die?"

Why did the four men with leprosy go to the army of the Arameans?

They went to the army of the Arameans because they said they might die if they go into the city, stand where they were, or go to army the Arameans.

2 Kings 7:4**ULT**

⁴ If we say that we should go into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we will die there. But if we still sit here, we will still die. Now then, come, let us go to the army of the Arameans. If they keep us alive, we will live, and if they kill us, we will only die.”

UST

⁴ If we go into the city, we will die there, because there is no food there. If we remain sitting here, we will die here. So let us go to where the army of Aram has set up their tents. If they kill us, we will die. But if they allow us to remain alive, we will not die.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:5**ULT**

⁵ So they rose up at twilight to go into the Aramean camp; when they arrived at the outermost part of the camp, there was no one there.

UST

⁵ So when it was getting dark, those four men went to the camp where the army of Aram had set up their tents. But when they reached the camp, they saw that there was no one there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:6**ULT**

⁶ For the Lord had made the Aramean army hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses—the noise of another large army, and they said to each other, “The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and Egyptians to come against us.”

UST

⁶ What had happened was that Yahweh had caused the army of Aram to hear something that sounded like a large army marching with chariots and horses. So the soldiers said to each other, “Listen! The king of Israel has hired the kings of Egypt and the Hittites and their armies, and they have come to attack us!”

Why did the Aramean army think the king of Israel hired the kings of the Hittites and Egyptians to come against the Arameans?

The Aramean army thought the king of Israel hired the kings of the Hittites and Egyptians to come against the Arameans because they heard a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses—the noise of another large army.

2 Kings 7:7**ULT**

⁷ So the soldiers arose and fled in the twilight; they left their tents, their horses, their donkeys, and the camp as it was, and fled for their lives.

UST

⁷ So they all ran away that evening at sundown and left their tents and their horses and donkeys there, because they were afraid that they would die if they stayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:8**ULT**

⁸ When the men with leprosy came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried away silver and gold and clothes, and went and hid them. They came back and entered into another tent and carried plunder away from there also, and went and hid it.

UST

⁸ When those four men with leprosy came to the edge of the area where the soldiers of Aram had set up their tents, they went into one tent and saw all the things that had been left there. So they ate and drank what was there, and they took the silver and the gold and clothes. Then they went outside the tent and hid those things. Then they entered another tent and took things from there, and then went outside and hid them, also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:9**ULT**

⁹ Then they said each other, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping quiet about it. If we wait until daybreak, punishment will overtake us. Now then, come, let us go and tell the king's household."

UST

⁹ But then they said to each other, "We are not doing what is right. We have good news to tell others today. If we do not tell it to anyone now, and if we wait until morning to tell it, the people will certainly punish us. So let us go right now to the palace and tell it to the king's officials!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So they went and called the gatekeepers of the city. They told them, saying, "We went to the camp of the Arameans, but there was no one there, not the sound of anyone, but there were the horses tied, and the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were."

UST

¹⁰ So they went to the guards at the city gates and called out to them, "We went to where the army of Aram had set up their tents, but we did not see or hear anyone there. Their horses and donkeys were still tied up, but their tents were all deserted!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then the gatekeepers shouted out the news, and then it was told inside the king's household.

UST

¹¹ The guards shouted the news, and some people who heard it went to the palace and reported it there.

What did the gatekeepers do after they were told that the Arameans had deserted their camp?

The gatekeepers shouted out the news that the Arameans had deserted their camp.

2 Kings 7:12**ULT**

¹² Then the king arose at night and said to his servants, "I will tell you now what the Arameans have done to us. They know that we are hungry, so they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the fields. They are saying, 'When they come out of the city, we will take them alive, and get into the city.'"

UST

¹² It was in the night that the king heard this news. He got up out of his bed and said to his officials, "I will tell you what the army of Aram is planning to do. They know that we have no food here, so they have left their tents and are hiding in the fields. They think that we will leave the city to find some food, and then they will capture us and capture the city."

What did the king think was the reason the Arameans left their camp?

The king thought they had gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the fields. Then when the Israelites came out of the city, the Arameans would take them alive, and get into the city.

2 Kings 7:13**ULT**

¹³ One of the king's servants answered and said, "I beg you, let some men take five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city. They are like all the rest of the population of Israel who are left—most are now dead; let us send them and see."

UST

¹³ But one of his officials said, "Many of our people have already died from hunger. If those of us who are still alive all stay here, we also will die anyway. So let us send some men with five of our horses that are still alive to go and see what has really happened."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So they took two chariots with horses, and the king sent them after the army of the Arameans, saying, "Go and see."

UST

¹⁴ So they chose some men and told them to go in two chariots and find out what had happened to the army of Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ They went after them to the Jordan, and all the road was full of clothes and equipment that the Arameans had cast away in their hurry. So the messengers returned and told the king.

UST

¹⁵ They went as far as the Jordan River. All along the road they saw clothes and equipment that the soldiers from Aram had thrown away while they were running away. So the men returned to the king and reported what they had seen.

Of what was the road full?

The road was full of clothes and equipment the Arameans had cast away in their hurry.

2 Kings 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, just as the word of Yahweh had said.

UST

¹⁶ Then many of the people of Samaria also went out of the city and went to where the army of Aram had set up their tents. They entered all the tents and took everything. So there was now plenty of everything! As a result people could buy seven liters of the best flour for one piece of silver, and fourteen liters of barley for one piece of silver, which was what Yahweh had said would happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The king had ordered the captain on whose hand he had leaned to be in charge of the gate, and the people trampled him down in the gateway. He died as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king had come down to him.

UST

¹⁷ The king of Israel had ordered his assistant, the one who had spoken with Elisha, to supervise what was happening at the city gate. But as he was standing at the gate, all the people who were rushing outside the city trampled on him, and he died, which was what Elisha had said would happen to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So it happened as the man of God had said to the king, saying, "About this time in the gate of Samaria, two measures of barley will be available for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel."

UST

¹⁸ Elisha had told to the king that by the next day there would be plenty of food, with the result that anyone could buy fourteen liters of barley for one piece of silver, and seven liters of the best flour for one piece of silver.

What did the captain say when Elisha told him, "About this time in the gate of Samaria, two measures of barley will be available for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel."? (vv18-19)

The captain said to Elisha, "See, even if Yahweh should make windows in heaven, can this thing happen?"

2 Kings 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ That captain had answered the man of God and said, "See, even if Yahweh should make windows in heaven, can this thing happen?" Elisha had said, "See, you will watch it happen with your own eyes, but you will not eat any of it."

UST

¹⁹ That officer had answered, "That certainly cannot happen! Even if Yahweh himself would open the sky and send down some grain, that could not happen." And Elisha had replied, "Because you said that, you will see it happen, but you will not be able to eat any of the food!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ That is what exactly what happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

UST

²⁰ And that is what happened to him. The people who were rushing out of the city gate trampled on him, and he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8

2 Kings 8:1

ULT

¹ Now Elisha had spoken to the woman whose son he had restored to life. He said to her, "Arise, and go with your household, and stay wherever you can in another land, because Yahweh has called for a famine which will come on this land for seven years."

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¹ After Elisha had caused the son of the woman from the city of Shunem to become alive again, he had told her that she should leave with her family and live somewhere else for a while, because Yahweh was going to send a famine in the land. He said that the famine would last for seven years.

Why did the woman whose son Elisha restored to life live in the land of the Philistines seven years? (vv1-2)

The woman whose son Elisha restored to life lived in the land of the Philistines seven years because Elisha said Yahweh had called for a famine.

2 Kings 8:2

ULT

² So the woman arose and she obeyed the word of the man of God. She went with her household and lived in the land of the Philistines seven years.

UST

² So the woman had done what Elisha told her to do. She and her family had gone to live in the region of Philistia for seven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:3

ULT

³ It came about at the end of seven years that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines, and she went to the king to beg him for her house and for her land.

UST

³ After the seven years were ended, they returned to their home. The woman went to the king to request that her house and her land be given back to her.

Why did the woman go to the king?

The woman went to the king to beg him for her house and for her land.

2 Kings 8:4**ULT**

⁴ Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please tell me all the great things that Elisha has done."

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⁴ When she arrived, the king was talking with Gehazi, Elisha's servant. The king was saying to him, "Tell me all the great things that Elisha has done."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:5**ULT**

⁵ Then as he was telling the king how Elisha had restored to life the child who was dead, the very woman whose son he had restored to life came to beg the king for her house and land. Gehazi said, "My master, king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life."

UST

⁵ While Gehazi was telling the king that Elisha had caused the son of a woman from Shunem to become alive again, that woman came in and requested the king to enable her to get her house and land back again. Gehazi exclaimed, "Your Majesty, this is the woman whose son Elisha caused to become alive again!"

What was Gehazi telling the king when the woman whose son Elisha restored to life arrived?

Gehazi was telling the king how Elisha had restored to life the child who was dead.

2 Kings 8:6**ULT**

⁶ When the king asked the woman about her son, she explained it to him. So the king ordered a certain officer for her, saying, "Give back to her all that was hers and all the harvests of her fields since the day that she left the land until now."

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⁶ When the king asked her about it, she told him that what Gehazi had said was true. The king summoned one of his officials and said to him, "Make sure that this woman gets back everything that she owned in the past, including the value of all the crops that have been harvested during these last seven years while she was away from her land." So the official did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:7**ULT**

⁷ Elisha came to Damascus where Ben Hadad the king of Aram was sick. The king was told, "The man of God has come here."

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⁷ Elisha went to Damascus, the capital of Aram, at the time when Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, was very sick. When someone told the king that Elisha was in Damascus,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:8**ULT**

⁸ The king said to Hazael, "Take a gift in your hand and go meet the man of God, and consult with Yahweh through him, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

UST

⁸ the king told one of his officials named Hazael, "Go and talk to that prophet and take a present with you to give to him. Request him to ask Yahweh if I will recover from my illness."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:9**ULT**

⁹ So Hazael went to meet him and took a gift with him of every kind of good thing of Damascus, carried by forty camels. So Hazael came and stood before Elisha and said, "Your son Ben Hadad king of Aram has sent me to you, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

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⁹ So Hazael went to talk with Elisha. He took with him forty camels that were carrying many kinds of goods that were produced in Damascus. When Hazael met him, he said to him, "Your friend Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, sent me to ask you whether you think he will recover from his illness."

What did Hazael take with him to give to Elisha?

Hazael took a gift with him of every kind of good thing of Damascus, carried by forty camels.

2 Kings 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Elisha said to him, "Go, say to Ben Hadad, 'You will surely recover,' but Yahweh has shown me that he will surely die."

UST

¹⁰ Elisha said to Hazael, "Go and say to him, 'Yes, you will certainly not die from this illness,' but Yahweh has shown me that he will certainly die before he recovers."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Elisha stared at Hazael until he was ashamed, and the man of God wept.

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¹¹ Then Elisha stared at him and had a terrified look on his face. That caused Hazael to feel uneasy. Then suddenly Elisha started to cry.

Why did the man of God weep? (vv11-12)

The man of God wept because he knew the evil that Hazael would do to the people of Israel.

2 Kings 8:12**ULT**

¹² Hazael asked, "Why do you weep, my master?" He answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to the people of Israel. You will set their strongholds on fire, and you will kill their young men with the sword, dash in pieces their little ones, and rip open their pregnant women."

UST

¹² Hazael said, "Sir, why are you crying?" Elisha replied, "Because Yahweh has enabled me to know the terrible things that you will do to the people of Israel. Your soldiers will burn their cities that now have walls around them, kill their fine young men in battle, crush the heads of their children, and rip open the bellies of their pregnant women with swords."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:13**ULT**

¹³ Hazael replied, "Who is your servant, that he should do this great thing? He is only a dog." Elisha answered, "Yahweh has shown me that you will be king over Aram."

UST

¹³ Hazael replied, "I am as powerless as a dog. How could I do such terrible things?" Elisha replied, "Yahweh has also revealed to me that you will become the king of Aram."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then Hazael left Elisha and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" He answered, "He told me that you would certainly recover."

UST

¹⁴ Then Hazael left and returned to his master the king, who asked him, "What did Elisha say?" He replied, "He told me that you would certainly recover."

After Hazael told the king of Aram that he would recover, what did he do to King Ben Hadad? (vv14-15)

After Hazael told King Ben Hadad that he would recover, he took the blanket and dipped it in water, and spread it on Ben Hadad's face so that he died.

2 Kings 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the next day Hazael took the blanket and dipped it in water, and spread it on Ben Hadad's face so that he died. Then Hazael became king in his place.

UST

¹⁵ But the next day, while the king was sleeping, Hazael took a blanket and soaked it in water. Then he spread it on the king's face in order that he could not breathe, and he died. Then Hazael became the king of Aram instead of Ben Hadad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ In the fifth year of Joram son of Ahab, king of Israel, Jehoram began to reign. He was the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah. He began to reign when Jehoshaphat was king of Judah.

UST

¹⁶ After King Joram son of Ahab, had been ruling in Israel for almost five years, Jehoshaphat's son Jehoram became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for eight years in Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁷ He was thirty-two years old when he became the king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eight years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Jehoram walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab was doing; for he had Ahab's daughter as his wife, and he did what was evil in Yahweh's sight.

UST

¹⁸ His wife was the daughter of King Ahab. Like everyone in Ahab's family, he continually did the evil things that the previous kings of Israel had done. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil.

Who was Jehoram's wife?

Jehoram's wife was Ahab's daughter.

2 Kings 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ However, because of his servant David, Yahweh did not want to destroy Judah, since he had told him that he would always give him descendants.

UST

¹⁹ But Yahweh did not want to get rid of the people of Judah, because of what he had promised David, who served him very well. He had promised David that his descendants would always rule Judah.

Why did Yahweh not want to destroy Judah?

Yahweh did not want to destroy Judah since he had told his servant David that he would always give him descendants.

2 Kings 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ In Jehoram's days, Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and they set a king over themselves.

UST

²⁰ During the time that Jehoram ruled, the king of Edom rebelled against Judah, and they appointed their own king.

When did Edom revolt from under the hand of Judah?

In Jehoram's days, Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah.

2 Kings 8:21**ULT**

²¹ Then Jehoram crossed over to Zair with all his chariots. When the Edomites surrounded Jehoram, his chariot commanders rose up and attacked them during the night; but Jehoram's army ran away and went back to their homes.

UST

²¹ So Jehoram went with his army and all their chariots to the city of Zair near the border of Edom. There the army of Edom surrounded them. But during the night, Jehoram and the commanders in their chariots were able to get through the enemy lines and escaped. And all his soldiers also fled to their homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:22**ULT**

²² So Edom has been in rebellion against the rule of Judah to this present day. Libnah also revolted at the same time.

UST

²² So after that, Edom was no longer controlled by Judah, and it is still like that. During that same time, the people of the city of Libnah also freed themselves from being controlled by Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:23**ULT**

²³ As for the other matters concerning Jehoram, all that he did, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

UST

²³ If you want to read about the other things that Jehoram did, they are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:24**ULT**

²⁴ Jehoram rested with his fathers and was buried with them in the city of David. Then Ahaziah his son became king in his place.

UST

²⁴ Jehoram died and was buried where the other kings of Judah had been buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then Jehoram's son Ahaziah became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:25**ULT**

²⁵ In the twelfth year of Joram son of Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah son of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

²⁵ After Ahab's son Joram has been ruling in Israel for almost twelve years, Jehoram's son Ahaziah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:26**ULT**

²⁶ Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; he reigned for one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah; she was the daughter of Omri, king of Israel.

UST

²⁶ Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he started to rule. He ruled in Jerusalem for only one year. His mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of King Ahab and the granddaughter of King Omri of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:27**ULT**

²⁷ Ahaziah walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; he did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, as the house of Ahab was doing, for Ahaziah was a son-in-law to the house of Ahab.

UST

²⁷ King Ahaziah conducted his life just like the members of Ahab's family had done. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil.

Why did Ahaziah do what was evil in Yahweh's sight?

Ahaziah did what was evil in Yahweh's sight, for Ahaziah was a son-in-law to the house of Ahab.

2 Kings 8:28**ULT**

²⁸ Ahaziah went with Joram son of Ahab, to fight against Hazael, king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead. The Arameans wounded Joram.

UST

²⁸ Ahaziah's army joined the army of King Joram of Israel to fight against the army of King Hazael of Aram. Their armies started fighting at the city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead, and the soldiers of Aram wounded Joram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:29**ULT**

²⁹ King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds that the Arameans had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. So Ahaziah son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to Jezreel to see Joram son of Ahab, because Joram had been wounded.

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²⁹ King Joram returned to the city of Jezreel in order to recover from his wounds. King Ahaziah went to visit him there.

Where did King Joram return to be healed of the wounds that the Arameans had given him at Ramah?

King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel.

2 Kings 9

2 Kings 9:1

ULT

¹ Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, "Dress for travel, then take this little bottle of oil in your hand and go to Ramoth Gilead.

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¹ Meanwhile, the prophet Elisha summoned one of the other prophets. He said to him, "Get ready and go to the city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead. Take this jar of olive oil with you.

Why did one of the sons of the prophets take a little bottle of oil in his hand and go to Ramoth Gilead? (vv1-3)

He took the bottle of oil and went to Ramoth Gilead to anoint Jehu.

2 Kings 9:2

ULT

² When you arrive, look for Jehu son of Jehoshaphat son of Nimshi, and go in and make him arise up from among his companions, and conduct him to an inner chamber.

UST

² When you arrive there, search for a man named Jehu son of Jehoshaphat and grandson of Nimshi. Go with him into a room away from his companions,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:3

ULT

³ Then take the bottle of oil and pour it on his head and say, 'Yahweh says this: "I have anointed you king over Israel.'" Then open the door, and run off; do not delay."

UST

³ and pour some of this oil on his head. Then say to him, 'Yahweh declares that he is appointing you to be the king of Israel.' Then open the door and run away as quickly as you can."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:4**ULT**

⁴ So the young man, the young prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead.

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⁴ So the young prophet went to Ramoth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:5**ULT**

⁵ When he arrived, behold, the captains of the army were sitting. So the young prophet said, "I have come on an errand to you, captain." Jehu replied, "To which of us?" The young prophet answered, "To you, captain."

UST

⁵ When he arrived, he saw that the commanders of the army were having a conference. He looked at Jehu and said, "Sir, I have a message for one of you." Jehu replied, "Which one of us is the message for?" The young prophet replied, "It is for you, commander."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:6**ULT**

⁶ So Jehu arose and went into the house, and the prophet poured the oil on his head and said to Jehu, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says this: 'I have anointed you king over the people of Yahweh, over Israel.'

UST

⁶ So Jehu got up and went with the young prophet into a house. There the young prophet poured some olive oil on Jehu's head and said to him, "Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, declares this: 'I am appointing you to be the king of my Israelite people.'

Who poured the oil on Jehu's head?

The prophet poured the oil on Jehu's head.

2 Kings 9:7**ULT**

⁷ You must kill the family of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Yahweh, who were murdered by the hand of Jezebel.

UST

⁷ You must kill your master King Joram son of Ahab, because I will punish Ahab's wife Jezebel for murdering many of my prophets and other people who served me.

How could Yahweh avenge the blood of his servants?

If Jehu killed the family of Ahab, Yahweh could avenge the blood of his servants.

2 Kings 9:8**ULT**

⁸ For the whole family of Ahab will perish, and I will cut off from Ahab every male child, whether he is a slave or a free person.

UST

⁸ You must kill not only Joram but all of Ahab's family. I want to get rid of every male in the family, including young ones and old ones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:9**ULT**

⁹ I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha son of Ahijah.

UST

⁹ I will get rid of Ahab's family, like I got rid of the families of two other kings of Israel, Jeroboam and Baasha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The dogs will eat Jezebel in Jezreel, and there will be no one to bury her." Then the prophet opened the door and ran off.

UST

¹⁰ And when Jezebel dies, her corpse will not be buried. Dogs will eat her corpse there in the city of Jezreel." After the young prophet said this, he left the room and ran.

What was going to happen to Jezebel?

The dogs would eat Jezebel in Jezreel, and there would be no one to bury her.

2 Kings 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, "Is everything alright? Why did this mad fellow come to you?" Jehu answered them, "You know the man and the kinds of things he says."

UST

¹¹ When Jehu came out of the room to where his other commanders were, they said to him, "Is everything all right? Why did that mad fellow come to you?" He replied, "You know what kinds of things young prophets like him say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:12**ULT**

¹² They said, "That is a lie. Tell us." Jehu answered, "He said this and that to me, and he also said, 'This is what Yahweh says: I have anointed you as king over Israel.'"

UST

¹² They said, "You are lying. Tell us what he said!" He replied, "He told me several things, and then he told me that Yahweh said, 'I am appointing you to be the king of Israel.'"

**What did the servants of Jehu's master do after Jehu said he was anointed as king?
(vv12-13)**

After Jehu said he was anointed as king, each of the servants quickly took off his outer garment and put it under Jehu at the top of the steps. They blew the trumpet and said, "Jehu is king."

2 Kings 9:13**ULT**

¹³ Then each of them quickly took off his outer garment and put it under Jehu at the top of the steps. They blew the trumpet and said, "Jehu is king."

UST

¹³ Then they all spread their cloaks on the steps of the building for Jehu to walk out on, and they blew trumpets and shouted, "Jehu is now the king!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ In this way Jehu son of Jehoshaphat son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. Now Joram had been defending Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Aram,

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¹⁴⁻¹⁵ King Joram and his army had been defending Ramoth against the attacks by the army of the king of Aram. King Joram had returned to the city of Jezreel, to recover from being wounded in the battle against the army of Hazael, the king of Aram. And Jehu made plans to kill Joram. He said to his other commanders, "If you really want to help me, then make sure that no one leaves this city to go to warn the people of Jezreel about what I am planning to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ but King Joram had gone back to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds that the Arameans had given him, when he had fought against Hazael king of Aram. Jehu said to the servants of Joram, "If this is your opinion, then let no one escape and go out of the city, in order to go tell this news in Jezreel."

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¹⁵

Why had King Joram gone back to Jezreel?

King Joram had gone back to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds that the Arameans had given him.

2 Kings 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So Jehu rode in a chariot to Jezreel; for Joram was resting there. Now Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

UST

¹⁶ Then Jehu and his officers got into their chariots and rode to Jezreel, where Joram was still recovering. And King Ahaziah of Judah was there, visiting Joram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he came at a distance; he said, "I see a group of men coming." Joram said, "Take a horseman, and send him out to meet them; tell him to say, 'Are you coming in peace?'"

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¹⁷ A guard was standing in the watchtower in Jezreel. He saw Jehu and his men approaching. He called out, "I see a lot of men who are approaching!" King Joram heard what the watchman said, so he said to his soldiers, "Send someone on a horse to go and find out if they are coming peacefully or in order to attack us."

What did the watchman see the messenger do? (vv17-18)

The watchman saw the messenger ride with Jehu.

2 Kings 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So a man was sent on horseback to meet him; he said, "The king says this: 'Are coming in peace?'" So Jehu said, "What have you to do with peace? Turn and ride behind me." Then the watchman told the king, "The messenger has met them, but he is not coming back."

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¹⁸ So a man riding a horse rode out to meet Jehu and said to him, "The king wants to know if you are coming peacefully." Jehu replied, "This is not the time for you to be concerned about peace! Turn around and come behind me!" So the guard in the watchtower reported that the messenger had reached the group that was approaching, but he was not returning alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then he sent out a second man on horseback, who came to them and said, "The king says this: 'Are you coming in peace?'" Jehu answered, "What have you to do with peace? Turn and ride behind me."

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¹⁹ So King Joram sent another messenger who asked Jehu the same question. Again Jehu replied, "This is not the time for you to be concerned about peace! Turn around and follow me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ Again the watchman reported, "He has met them, but he is not coming back. For the way that the chariot is being driven is the way that Jehu son of Nimshi drives; he is driving wildly."

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²⁰ Then the watchman reported again, "That messenger also reached them, but he is not coming back alone. And the leader of the group must be Jehu son of Nimshi, because he is driving his chariot furiously, as Jehu does!"

How did the watchman know Jehu was driving the chariot?

The watchman knew Jehu was driving the chariot, for he was driving wildly.

2 Kings 9:21**ULT**

²¹ So Joram said, "Get my chariot ready." They prepared his chariot, and Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah rode out, each in his chariot, to meet Jehu. They found him at the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

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²¹ Joram said to his soldiers, "Get my chariot ready." So they did that. Then King Joram and King Ahaziah both rode toward Jehu, each one in his own chariot. And it happened that they met Jehu at the field that had previously belonged to Naboth!

How did Joram king of Israel ride out to meet Jehu?

Joram king of Israel rode out with Ahaziah king of Judah, each in his chariot, to meet Jehu.

2 Kings 9:22**ULT**

²² When Joram saw Jehu, he said, "Are you coming in peace, Jehu?" He answered, "What peace is there, when the idolatrous acts of prostitution and witchcraft of your mother Jezebel are so many?"

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²² When Joram met Jehu, he said to him, "Are you coming to act peacefully toward me?" Jehu replied, "How can there be peace while you and your people are bowing down to idols and practicing very much witchcraft like your mother Jezebel did?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:23**ULT**

²³ So Joram turned his chariot and fled and said to Ahaziah, "There is treachery, Ahaziah."

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²³ Joram cried out, "Ahaziah, they have deceived us! They want to kill us!" So Joram turned his chariot around and tried to flee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then Jehu drew his bow with his full strength and shot Joram between his shoulders; the arrow went through his heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

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²⁴ But Jehu drew his bow with strength and shot an arrow that pierced Joram between his shoulder blades. The arrow went through Joram's body and pierced Joram's heart, and he slumped down dead in his chariot.

What happened after Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders?

After Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders, the arrow went through Joram's heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

2 Kings 9:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, "Pick him up and throw him in the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. Think about how when you and I rode together after Ahab his father, Yahweh placed this prophecy against him:

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²⁵ Then Jehu said to his assistant Bidkar, "Take his corpse and throw it here into the field that belonged to Naboth. I am sure that you remember that when you and I were riding together in chariots behind King Joram's father Ahab that Yahweh said this about Ahab,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:26**ULT**

²⁶ "Yesterday I saw the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons—declares Yahweh—and I will surely make you pay for it on this field—declares Yahweh. Now then, pick him up and throw him on this field, according to the word of Yahweh."

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²⁶ "Yesterday I saw Ahab murder Naboth and his sons here. And I solemnly promise that I will punish him right here in this same field!" So take Joram's corpse and throw it into that field! That will fulfill what Yahweh said would happen."

What would bring to pass the things that were told would happen by the word of Yahweh?

Taking Joram and throwing him into that field would bring to pass the things that were told would happen by the word of Yahweh.

2 Kings 9:27**ULT**

²⁷ When Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled up the road to Beth Haggan. But Jehu followed him, and said, "Kill him also in the chariot," and they shot him at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. Ahaziah fled to Megiddo and died there.

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²⁷ When King Ahaziah saw what happened, he fled in his chariot toward the city of Beth Haggan. But Jehu pursued him and said to his other commanders, "Shoot him, also!" So they shot him with arrows while he was riding in his chariot on the road up to Gur, near the city of Ibleam. He continued going in his chariot until he reached the city of Megiddo, where he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:28**ULT**

²⁸ His servants carried his body in a chariot to Jerusalem and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David.

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²⁸ His officials took his corpse back to Jerusalem and buried it in the tombs in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried.

Who was buried in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David?

Ahaziah was buried in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

2 Kings 9:29**ULT**

²⁹ Now it was in the eleventh year of Joram son of Ahab that Ahaziah had begun to reign over Judah.

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²⁹ Ahaziah had become the king of Judah when Joram had been ruling Israel for almost eleven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:30**ULT**

³⁰ When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes, arranged her hair, and looked out the window.

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³⁰ Then Jehu went to Jezreel. When Ahab's widow Jezebel heard what had happened, she put paint on her eyelids, and combed her hair to make it beautiful, and looked out the window of the palace toward the street below.

What happened when Jehu came to Jezreel?

When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes, arranged her hair, and looked out the window.

2 Kings 9:31**ULT**

³¹ As Jehu was entering the gate, she said to him, "Are you coming in peace, you Zimri, your master's murderer?"

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³¹ While Jehu was entering the city gate, she called out to him, "You are like Zimri! You are a murderer just like him! I think you are certainly not coming to act peacefully toward me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:32**ULT**

³² Jehu looked up at the window and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" Then two or three eunuchs looked out.

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³² Jehu looked up toward the window, and then he said, "Who is on my side? Anyone?" Two or three palace officials looked down at him from a window.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:33**ULT**

³³ So Jehu said, "Throw her down." So they threw Jezebel down, and some of her blood splattered on the wall and the horses, and Jehu trampled her underfoot.

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³³ Jehu said to them, "Throw her down here!" So they threw her down and Jehu ordered that his men drive their chariots and horses over her body, and that is how she was killed. Some of her blood splattered on the city wall and on the horses that were pulling the chariots.

Who threw Jezebel down?

Some eunuchs threw Jezebel down.

2 Kings 9:34**ULT**

³⁴ When Jehu entered the palace, he ate and drank. Then he said, "See now to this cursed woman and bury her, for she is a king's daughter."

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³⁴ Then Jehu went into the palace and ate and drank. Then he said to some of his men, "Take the corpse of that woman whom Yahweh has cursed and bury it, because she is a king's daughter and therefore should be buried properly."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:35**ULT**

³⁵ They went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull, the feet, and the palms of her hands.

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³⁵ But when they went to get her corpse to bury it, all that was left was only her skull and the bones of her feet and her hands. Everything else was gone.

Why could no one bury Jezebel?

When they went to bury her, they found no more of her than the skull, the feet, and the palms of her hands.

2 Kings 9:36**ULT**

³⁶ So they came back and told Jehu. He said, "This is the word of Yahweh which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'In the land at Jezreel the dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel,

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³⁶ When they reported this to Jehu, he said, "That is what Yahweh said would happen! He told his servant Elijah, 'In the city of Jezreel, dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel's corpse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:37

ULT

³⁷ and the body of Jezebel will be like dung on the surface of the fields in the land at Jezreel, so that no one will be able to say, "This is Jezebel."""

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³⁷ Her bones will be scattered there in Jezreel like dung, with the result that no one will be able to recognize them and say, "These are Jezebel's bones."""

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10

2 Kings 10:1

ULT

¹ Now Ahab had seventy descendants in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, including the elders and the guardians of Ahab's descendants, saying,

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¹ There were seventy descendants of King Ahab who were living in Samaria. Jehu wrote a letter and made copies of it and sent them to the rulers of the city, to the elders, and to those who raised and tutored Ahab's children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:2

ULT

² "Your master's descendants are with you, and you also have chariots and horses and a fortified city and armor. So then, as soon as this letter comes to you,

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² This is what he wrote: "You are the ones who are taking care of the king's descendants. You have chariots, horses, and weapons, and you live in cities that have walls around them. So as soon as you receive this letter,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:3

ULT

³ select the best and most deserving of your master's descendants and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's royal line."

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³ choose one of the king's descendants, the one who is the best qualified, and appoint him to be your king. Then prepare to fight to defend him."

What did Jehu's letter tell the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants to do?

It told the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants to select the best and most deserving of their master's descendants and set him on his father's throne.

2 Kings 10:4**ULT**

⁴ But they were terrified and said among themselves, "See, the two kings could not stand before Jehu. So how can we stand?"

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⁴ But when they got those letters and read them, they became very afraid. They said, "King Joram and King Ahaziah could not resist him; how can we resist him?"

Why did the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants not make any man king? (vv4-5)

They did not make any man king because they realized that not even the two kings could stand before Jehu.

2 Kings 10:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the man who was in charge of the palace, and the man who was over the city, and the elders also, and they who raised the children, sent word back to Jehu, saying, "We are your servants. We will do everything that you command us. We will not make any man king. Do what is good in your eyes."

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⁵ So the officer who was in charge of the palace and the mayor of the city sent a message to Jehu saying, "We want to serve you, and we are ready to do whatever you tell us to do. We will not appoint anyone to become our king. You do whatever you think is the best."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:6**ULT**

⁶ Then Jehu wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, "If you are on my side, and if you will listen to my voice, you must take the heads of the men of your master's descendants, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time." Now the king's descendants, seventy in number, were with the important men of the city, who were bringing them up.

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⁶ So Jehu sent a second letter to them, writing this: "If you are on my side, and if you are ready to obey me, kill King Ahab's descendants and cut off their heads and bring their heads to me here in Jezreel at this time tomorrow." Now the seventy descendants of King Ahab were being brought up and supervised by the leaders of the city of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:7**ULT**

⁷ So when the letter came to them, they took the king's sons and killed them, seventy persons, put their heads in baskets, and sent them to Jehu in Jezreel.

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⁷ When they received the letter from Jehu, they killed all seventy of Ahab's descendants and cut off their heads. They put their heads in baskets and sent them to Jehu at Jezreel.

What did the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants do to the king's sons?

They took the king's sons and killed them, seventy persons, put their heads in baskets, and sent them to Jehu in Jezreel.

2 Kings 10:8**ULT**

⁸ A messenger came to Jehu, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons." So he said, "Put them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning."

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⁸ A messenger came to Jehu and told him, "They have brought the heads of Ahab's descendants." So Jehu commanded that the heads should be put in two piles at the city gate and that the heads should stay there until the next morning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:9**ULT**

⁹ In the morning Jehu went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You are innocent. See, I plotted against my master and killed him, but who killed all these?"

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⁹ The next morning he went out to the city gate and said to all the people, "I am the one who plotted against King Joram and killed him. You are not guilty of doing that. But it was Yahweh, not I, who commanded that all these descendants of Ahab should be killed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Now you should certainly realize that no part of Yahweh's word, the word that he spoke concerning the family of Ahab, will fall to the ground, for Yahweh has done what he spoke about through his servant Elijah."

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¹⁰ I want you to know that everything that Yahweh said would happen has happened. He has caused to happen what he told the prophet Elijah would happen."

Why did Jehu say that no part of Yahweh's word, the word that he spoke concerning the family of Ahab, would fall to the ground?

Jehu said that no part of Yahweh's word, the word that he spoke concerning the family of Ahab, would fall to the ground, for Yahweh had done what he spoke about through his servant Elijah.

2 Kings 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ So Jehu killed all who remained in the family of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his important men, his close friends, and his priests, until none of them remained.

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¹¹ Then Jehu executed all the other relatives of Ahab in Jezreel, all Ahab's officers, close friends, and his priests. He did not allow any of them to remain alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:12**ULT**

¹² Then Jehu arose and left; he went to Samaria. As he was arriving at Beth Eked of the shepherd,

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¹² Then Jehu left Jezreel and went toward Samaria. While he was going there, at a place called Beth Eked,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:13**ULT**

¹³ he met brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah. Jehu said to them, "Who are you?" They answered, "We are brothers of Ahaziah, and we are going down to greet the children of the king and the children of Queen Jezebel."

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¹³ he met some relatives of King Ahaziah of Judah. He asked them, "Who are you?" They replied, "We are relatives of King Ahaziah. We are going to Jezreel to visit the children of Queen Jezebel and the other members of King Joram's family."

How many brothers of Ahaziah did Jehu meet and kill? (vv13-14)

He met and killed forty-two.

2 Kings 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Jehu said to his own men, "Take them alive." So they took them alive and killed them at the well of Beth Eked, all forty-two men. He did not leave any of them alive.

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¹⁴ Jehu said to his men, "Seize them!" So they seized them and killed all of them at the well of Beth Eked. There were forty-two people whom they killed. They did not allow any of them to remain alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ When Jehu had left there, he met Jehonadab son of Recab coming to meet him. Jehu greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart with me, as my heart is with yours?" Jehonadab answered, "It is." Jehu said, "If it is, give me your hand." So he gave Jehu his hand, and Jehu took Jehonadab up with him into the chariot.

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¹⁵ Then Jehu continued to travel toward Samaria. Along the road he was met by Jonadab, a son of Rechab. Jehu greeted him and said to him, "Are you thinking in the same way that I am thinking?" Jonadab replied, "Yes, I am." Jehu said, "If you are, join your hand to mine." So Jonadab joined hands with him, and Jehu helped him to get into his chariot.

Why did Jehu take Jonadab into the chariot?

Jehu took Jonadab into the chariot because Jonadab said his heart was with Jehu and he gave Jehu his hand.

2 Kings 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Jehu said, "Come with me and see my zeal for Yahweh." So he had Jonadab ride along with him in his chariot.

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¹⁶ Jehu said to him, "Come with me, and you will see how eager I am to obey Yahweh." So they rode together to Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ When he came to Samaria, Jehu killed all who remained from Ahab's descendants in Samaria, until he had destroyed Ahab's royal line, just as was told them before by the word of Yahweh, which he had spoken to Elijah.

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¹⁷ When they arrived in Samaria, Jehu killed all of Ahab's relatives who were still alive. He did not spare any of them. That was what Yahweh told Elijah would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then Jehu gathered all the people together and said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little, but Jehu will serve him much.

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¹⁸ Then Jehu summoned all the people of Samaria, and said to them, "King Ahab was devoted to your god Baal a little bit, but I will serve him much more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers, and all his priests. Let no one be left out, for I have a great sacrifice to offer to Baal. Whoever does not come will not live." But Jehu did this deceitfully, with the intent to kill the worshipers of Baal.

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¹⁹ So now summon all the prophets of Baal, all of Baal's priests, and all the others who worship Baal. I am going to make a great sacrifice to Baal. I want all of them to be there. Any of them who is not there will be executed." But Jehu was planning to trick them, because he was planning to kill all those who worshiped Baal.

Why did Jehu gather all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers, and all his priests?

He gathered them deceitfully, with the intent to kill the worshipers of Baal.

2 Kings 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ Jehu said, "Set a time to have an assembly for Baal." So they announced it.

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²⁰ Then Jehu commanded, "Announce that we are going to set aside a day to honor Baal." So they sent out a proclamation about that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:21**ULT**

²¹ Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. They came into the temple of Baal, and it was filled from one end to another.

UST

²¹ Jehu decided what day they would gather and sent messages throughout Israel telling everyone what day to gather, and on that day, everyone who worshiped Baal came. No one stayed at home. They all went into the huge temple of Baal and filled it from one end to the other.

To where did the worshipers of Baal come?

They came into the temple of Baal.

2 Kings 10:22**ULT**

²² Jehu said to the man who kept the priest's wardrobe, "Bring out robes for all the worshipers of Baal." So the man brought out robes to them.

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²² Jehu told the priest who took care of the sacred robes to bring them out and give them to the people who worshiped Baal. So the priest did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:23**ULT**

²³ So Jehu went with Jehonadab son of Recab into the house of Baal, and he said to the worshipers of Baal, "Search and make sure that there is no one here with you from the servants of Yahweh, but the worshipers of Baal alone."

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²³ Then Jehu went into the temple of Baal with Jonadab, and he said to the people who were there to worship Baal, "Be sure that only those who worship Baal are here. Be sure that no one who worships Yahweh has come in."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had chosen eighty men who were standing outside, and he told them, "If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escapes, whoever lets that man escape, his life will be taken for the life of the one who escaped."

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²⁴ Then he and Jonadab prepared to offer sacrifices and other offerings to Baal that would be burned whole on the altar that was there in Samaria. But Jehu had stationed eighty of his men outside the temple, and had said to them, "I want you to kill all the people who are in the temple. Anyone who allows one of them to escape will be executed!"

What would happen if any of the worshipers of Baal escaped?

If any of the worshipers of Baal escaped, whoever let that man escape, his life would be taken for the life of he who escaped.

2 Kings 10:25**ULT**

²⁵ So then as soon as Jehu finished offering the burnt offering, he said to the guard and to the captains, "Go in and kill them. Let no one come out." So they killed them with the edge of the sword, and the guard and the captains threw them out and went into the inner room of the house of Baal.

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²⁵ As soon as Jehu and Jonadab had finished killing the animals that would be completely burned to be an offering to Baal, they went outside and said to the guards and officers, "Go in and kill all of them! Do not allow any of them to escape!" So the guards and officers went in and killed them all with their swords. Then they dragged their corpses outside the temple. Then they went into the inner room of the temple,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:26**ULT**

²⁶ They dragged out the stone pillars that were in the house of Baal, and they burned them.

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²⁶ and they carried out the sacred pillar of Baal that was there, and they burned it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:27**ULT**

²⁷ Then they broke down the pillar of Baal, and destroyed the house of Baal and made it a latrine, which it is to this day.

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²⁷ So they destroyed that pillar that honored Baal, and then they burned down the temple, and made it a latrine. And that is what it is up to the present time.

Into what did the guards and captains make the house of Baal?

They made the house of Baal into a latrine.

2 Kings 10:28**ULT**

²⁸ That is how Jehu destroyed Baal worship from Israel.

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²⁸ That is how Jehu got rid of the worship of Baal in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:29**ULT**

²⁹ But Jehu did not leave the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, by which he made Israel sin—that is, the worship of the golden calves in Bethel and Dan.

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²⁹ But Jehu did not stop committing the kinds of sins that Jeroboam had committed, sins that led the people of Israel to sin by worshiping the gold statues of calves in the cities of Bethel and Dan.

How did Jehu not leave the sins of Jeroboam?

Jehu did not leave the sins of Jeroboam because he worshiped the golden calves in Bethel and Dan.

2 Kings 10:30**ULT**

³⁰ So Yahweh said to Jehu, “Because you have done well in executing what was right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your descendants will sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.”

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³⁰ Then Yahweh said to Jehu, “You have done what pleased me by getting rid of all of Ahab’s descendants. So I promise you that your son and grandson and great-grandson and great-great-grandson will all be kings of Israel.”

Why would Jehu’s descendants sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation?

Because Jehu did well in executing what was right in Yahweh’s eyes, and did to the house of Ahab and did all that was in Yahweh’s heart, his descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

2 Kings 10:31**ULT**

³¹ But Jehu took no care to walk in the law of Yahweh, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, by which he made Israel sin.

UST

³¹ But Jehu did not obey all the laws of Yahweh, the God of the Israelite people. He did not stop committing the sins that Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the Israelite people to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:32**ULT**

³² In those days Yahweh began to cut off regions from Israel, and Hazael defeated the Israelites at the borders of Israel,

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³² At that time, Yahweh began to cause the territory controlled by Israel to become smaller. The army of King Hazael of Aram conquered much of the Israelite territory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:33**ULT**

³³ from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the Valley of the Arnon, through Gilead to Bashan.

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³³ He conquered the parts east of the Jordan River, as far south as the city of Aroer on the Arnon River. That included the regions of Gilead and Bashan, where the tribes of Gad, Reuben, and half of the tribe of Manasseh lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:34**ULT**

³⁴ As for the other matters concerning Jehu, and all that he did, and all his power, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel?

UST

³⁴ If you want to read more about all the other things that Jehu did, they are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

Where were the other matters concerning Jehu written?

The other matters concerning Jehu, and all that he did, and all his power, were written in The Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

2 Kings 10:35**ULT**

³⁵ Jehu slept with his ancestors, and they buried him in Samaria. Then Jehoahaz his son became king in his place.

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³⁵ Jehu died, and was buried in Samaria. His son Jehoahaz became the king in place of his father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:36**ULT**

³⁶ The time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.

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³⁶ Jehu had ruled in Samaria as the king of Israel for twenty-eight years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11

2 Kings 11:1

ULT

¹ Now when Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son was dead, she arose and killed all the royal children.

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¹ When King Ahaziah's mother Athaliah saw that her son had been killed, she commanded that all the members of Ahaziah's family who might become king must be executed.

Who did Athaliah not kill? (vv1-2)

Athaliah did not kill Joash.

2 Kings 11:2

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² But Jehosheba, a daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah, and hid him away from among the king's sons who were killed, along with his nurse; she put them into a bedroom. They hid him from Athaliah so that he was not killed.

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² So Ahaziah's sons were all about to be murdered. But Jehosheba, who was King Jehoram's daughter and Ahaziah's half-sister, took Ahaziah's very young son Joash and hid him and his nursemaid in a bedroom in the temple. So he was not killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:3

ULT

³ He remained with her six years, hidden in the house of Yahweh, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

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³ He stayed with Jehosheba for six years. All during that time, he remained hidden in the temple, while Athaliah ruled Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:4**ULT**

⁴ In the seventh year, Jehoiada sent messages and brought the commanders of hundreds of the Carites and of the guard, and brought them to himself, into the temple of Yahweh. He made a covenant with them, and he made them swear an oath in the house of Yahweh. Then he showed them the king's son.

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⁴ Six years later, Jehoiada the high priest summoned the officers who supervised the royal bodyguards and the palace guards. He told them to come to the temple. There he required them to solemnly promise that they would do what he told them to do. And he showed King Ahaziah's son Joash to them.

What did the commanders of hundreds of the Carites and of the guard have to do before they saw the king's son?

The commanders of hundreds of the Carites and of the guard had to make a covenant with Jehoiada and swear an oath in the house of Yahweh. Then he showed them the king's son.

2 Kings 11:5**ULT**

⁵ He commanded them, saying, "This is what you must do. A third of you who come on the Sabbath will keep watch over the king's house,

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⁵ He gave them these instructions: "There are three groups of you guards. When one group finishes their work on the Sabbath day, divide yourselves into three smaller groups. One group must guard the palace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:6**ULT**

⁶ and a third will be at the Sur Gate, and a third at the gate behind the guardhouse."

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⁶ Another group must guard at the Sur Gate. The other group must guard at the gate behind the other groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:7**ULT**

⁷ The two other groups who are not serving on the Sabbath, you must keep the watch over the house of Yahweh for the king.

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⁷ The two groups that are not working on the Sabbath day must guard the temple to protect little King Joash.

What did the two groups who were not serving on the Sabbath have to do?

The two groups who were not serving on the Sabbath had to keep the watch over the house of Yahweh for the king.

2 Kings 11:8**ULT**

⁸ You must surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand. Whoever enters within your ranks, let him be killed. You must stay with the king when he goes out, and when he comes in.

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⁸ You must stand around the king wherever he goes, with your weapons in your hands. You must kill anyone who comes near you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:9**ULT**

⁹ So the commanders of hundreds obeyed everything Jehoiada the priest commanded. Each one took his men, those who were to come in to serve on the Sabbath, and those who were to stop serving on that Sabbath; and they came to Jehoiada the priest.

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⁹ The officers who supervised the guards did what Jehoiada told them to do. Each one brought to Jehoiada the guards that he supervised—the guards who were just finishing their work and those who were about to start their work on the Sabbath day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then Jehoiada the priest gave the commanders of hundreds the spears and shields that belonged to King David and that were in the house of Yahweh.

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¹⁰ The priest distributed to the commanders of the guards the spears and shields that had belonged to King David, that were kept in the temple.

What did Jehoiada hand over to the commanders?

Jehoiada handed over to the commanders the spears and shields that had been King David's, which were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ So the guards stood, each man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side, near the altar and the temple, surrounding the king.

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¹¹ Then he commanded all the guards to stand in their positions, each one with his sword in his hand, all around the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:12**ULT**

¹² Then Jehoiada brought out the king's son Joash, put the crown on him, and gave him the covenant decrees. Then they made him king and anointed him. They clapped their hands and said, "Long live the king!"

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¹² Then he brought Joash out. He put the crown on his head and gave him a scroll on which were written the rules that the kings needed to obey. Then he poured some olive oil on Joash's head and proclaimed that he was now the king. The people all clapped their hands and shouted, "We desire that the king will live for many years!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:13**ULT**

¹³ When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people in the house of Yahweh.

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¹³ When Athaliah heard the noise that was being made by the guards and the other people, she ran to the temple where the people were gathered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ She looked, and, behold, the king was standing by the pillar, as the custom was, and the captains and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her clothes and shouted, "Treason! Treason!"

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¹⁴ She saw the new king standing there alongside one of the big pillars, which was the place at the temple where the kings usually stood. She saw that he was surrounded by the temple officers and men blowing trumpets, and that the people were shouting joyfully, and some of them were also blowing trumpets. She tore her clothes to show her distress and shouted, "You are traitors! You have betrayed me!"

Why did Athaliah tear her clothes and shout?

Athaliah tore her clothes and shouted because she saw King Joash standing by the pillar.

2 Kings 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then Jehoiada the priest ordered the commanders of hundreds who were over the army, saying, "Bring her out between the ranks. Anyone who follows her, kill him with the sword." For the priest had said, "Do not let her be killed in the house of Yahweh."

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¹⁵ Jehoiada immediately said, "Kill her, but do not do it here at the temple of Yahweh! Take her away between two rows of guards. And kill anyone who tries to rescue her!"

Why was Athaliah killed at the king's house? (vv15-16)

Athaliah was killed at the king's house, for the priest had said, "Do not let her be killed in the house of Yahweh."

2 Kings 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So they seized her as she reached the place where the horses enter the palace grounds, and there she was killed.

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¹⁶ She tried to flee, but the guards seized her and took her to the palace, to the place where horses enter the courtyard. They killed her there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then Jehoiada made a covenant between Yahweh and the king and people, that they should be Yahweh's people, and also between the king and the people.

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¹⁷ Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the king and the people, that they would always obey Yahweh. He also made an covenant requiring the people to be loyal to Joash their king.

After Jehoiada made a covenant, what did the people do? (vv17-18)

After Jehoiada made a covenant, the people tore down the house of Baal, smashed Baal's altars and his idol figures to pieces, and killed Mattan, the priest of Baal.

2 Kings 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So all the people of the land went to the house of Baal and tore it down. They smashed Baal's altars and his idol figures to pieces, and they killed Mattan, the priest of Baal, in front of those altars. Then Jehoiada the priest appointed guards over the temple of Yahweh.

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¹⁸ Then all the people of Israel who were there went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars and the statues of Baal. They also killed Mattan the priest of Baal, in front of the altars. Jehoiada stationed guards at the temple of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Jehoida took with him the commanders of hundreds, the Carites, the guard, and all the people of the land, and together they brought down the king from the house of Yahweh and they went into the king's house, entering by way of the gate of the guards. Joash took his place on the royal throne.

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¹⁹ Then he and the officers of the temple, the officers who supervised the royal bodyguards, and the king's bodyguards brought the king from the temple to the palace. All the people followed them. Joash entered the palace at the Guard Gate and sat down on the throne, where the kings had always sat.

When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, how did the people respond? (vv19-20)

When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, all the people of the land rejoiced.

2 Kings 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet after Athaliah had been killed with the sword at the king's house.

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²⁰ All the people of Judah rejoiced. And because Athaliah had been killed, the city was quiet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:21**ULT**

²¹ Joash was seven years old when he began to reign.

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²¹ Joash was seven years old when he became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12

2 Kings 12:1

ULT

¹ In the seventh year of Jehu, the reign of Joash began; he reigned for forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah, of Beersheba.

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¹ When Jehu had been ruling Israel for almost seven years, Joash became the king of Judah. He ruled in Jerusalem for forty years. His mother was Zibiah, from the city of Beersheba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:2

ULT

² Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the time, because Jehoiada the priest was instructing him.

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² All during the time that Joash was alive, he did what pleased Yahweh, because Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

Why did Joash do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the time?

Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the time, because Jehoiada the priest was instructing him.

2 Kings 12:3

ULT

³ But the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

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³ But the places where the people worshiped Yahweh elsewhere in the land were not destroyed. They continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense at those places, instead of at the place that God had chosen for them in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:4**ULT**

⁴ Joash said to the priests, "All the money that is brought in as sacred offerings into the house of Yahweh, that money for which each person is assessed—whether it is the money collected in the census, or the money received from personal vows, or the money brought in by people motivated by Yahweh in their hearts to give —

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⁴ Joash said to the priests, "You must take all the money which the people give, both the money they are required to pay and the money that they themselves decide to give, as sacred offerings to buy things for the temple.

By what were the people motivated to give money for the temple?

The people were motivated by Yahweh in their hearts to give.

2 Kings 12:5**ULT**

⁵ the priests should receive the money from one of their treasurers and repair whatever damage is found in the temple."

UST

⁵ Each priest must take the money from the people who come to him, and he must use that money to repair the temple whenever he sees that there is something that needs to be repaired."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:6**ULT**

⁶ But by the twenty-third year of King Joash, the priests had not repaired anything in the temple.

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⁶ But after Joash had been ruling for almost twenty-three years, the priests still had not repaired anything in the temple.

Why did Joash tell the priests to take no more money from the taxpayers? (vv6-7)

Joash told the priests this because they had not repaired anything in the temple.

2 Kings 12:7**ULT**

⁷ Then King Joash called for Jehoiada the priest and for the other priests; he said to them, "Why have you not repaired anything in the temple? Now take no more money from your taxpayers, but take what has been collected for repairs of the temple and give it to those who can make the repairs."

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⁷ So Joash summoned Jehoiada and the other priests and said to them, "Why are you not repairing things in the temple? Do not take any more money from those who are paying taxes. Take the money that was collected for the purpose of repairing the temple and pay that money to the workers who will do the repairs."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:8**ULT**

⁸ So the priests consented to take no more money from the people and not repair the temple themselves.

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⁸ The priests agreed to do that, and they also agreed that they themselves would not do the repair work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:9**ULT**

⁹ Instead, Jehoiada the priest took a chest, bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of Yahweh. The priests who were guarding the temple entrance put into it all the money that was brought to the house of Yahweh.

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⁹ Then Jehoiada took a chest and bored a hole in the lid. He placed it alongside the altar for burning incense that was on the right as anyone enters the temple. The priests who guarded the entrance to the temple put in the box the money that was brought to the temple.

Who put money into the chest?

The priests who were guarding the temple entrance put into the chest all the money that was brought to the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Whenever they saw that there was much money in the chest, the king's scribe and the high priest would come and put the money in bags and then count it, the money found in the temple of Yahweh.

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¹⁰ Whenever they saw that there was a lot of money in the chest, the king's secretary and the high priest would come and count the money. Then they would put it in bags and tie the bags shut.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ They gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of men who took care of the temple of Yahweh. They paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on the temple of Yahweh,

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¹¹ Then they would distribute the money to the men who supervised the work in the temple. The supervisors would use that money to pay the carpenters and builders who did the repair work in the temple,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:12**ULT**

¹² and to the masons and the stonecutters, for buying timber and cutting stone to repair the temple of Yahweh, and for all that was needed to be paid to repair it.

UST

¹² and the masons and the stone cutters. Also with some of that money they bought timber and stones that had been cut to be used in the repair work, and to pay all the other expenses for the repair work.

For what did the workers use the money?

The workers used the money for buying timber and cutting stone to repair the temple of Yahweh, and for all that was needed to be paid to repair it.

2 Kings 12:13**ULT**

¹³ But the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh did not pay to make for it any silver cups, lamp trimmers, basins, trumpets, or any gold or silver furnishing.

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¹³ But they did not use any of that money to pay men to make silver cups or wick trimmers for the lamps or bowls or trumpets or any other items made of silver or gold to be used in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ They gave this money to those who did the work of repairing the house of Yahweh.

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¹⁴ All that money was given to the men who were doing the work of repairing the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ In addition, they did not require the money paid for repairs to be accounted for by the men who received it and paid it to the workmen, because these men were honest.

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¹⁵ The men who supervised the work always did things honestly, so the king's secretary and the high priest never required that the supervisors report what they had spent the money for.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But the money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into the temple of Yahweh, because it belonged to the priests.

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¹⁶ But the money that people gave to pay for sacrifices for their sins was not put in the chest. That money belonged to the priests.

Why was the money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings not brought into the temple of Yahweh?

The money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into the temple of Yahweh, because it belonged to the priests.

2 Kings 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then Hazael king of Aram attacked and fought against Gath, and took it. Hazael then turned to attack Jerusalem.

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¹⁷ At that time, Hazael, the king of Aram, went with his army and attacked the city of Gath and conquered it. Then he decided that they would attack Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Joash king of Judah took all the things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had set apart, and what he had set apart, and all the gold that was found in the storerooms of the houses of Yahweh and of the king and he sent them to Hazael king of Aram. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.

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¹⁸ So Joash, the king of Judah, took all the money that the previous kings, Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, had dedicated to Yahweh. He added some of his own money, and all the gold that was in the rooms in the temple where valuable things were kept, and he sent it all to King Hazael to persuade him not to attack Jerusalem. So King Hazael took his army away from Jerusalem.

How did King Joash prevent King Hazael from attacking Jerusalem?

Joash took all the holy objects that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah had consecrated to Yahweh, his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the storerooms of the houses of Yahweh and of the king, and he sent them to Hazael, king of Aram. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.

2 Kings 12:19**ULT**

¹⁹ As for the other matters concerning Joash, all that he did, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

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¹⁹ If you want to read more of what Joash did, it is all written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:20**ULT**

²⁰ His servants arose and plotted together; they attacked Joash in Beth Millo, on the way that goes down to Silla.

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²⁰⁻²¹ Joash's officials plotted against him, and two of them killed Joash on the road that goes down to the district of Silla. The two men who did that were Jozabad son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad son of Shomer. Joash was buried in the place where his ancestors were buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:21**ULT**

²¹ Jozabad ^[1] son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad son of Shomer, his servants, attacked him, and he died. They buried Joash with his ancestors in the city of David, and Amaziah, his son, became king in his place.
12:21 ^[1] .

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²¹

Who attacked Joash?

Jozacar, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, attacked Joash.

2 Kings 13

2 Kings 13:1

ULT

¹ In the twenty-third year of Joash son of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria; he reigned seventeen years.

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¹ After Joash had been ruling Judah for almost twenty-three years, Jehu's son Jehoahaz became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for seventeen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:2

ULT

² He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh and followed the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; and Jehoahaz did not turn away from them.

UST

² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil and committed the same kind of sins that Jeroboam had committed, sins that had induced the people of Israel to sin. He did not stop committing those sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:3

ULT

³ The anger of Yahweh burned against Israel, and he gave them continually into the hand of Hazael king of Aram and into the hand of Ben Hadad son of Hazael.

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³ So Yahweh became very angry with the Israelite people, and he allowed the army of King Hazael of Aram and his son Ben Hadad to defeat the Israelites many times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:4**ULT**

⁴ So Jehoahaz implored Yahweh, and Yahweh listened to him because he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Aram was oppressing them.

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⁴ Then Jehoahaz prayed to Yahweh for help, and Yahweh listened to him, because he saw that the army of the king of Aram was oppressing the Israelites.

Why did Yahweh give Israel a rescuer? (vv4-5)

Jehoahaz implored Yahweh, so Yahweh gave Israel a rescuer.

2 Kings 13:5**ULT**

⁵ So Yahweh gave Israel a rescuer, and they escaped from the hand of the Arameans, and the people of Israel began to live in their homes as they had before.

UST

⁵ Yahweh sent a leader to Israel, who enabled them to be free from Aram's power. After that, the Israelites lived peacefully as they had done previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:6**ULT**

⁶ Nevertheless, they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin, and they continued in them; and the Asherah pole remained in Samaria.

UST

⁶ But they still continued to commit the same kind of sins that Jeroboam and his family had committed and that had led the Israelites to sin. Also, the statue of the goddess Asherah remained in Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:7**ULT**

⁷ The Arameans left Jehoahaz with only fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen, for the king of Aram had destroyed them and made them like the chaff at threshing time.

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⁷ Jehoahaz had only fifty men who rode on horses and ten chariots and ten thousand other soldiers, because the army of Aram had killed all the rest, walking over them as people walk over the ground.

The king of Aram destroyed the army of Israel and made them like what?

The king of Aram had destroyed the army of Israel and made them like the chaff at threshing time.

2 Kings 13:8**ULT**

⁸ As for the other matters concerning Jehoahaz, and all that he did and his power, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel?

UST

⁸ If you want to read about everything else that Jehoahaz did, you can read about it in the book called The History of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:9**ULT**

⁹ So Jehoahaz slept with his ancestors, and they buried him in Samaria. Jehoash his son became king in his place.

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⁹ Jehoahaz died and was buried in Samaria. Then his son Jehoash became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, the reign of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz began over Israel in Samaria; he reigned sixteen years.

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¹⁰ Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, started to rule in Israel after King Joash had been ruling in Judah for thirty-seven years. Jehoash ruled in Samaria for sixteen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh. He did not leave behind any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, by which he had made Israel to sin, but he walked in them.

UST

¹¹ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He refused to stop worshiping idols, which was the sin that many years earlier King Jeroboam had led the Israelite people in committing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:12**ULT**

¹² As for the other matters concerning Jehoash, and all that he did, and his might by which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel?

UST

¹² The other things that happened while Jehoash was king and all the things that he did are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel. In that account they wrote about his army's victories, and their war with the army of King Amaziah of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:13**ULT**

¹³ Jehoash slept with his ancestors, and Jeroboam sat on his throne. Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

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¹³ When Jehoash died, he was buried in Samaria where the other kings of Israel were buried. Then his son Jeroboam became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Now Elisha became sick with an illness by which he later died, so Jehoash the king of Israel came down to him and wept over him. He said, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen are taking you away!"

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¹⁴ Then Elisha became very ill. Just before he died, King Joash went to Elisha and cried in front of him. Saying the same words that Elisha had said when Elijah was taken to heaven, he said, "My father! The chariots of us Israelite people and their drivers are taking my master away!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Elisha said to him, "Pick up a bow and some arrows," so Joash picked up a bow and some arrows.

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¹⁵ Elisha said to him, "Bring to me a bow and some arrows!" So the king did that.

When Elisha was sick, what did he tell Joash to pick up?

He told Joash to pick up a bow and some arrows.

2 Kings 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Elisha said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow," so he put his hand on it. Then Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands.

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¹⁶ Then Elisha told the king to put his hands on the bow and prepare to shoot some arrows. And then Elisha put his own hands on the king's hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Elisha said, "Open the window eastward," so he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!", and he shot. Elisha said, "This is Yahweh's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Aram, for you will attack the Arameans in Aphek until you have consumed them."

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¹⁷ Then Elisha told him, "Have someone open that window toward the east." So a servant opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!" So the king did. Then Elisha said, "That is the arrow that indicates that your army will defeat the Aramean army. Your army will completely defeat their army at the city of Aphek."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then Elisha said, "Take the arrows," so Joash took them. He said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground with them," and he struck the ground three times, then stopped.

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¹⁸ Then Elisha said, "Pick up the other arrows and strike the ground with them!" So the king picked up the arrows and struck the ground three times.

What happened because Joash hit the ground only three times? (vv18-19)

Because he hit the ground only three times, he would attack Aram only three times.

2 Kings 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But the man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have hit the ground five or six times. Then you would have attacked Aram until you annihilated it, but now you will attack Aram only three times."

UST

¹⁹ But Elisha was angry with him. He exclaimed, "You should have struck the ground five or six times! If you had done that, your army would have defeated the Aramean army until they were completely wiped out! But now, because you struck the ground only three times, your army will defeat them only three times!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Elisha died, and they buried him. Now groups of Moabites invaded the land at the beginning of the year.

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²⁰ Then Elisha died and was buried. Groups of raiders from Moab came to Israel each year during spring.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:21**ULT**

²¹ As they were burying a certain man, they saw a group of Moabites, so they threw the body into Elisha's grave. As soon as the man touched Elisha's bones, he revived and stood up on his feet.

UST

²¹ One year, when some Israelite people were burying a man's body, they saw a group of those raiders. They were afraid, so quickly they threw that man's body into the grave where Elisha had been buried, and they ran away. But as soon as the man's body touched Elisha's bones, the dead man became alive again and jumped up!

What happened to the man who was buried in Elisha's cave?

The man who was buried in Elisha's cave revived and stood up on his feet as soon as the man touched Elisha's bones.

2 Kings 13:22**ULT**

²² Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

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²² King Hazael of Aram sent soldiers to oppress the Israelite people during all the years that Jehoahaz ruled Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:23**ULT**

²³ But Yahweh was gracious to Israel, and had compassion on them and concern for them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So Yahweh did not destroy them, and he still has not driven them away from his presence.

UST

²³ But Yahweh was very kind to the Israelite people. He helped them because of the covenant that he had made with their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He would not get rid of the Israelites, and he still has not rejected them.

Why did Yahweh not drive Israel away from his presence?

Yahweh was gracious to Israel, and had compassion on them and concern for them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So Yahweh did not destroy them, and he did not drive them away from his presence.

2 Kings 13:24**ULT**

²⁴ Hazael king of Aram died, and Ben Hadad his son became king in his place.

UST

²⁴ When Hazael the king of Aram died, his son Ben Hadad became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:25

ULT

²⁵ Jehoash son of Jehoahaz took back from Ben Hadad son of Hazael the cities that had been taken from Jehoahaz his father by war. Jehoash attacked him three times, and he recovered those cities of Israel.

UST

²⁵ The army of King Jehoash of Israel defeated the army of King Ben Hadad three times; they also recaptured the cities that Ben Hadad's army had seized during the time that Jehoash's father Jehoahaz was ruling Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14

2 Kings 14:1

ULT

¹ In the second year of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah son of Joash, king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

¹ After Jehoash had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:2

ULT

² He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan, of Jerusalem.

UST

² He was twenty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Jehoaddin. She was from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:3

ULT

³ He did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, yet not like David his father. He did everything that Joash, his father, had done.

UST

³ Amaziah did many things that pleased Yahweh, but he did not do as many things that pleased Yahweh as King David had done. He did some of the good things that his father Joash had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:4**ULT**

⁴ But the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

UST

⁴ But, like his father, he did not tear down the other places for worshiping Yahweh. The people continued to burn incense to honor Yahweh in those places instead of in Jerusalem, the place that Yahweh had appointed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:5**ULT**

⁵ It came about that as soon as his rule was well established, he killed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.

UST

⁵ As soon as he was completely in control of his kingdom, he made his servants execute the officials who had murdered his father.

What did Amaziah do as soon as his rule was well established?

As soon as his rule was well established, Amaziah killed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.

2 Kings 14:6**ULT**

⁶ Yet he did not put the sons of the murderers to death; instead, he acted according to what was written in the book of the law Moses, as Yahweh had commanded, saying, "The fathers must not be put to death for their children, neither must the children be put to death for their parents. Instead, every person must be put to death for his own sin."

UST

⁶ But he did not tell his servants to execute those officials' children. He obeyed what was written in the laws that God gave to Moses, "Parents must not be executed for the crimes committed by their parents. People must be executed only for the sins that they themselves have committed."

Why did Amaziah not put the sons of the assassins to death?

Amaziah did not put the sons of the assassins to death because Yahweh had commanded him, saying, "The fathers must not be put to death for their children, neither must the children be put to death for their parents. Instead, every person must be put to death for his own sin."

2 Kings 14:7**ULT**

⁷ He killed ten thousand soldiers of Edom in the Valley of Salt; he also took Sela in war and called it Joktheel, which is what it is called to this day.

UST

⁷ Amaziah's soldiers killed ten thousand soldiers of the Edom people group in the Valley of Salt south of the Dead Sea, and they captured the city of Sela and gave it a new name, Joktheel. That is still its name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:8**ULT**

⁸ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us meet each other face to face in battle."

UST

⁸ Then Amaziah sent messengers to King Jehoash of Israel, saying, "Come here and let us and our armies fight each other in battle."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:9**ULT**

⁹ But Jehoash the king of Israel sent messengers back to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "A thistle that was in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son for a wife,' but a wild beast in Lebanon walked by and trampled down the thistle.

UST

⁹ But King Jehoash replied with this parable to King Amaziah: "Once a thornbush growing in the mountains in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar tree, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in order that he may marry her.' But a wild animal in Lebanon passed by the thornbush and trampled it."

What trampled down the thistle?

A wild beast in Lebanon trampled down the thistle.

2 Kings 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You have indeed attacked Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Take pride in your victory, but stay at home, for why should you cause yourself trouble and fall, both you and Judah with you?"

UST

¹⁰ The meaning of what I am saying is that your army has defeated the army of Edom, so now you have become very proud. But you should be content with defeating the people of Edom; you should allow your soldiers to stay at home. If you cause trouble by fighting against us, you will surely cause a disaster to happen to you and to your people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel attacked and he and Amaziah king of Judah met each other face to face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

UST

¹¹ But Amaziah refused to pay attention to Jehoash's message. So Jehoash and Amaziah led their armies to Beth Shemesh in Judah, and it was there that their armies came together to fight each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:12**ULT**

¹² Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled home.

UST

¹² The Israelite army defeated the army of Judah, and all the soldiers of Judah fled and ran back home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:13**ULT**

¹³ Jehoash king of Israel, captured Amaziah, king of Judah son of Jehoash son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh. He came to Jerusalem and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits in distance.

UST

¹³ Jehoash's army also captured King Amaziah there, and they also marched to Jerusalem and tore down the wall that was around the city, from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate. That was a section of wall about 180 meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the house of Yahweh, and the valuable things in the king's palace, with hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

UST

¹⁴ Jehoash's soldiers seized all the gold and silver that they found, all the objects that were in the temple, and all the valuable things that were in the palace; they took them to Samaria. They also took to Samaria some prisoners to make sure that Amaziah would cause them no more trouble.

What did Jehoash take from Jerusalem?

He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the house of Yahweh, and the valuable things in the king's palace, with hostages also.

2 Kings 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ As for the other matters concerning Jehoash, all that he did, his power, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel?

UST

¹⁵ If you want to know about all the other things that Jehoash did when he was king, including when he and his army fought against the army of King Amaziah of Judah, they are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then Jehoash slept with his ancestors and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel, and Jeroboam, his son, became king in his place.

UST

¹⁶ Jehoash died, and he was buried in Samaria, where the other kings of Israel had been buried. Then his son Jeroboam became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Amaziah son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel.

UST

¹⁷ Amaziah, the king of Judah, lived for fifteen more years after Jehoash, the king of Israel, died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ As for the other matters concerning Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

UST

¹⁸ If you want to know more about everything else that Amaziah did, it is written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ They made a conspiracy against Amaziah in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. He fled to Lachish, but they sent men after him to Lachish and killed him there.

UST

¹⁹ Some people in Jerusalem plotted against him, so he fled to the city of Lachish. But they followed him there and killed him.

How did Amaziah die?

A conspiracy was made against Amaziah in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But men were sent after him to Lachish and they killed him there.

2 Kings 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ They brought him back on horses, and he was buried with his ancestors in the city of David.

UST

²⁰ They took his corpse back to Jerusalem and buried it where his ancestors had been buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:21**ULT**

²¹ All the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah.

UST

²¹ Then all the people of Judah appointed Azariah, whose father was Amaziah, to be their king. He became king when he was sixteen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:22**ULT**

²² It was Azariah who rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah, after King Amaziah slept with his ancestors.

UST

²² After Amaziah's father Amaziah died, Azariah's army captured the city of Elath, and it came under the control of Judah again.

What did Uzziah do to Eloth?

Uzziah rebuilt Eloth and restored it to Judah.

2 Kings 14:23**ULT**

²³ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria; he reigned forty-one years.

UST

²³ When Amaziah had been ruling Judah for almost fifteen years, Jeroboam became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for forty-one years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:24**ULT**

²⁴ He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh. He did not depart from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.

UST

²⁴ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did not stop committing the same kind of sins that Jeroboam son of Nebat, had committed, sins that had induced the Israelite people to sin also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:25**ULT**

²⁵ He restored the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, following the commands of the word of Yahweh, the God of Israel, which he had spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath Hepher.

UST

²⁵ Jeroboam's soldiers conquered again some of the territory that had previously belonged to Israel, from the city of Hamath in the north to the Dead Sea in the south. That is what Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, promised the prophet Jonah son of Amittai, from the city of Gath Hepher, would happen.

Through whom did Jeroboam hear that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah?

Jeroboam heard through Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah.

2 Kings 14:26**ULT**

²⁶ For Yahweh saw the suffering of Israel, that it was very bitter for everyone, both slave and free, and that there was no rescuer for Israel.

UST

²⁶ That happened because Yahweh saw that the Israelites' enemies were causing the Israelites to suffer very much. And there was absolutely no one who would help them.

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, how did he save them? (vv26-27)

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, Yahweh saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash.

2 Kings 14:27**ULT**

²⁷ So Yahweh said that he would not blot out the name of Israel under heaven; instead, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash.

UST

²⁷ But Yahweh said that he would not destroy Israel completely, so he enabled King Jeroboam to rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:28**ULT**

²⁸ As for the other matters concerning Jeroboam, all that he did, his power, how he waged war and recovered Damascus and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel?

UST

²⁸ If you want to know more about everything else that Jeroboam did, about how he courageously fought in battle, and about how he enabled the Israelites to capture again the cities of Damascus and Hamath, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:29**ULT**

²⁹ Jeroboam slept with his ancestors, with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son became king in his place.

UST

²⁹ Jeroboam died, and was buried where the other kings of Israel were buried, and his son Zechariah became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15

2 Kings 15:1

ULT

¹ In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign.

UST

¹ After Jeroboam had been ruling Israel for almost twenty-seven years, Azariah, son of Amaziah king of Judah, began to rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:2

ULT

² Azariah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jekoliah, and she was from Jerusalem.

UST

² He was sixteen years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for fifty-two years. His mother was Jecoliah. She was from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:3

ULT

³ He did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, just as his father Amaziah had done.

UST

³ He did things that Yahweh was pleased with, as his father Amaziah had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:4**ULT**

⁴ However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

UST

⁴ But the high places where the people continued to practice idolatry were not destroyed. They continued to burn incense as they worshiped their idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh afflicted the king so that he was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house. Jotham, the king's son, was over the household and ruled the people of the land.

UST

⁵ Yahweh caused Azariah to become a leper. Azariah was a leper all the remaining years that he lived. He was not allowed to live in the palace. He lived alone in a house, and his son Jotham ruled the land.

How did Yahweh afflict King Uzziah?

Yahweh afflicted the king so that he was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house.

2 Kings 15:6**ULT**

⁶ As for the other matters concerning Azariah, all that he did, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

UST

⁶ If you want to know about everything else that Azariah did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:7**ULT**

⁷ So Azariah slept with his ancestors; they buried him with his ancestors in the city of David. Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

UST

⁷ Azariah died and they buried him in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried. Then his son Jotham became the king.

Who became king in Uzziah's place?

Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

2 Kings 15:8**ULT**

⁸ In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria for six months.

UST

⁸ After Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-eight years, Zechariah son of Jeroboam, became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for only six months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:9**ULT**

⁹ He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, as his fathers had done. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.

UST

⁹ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, like his ancestors had done. He committed the same kind of sins that the first Jeroboam had committed, sins that had induced the Israelite people to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Shallum son of Jabesh conspired against Zechariah, attacked him in Ibleam, and killed him. Then he became king in his place.

UST

¹⁰ Then Shallum son of Jabesh, made plans to assassinate Zechariah. He killed him in the city of Ibleam, and then he became the king.

Where did Shallum kill Zechariah?

Shallum killed Zechariah in front of the people.

2 Kings 15:11**ULT**

¹¹ As for the other matters concerning Zechariah, they are written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel.

UST

¹¹ Everything else that Zechariah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:12**ULT**

¹² This was the word of Yahweh that he spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your descendants will sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation." That is what happened.

UST

¹² When Zechariah died, the dynasty of King Jehu was finished. This fulfilled what Yahweh said to King Jehu would happen, "Your son and grandson and great-grandson and great-great-grandson will all be kings of Israel."

For how long would Jehu's descendants sit on the throne of Israel?

Jehu's descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

2 Kings 15:13**ULT**

¹³ Shallum son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, and he reigned only one month in Samaria.

UST

¹³ Shallum son of Jabesh, became the king of Israel after King Amaziah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-nine years. But Shallum ruled in Samaria for only one month.

Why did Shallum reign only one month in Samaria? (vv13-14)

Shallum reigned only one month in Samaria because Menahem the son of Gadi killed him.

2 Kings 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Menahem son of Gadi went up from Tirzah to Samaria. There he attacked Shallum son of Jabesh, in Samaria. He killed him and became king in his place.

UST

¹⁴ Then Menahem son of Gadi, went up from the city of Tirzah to Samaria and assassinated Shallum. Then Menahem became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ As for the other matters concerning Shallum and the conspiracy that he formed, they are written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel.

UST

¹⁵ Everything else that Shallum did, including his killing King Zechariah, is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:16**ULT**

16 Then Menahem attacked Tiphshah and all who were there, and the borders around Tirzah, because they did not open up the city to him. So he attacked it, and he ripped open all the pregnant women in that village. ^[1]

UST

16 At that time Menahem completely destroyed the city of Tiphshah and killed all the people who lived there and in the surrounding territory from Tirzah on. He did that because the people in the city refused to surrender to him. With his sword he even ripped open the bellies of pregnant women who lived there.

Why did Menahem attack Tiphshah and all who were there?

Menahem attacked Tiphshah and all who were there because they did not open the city up to him.

2 Kings 15:17**ULT**

17 In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem son of Gadi began to reign over Israel; he reigned ten years in Samaria.

UST

17 When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-nine years, Menahem son of Gadi, became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for ten years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:18**ULT**

18 He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh. For his whole life, he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.

UST

18 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin. He continued to commit those sins all during the years that he lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Pul the king of Assyria came against the land, and Menahem gave Pul one thousand talents of silver, so that Pul's support might be with him to strengthen the kingdom of Israel in his hand.

UST

¹⁹ Then Pul (also known as Tiglath-Pileser) king of Assyria came with his army to attack Israel. So Menahem gave him about thirty-three metric tons of silver in order that the king of Assyria would help Menahem to continue to be king and rule his country more strongly.

How did Menahem collect the one thousand talents of silver to give Pul? (vv19-20)

Menahem collected one thousand talents of silver by requiring each of the wealthy men to pay fifty shekels of silver to him.

2 Kings 15:20**ULT**

²⁰ Menahem exacted this money from Israel by requiring each of the wealthy men to pay fifty shekels of silver to him to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back and did not stay there in the land.

UST

²⁰ Menahem obtained that money from the rich men in Israel. He compelled each of them to contribute three-fifths of a kilogram of silver. So Tiglath-Pileser took that money and went back home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:21**ULT**

²¹ As for the other matters concerning Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel?

UST

²¹ If you want to know more about everything that Menahem did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:22**ULT**

²² So Menahem slept with his ancestors, and Pekahiah his son became king in his place.

UST

²² Menahem died and was buried, and his son Pekahiah became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:23**ULT**

²³ In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria; he reigned two years.

UST

²³ When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost fifty years, Menahem's son Pekahiah became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for only two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:24**ULT**

²⁴ He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh. He did not leave behind the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, by which he had caused Israel to sin.

UST

²⁴ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:25**ULT**

²⁵ Pekahiah had an officer named Pekah son of Remaliah, who conspired against him. Along with fifty men of Gilead, Pekah killed Pekahiah as well as Argob and Arieih in Samaria, in the citadel of the king's palace. Pekah killed Pekahiah and became king in his place.

UST

²⁵ Then one of Pekahiah's army commanders whose name was Pekah son of Remaliah, planned with fifty men, from the region of Gilead to kill Pekahiah and two of his assistants, Argob and Arieih. They assassinated the king in a fortified place in the king's palace in Samaria. Then Pekah became the king.

Who killed Pekahiah?

Pekah killed Pekahiah.

2 Kings 15:26**ULT**

²⁶ As for the other matters concerning Pekahiah, all that he did, they are written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel.

UST

²⁶ Everything else that Pekahiah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:27**ULT**

²⁷ In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria; he reigned twenty years.

UST

²⁷ When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost fifty-two years, Pekah son of Remaliah, became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for twenty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:28**ULT**

²⁸ He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.

UST

²⁸ He also did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:29**ULT**

²⁹ In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, Galilee, and all the land of Naphtali. He carried away the people to Assyria.

UST

²⁹ While Pekah was the king, Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, came with his army and captured the cities of Ijon, Abel of Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, and the regions of Gilead, Galilee, and Naphtali. His army forced the Israelite people to leave their country and go to live in Assyria.

Why did Hoshea form a conspiracy against Pekah? (vv29-30)

Hoshea formed a conspiracy against Pekah because Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria came and took many cities.

2 Kings 15:30**ULT**

³⁰ So Hoshea son of Elah formed a conspiracy against Pekah son of Remaliah. He attacked him and killed him. Then he became king in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham son of Uzziah.

UST

³⁰ Then Hoshea son of Elah, planned to kill Pekah. He assassinated him when Amaziah's son Jotham had been ruling Judah for almost twenty years. Then Hoshea became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:31**ULT**

³¹ As for the other matters concerning Pekah, all that he did, they are written in the book of the events of the kings of Israel.

UST

³¹ Everything else that Pekah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:32**ULT**

³² In the second year of Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, Jotham son of Azariah, king of Judah began to reign.

UST

³² When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Azariah's son Jotham began to rule Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:33**ULT**

³³ He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah; she was the daughter of Zadok.

UST

³³ He was twenty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. His mother was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:34**ULT**

³⁴ Jotham did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh. He followed the example of all his father Azariah had done.

UST

³⁴ He did many things that pleased Yahweh, as his father Azariah had done.

Whose example did Jotham follow?

Jotham followed the example of his father, Uzziah.

2 Kings 15:35**ULT**

³⁵ However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense at the high places. Jotham built the upper gate of the house of Yahweh.

UST

³⁵ But he did not destroy the places where the people worshiped Yahweh, and the people continued to burn incense there to honor Yahweh. Jotham's workers built the Upper Gate of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:36**ULT**

³⁶ As for the other matters concerning Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

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³⁶ If you want to know more about everything else that Jotham did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:37**ULT**

³⁷ In those days Yahweh began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah son of Remaliah.

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³⁷ It was during the time that Jotham was the king that Yahweh sent King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel with their armies to attack Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:38**ULT**

³⁸ Jotham slept with his ancestors and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David, his ancestor. Then Ahaz, his son, became king in his place.

15:16 ^[1], one ancient version and some modern versions read, .

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³⁸ Jotham died and was buried where his ancestors had been buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Ahaz became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16

2 Kings 16:1

ULT

¹ In the seventeenth year of Pekah son of Remaliah, Ahaz son of Jotham king of Judah, began to reign.

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¹ When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost seventeen years, Ahaz son of Jotham, became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:2

ULT

² Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. He did not do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh his God, as David his ancestor had done.

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² He was twenty years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. He did not do things that pleased Yahweh his God, good things like his ancestor King David had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:3

ULT

³ Instead, he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; indeed, he made his son pass through the fire, following the detestable practices of the nations, which Yahweh had driven out before the people of Israel.

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³ Instead, he was as sinful as the kings of Israel had been. He even sacrificed his son to be an offering to idols. That imitated the disgusting things that the people who previously lived there had done, people whom Yahweh had driven out as the Israelites were advancing through the land.

What did Ahaz do to his son?

Ahaz put his son in the fire as a burned offering, following the detestable practices of the nations.

2 Kings 16:4**ULT**

⁴ He offered sacrifices and burned incense at the high places, on the hilltops, and under every green tree.

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⁴ He offered sacrifices and burned incense to honor Yahweh at many different places, including on the tops of many hills and under many big trees, instead of in Jerusalem as Yahweh had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:5**ULT**

⁵ Then Rezin, king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to attack. They besieged Ahaz, but they could not conquer him.

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⁵ Then King Rezin of Aram, came along with his army, and at that time Pekah (who was the son of King Remaliah of Israel) also came along with his army, and together their armies came up to attack Jerusalem, but King Ahaz led a fight to defend the city. The armies surrounded the city, but they could not conquer it.

What could Rezin not do when he attacked Jerusalem?

When Rezin attacked Jerusalem, he could not conquer Ahaz.

2 Kings 16:6**ULT**

⁶ At that time, Rezin king of Aram recovered Elath for Aram and drove the men of Judah out of Elath. Then the Arameans came to Elath where they have lived to this day.

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⁶ It was at that time that the army that was commanded by King Rezin of Aram drove out the people of Judah who were living in the city of Elath, and the city came under the control of the Arameans. This was the time when some people from Aram began to live in Elath, and they are still living there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:7**ULT**

⁷ So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son. Come up and save me from the hand of the king of Aram and from the hand of the king of Israel, who have attacked me."

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⁷ King Ahaz sent messengers to King Tiglath-Pileser of Assyria, to tell this message to him: "I promise that I will completely do what you tell me to do, as though I were your son. Please come and rescue us from the armies of Aram and Israel who are attacking my country."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:8**ULT**

⁸ So Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and among the treasures of the king's palace and he sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

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⁸ Ahaz took the silver and gold that was in the palace and in the temple and sent it to Assyria to be a present for the king of Assyria.

What gift did Ahaz give the king of Assyria?

Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and among the treasures of the king's palace, and he sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:9**ULT**

⁹ Then the king of Assyria listened to him, and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, conquered it and carried off its people as prisoners to Kir. He also killed Rezin the king of Aram.

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⁹ So Tiglath-Pileser did what Ahaz requested. His army marched to Damascus and captured it, and they took the people of Damascus as prisoners to live in the capital city of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria. At Damascus he saw an altar. He sent to Uriah the priest a model of the altar and its pattern and the design for all the workmanship needed.

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¹⁰ When King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet King Tiglath-Pileser, he saw the altar that was there. So he sent to Uriah, the high priest in Jerusalem, a drawing of the altar and a model that represented exactly the altar in Damascus.

What altar did Ahaz want Uriah to replicate? (vv10-11)

Ahaz wanted to replicate the altar at Damascus.

2 Kings 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ So Uriah the priest built an altar to be just like the plans that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus. He finished it before King Ahaz arrived back from Damascus.

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¹¹ So Uriah built an altar in Jerusalem following the drawing that King Ahaz had sent. Uriah finished the altar before Ahaz returned to Jerusalem from Damascus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:12**ULT**

¹² When the king came from Damascus he saw the altar; the king approached the altar and made offerings on it.

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¹² When the king returned from Damascus, he saw the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:13**ULT**

¹³ He made his burnt offering and his grain offering, poured out his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his fellowship offerings on the altar.

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¹³ He went up to it and burned animal sacrifices and a flour offering on it. He also poured a wine offering on it and threw on it the blood of the offerings to promise friendship with God.

Who made his burned offering and his grain offering?

The king made his burned offering and his grain offering.

2 Kings 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The bronze altar that was before Yahweh—he brought it from the front of the temple, from between his altar and the temple of Yahweh and put it on the north side of his altar.

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¹⁴ The old bronze altar that had been dedicated long ago to Yahweh was between the new altar and the temple, so Ahaz moved it to the north side of his new altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, saying, “On the large altar burn the morning burnt offering and the evening grain offering, and the king’s burnt offering and his grain offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their grain offering and their drink offerings. Sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice. But the bronze altar will be for me to consult for guidance.”

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¹⁵ Then King Ahaz ordered Uriah: “Each morning put on this new altar the sacrifices that the priests will burn completely, and in the evening put on it the flour offering, along with my offering and the offerings that the people bring, ones that they will burn completely, and my flour offering and the people’s grain and wine offerings. Pour against the sides of the altar the blood of all the animals that are sacrificed. But the old bronze altar will be only for me to use for divination.”

What was the purpose of the bronze altar?

The bronze altar was for Ahaz to ask for God’s help.

2 Kings 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Uriah the priest did just what King Ahaz commanded.

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¹⁶ So Uriah did what the king commanded him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then King Ahaz removed the panels and the basins from the portable stands; he also took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it and put it on a stone pavement.

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¹⁷ King Ahaz told his workers to take off the frames of the carts that were outside the temple and to take down the basins that were on them. They also took down the large bronze tank called "The Sea" and removed it from the backs of the bronze statues of the oxen and put it on a stone foundation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:18**ULT**

¹⁸ He removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh, because of the king of Assyria.

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¹⁸ Then to please the king of Assyria, Ahaz had them remove from the temple the roof under which the people walked into the temple on the Sabbath day, and closed up the private entrance into the temple for the kings of Judah.

Why did Ahaz remove the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh?

Ahaz removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh, because of the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:19**ULT**

¹⁹ As for the other matters concerning Ahaz and what he did, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

UST

¹⁹ If you want to know about the other things that Ahaz did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:20**ULT**

²⁰ Ahaz slept with his ancestors and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David. Hezekiah his son became king in his place.

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²⁰ Ahaz died, and he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried. Then his son Hezekiah became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17

2 Kings 17:1

ULT

¹ In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, the reign of Hoshea son of Elah began. He ruled in Samaria over Israel for nine years.

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¹ Elah's son Hoshea began to rule Israel after King Ahaz had ruled Judah for twelve years. Hoshea ruled in Samaria for nine years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:2

ULT

² He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

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² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, but he did not do as many evil things as the previous kings of Israel had done—the ones who had ruled Israel previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:3

ULT

³ Shalmaneser king of Assyria attacked him, and Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.

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³ The army of King Shalmaneser of Assyria attacked and defeated the army of King Hoshea. As a result, the Israelites were forced to pay much tribute to Assyria each year.

What did Hoshea do when he became Shalmaneser's servant?

Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.

2 Kings 17:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the king of Assyria realized that Hoshea had been plotting against him, for Hoshea had sent messengers to So king of Egypt; also, he offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. So the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.

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⁴ But several years later, Hoshea secretly planned to rebel against the rulers of Assyria. He sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, asking if his army could help the Israelites fight against Assyria. Hoshea also stopped paying the tribute that he had been paying Assyria every year. But the king of Assyria found out about those things, so he told his officers to put Hoshea in prison.

How had Hoshea been plotting against Shalmaneser?

Hoshea had been plotting against Shalmaneser, for Hoshea had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt.

2 Kings 17:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the king of Assyria attacked throughout all the land, and attacked Samaria and besieged it for three years.

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⁵ Then he brought the army of Assyria to Israel, and they attacked everywhere in that land. His army besieged the city of Samaria for three years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:6**ULT**

⁶ In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria. He put them in Halah, at the Habor River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

UST

⁶ Finally, after King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for nine years, the army of Assyria forcefully entered the city and captured the people. They took the Israelite people to Assyria and forced some of them to live in the city of Halah. They forced others to live near the Habor River in the district of Gozan. They forced others to live in the towns where the Mede people group lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:7**ULT**

⁷ This captivity happened because the people of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God, who had brought them up from the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. The people had been worshiping other gods

UST

⁷ Those things happened because the Israelite people had sinned against Yahweh their God. He had rescued their ancestors from the power of the king of Egypt and brought them safely out of Egypt, but later they began to worship other gods.

Why did the captivity happen?

The captivity happened because the people of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:8**ULT**

⁸ and walking in the practices of the nations whom Yahweh had driven out before the people of Israel, and in the practices of the kings of Israel that they had done.

UST

⁸ They imitated the things that the pagan peoples around them practiced. Those were the very peoples that Yahweh had driven out as the Israelites occupied their land. The people of Israel also did the evil things that most of the kings of Israel showed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:9**ULT**

⁹ The people of Israel did secretly—against Yahweh their God—things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their cities, from the watchtower to the fortress.

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⁹ The Israelite people also secretly did many things that were not pleasing to Yahweh their God. They built places to worship their idols on the hills around all their cities, including small towns and big cities with walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They also set up stone pillars and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree.

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¹⁰ They set up stone pillars to honor gods, and poles to worship the goddess Asherah at the top of every high hill and under every big tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ There they burned incense in all the high places, as the nations had done, those whom Yahweh had carried away before them. The Israelites performed wicked things to provoke Yahweh to anger;

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¹¹ The Israelites burned incense in every place where they worshiped those gods, just like the peoples who lived there previously had done—the groups that Yahweh had driven out from the land. The Israelites did many wicked things that caused Yahweh to become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:12**ULT**

¹² they worshiped idols, about which Yahweh had said to them, “You will not do this thing.”

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¹² Yahweh warned them many times that they should not worship idols, but they did it anyway.

What had Yahweh said the Israelites must not do?

Yahweh had said they must not worship idols.

2 Kings 17:13**ULT**

¹³ Yet Yahweh had testified to Israel and to Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, and be careful to keep all the law I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

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¹³ Yahweh frequently sent his prophets and seers to warn the people of Israel and the people of Judah. The message that Yahweh gave them was, "Stop doing all the evil things you have been doing. Obey my commands and my laws, the laws that I told your ancestors to obey and that I told the prophets who served me to tell to you again."

By whom had Yahweh testified to Israel and to Judah?

Yahweh had testified to Israel and to Judah by every prophet and every seer.

2 Kings 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But they would not listen; instead they were very stubborn like their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.

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¹⁴ But the Israelite people would not pay attention. They were stubborn, just as their ancestors were. Just as their ancestors did, they refused to trust in Yahweh their God.

The Israelites were very stubborn like whom?

The Israelites were very stubborn like their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:15**ULT**

¹⁵ They rejected his statutes and the covenant that he had made with their ancestors, and the covenant decrees that he had given to them. They followed useless practices and they themselves became useless. They followed the pagan nations who were around them, those that Yahweh had commanded them not to imitate.

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¹⁵ They rejected Yahweh's laws and the covenant that he had made with their ancestors. They ignored Yahweh's warnings. They worshiped worthless idols and as a result they themselves became worthless. Although Yahweh had commanded them not to imitate the behavior of the peoples that lived near them, they disobeyed that command.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:16**ULT**

¹⁶ They ignored all the commandments of Yahweh their God. They made cast metal figures of two calves to worship. They made an Asherah pole, and they worshiped all the stars of the heavens and Baal.

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¹⁶ The Israelite people disobeyed all of Yahweh's commands. They made two metal calves to worship. They set up two poles to worship the goddess Asherah, and they worshiped the god Baal, and the sun, the moon, and the stars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:17**ULT**

¹⁷ They made their sons and daughters pass through the fire, they used divination and enchantments, they sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh, and they provoked him to anger.

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¹⁷ They also burned their own sons and daughters to be sacrifices to those gods. They went to fortune tellers and they practiced sorcery. They continually chose to do all kinds of evil things that caused Yahweh to become angry.

How did the Israelites sell themselves?

The Israelites sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Therefore Yahweh was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. There was no one left but the tribe of Judah alone.

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¹⁸ So because Yahweh was very angry with the Israelite people, he allowed their enemies to take them away from their country. Only the people of the tribe of Judah were left in the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Even Judah did not keep the commandments of Yahweh their God, and they followed the practices that Israel had done.

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¹⁹ But even the people of Judah did not obey the commands of Yahweh their God. They imitated the evil customs that the Israelites had introduced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:20**ULT**

²⁰ So Yahweh rejected all the descendants of Israel; he afflicted them and gave them into the hand of those who would take the possession as spoil, until he had cast them out of his sight.

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²⁰ So Yahweh rejected all the people of Israel and of Judah. He punished them by allowing the armies of other nations to defeat them and take them away. He got rid of all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:21**ULT**

²¹ He tore Israel from the royal line of David, and they made Jeroboam son of Nebat king. Jeroboam drove Israel away from following Yahweh and made them commit a great sin.

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²¹ Earlier, when Yahweh had forced the ten tribes of Israel away from the rule of David's descendants, those tribes had chosen Jeroboam son of Nebat, to be their king. Then Jeroboam enticed the people of Israel to stop worshiping Yahweh and to worship idols instead. He induced them to commit great sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:22**ULT**

²² The people of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam and they did not depart from them,

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²² And the Israelite people continued to do the evil things that Jeroboam introduced. They did not turn away from those sins,

Why did Yahweh remove Israel from his sight? (vv22-23)

The people of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam and they did not depart from them, so Yahweh removed Israel from his sight.

2 Kings 17:23**ULT**

²³ so Yahweh removed Israel from his sight, as he had said through all his servants the prophets that he would. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria, and it is this way to this present day.

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²³ so finally Yahweh got rid of them. That was just what his prophets had warned would happen. The Israelite people were taken away to the land of Assyria, and they are still there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:24**ULT**

²⁴ The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon and from Kuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria in place of the people of Israel. They took over Samaria and lived in its cities.

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²⁴ The king of Assyria ordered his soldiers to take groups of people from the cities of Babylon, Kuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim to the region of Samaria, and to resettle them in the cities there, to take the place of the Israelites who lived there previously. Those people took control over Samaria and lived in the cities of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:25**ULT**

²⁵ It happened at the beginning of their residence there that they did not honor Yahweh. So Yahweh sent lions among them which killed some of them.

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²⁵ But those people who came from other countries did not worship Yahweh when they first arrived in Samaria. So Yahweh sent lions to kill some of them.

Why did Yahweh send lions among the new nations in Samaria?

The nations in Samaria did not honor Yahweh, so he sent lions among them.

2 Kings 17:26**ULT**

²⁶ So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations that you have carried away and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the practices required by the god of the land. So he has sent lions among them, and, see, the lions are killing people there because they do not know the practices required by the god of the land."

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²⁶ Then those people sent a message to the king of Assyria. They wrote, "We people who have resettled in the towns of Samaria do not know how to worship the God that the Israelites worshiped in this land. So he has sent lions among us to kill us, because we have not worshiped him correctly."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:27**ULT**

²⁷ Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Take one of the priests there whom you brought from there, and let him go and live there, and let him teach them the practices required by the god of the land."

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²⁷ When the king of Assyria read this letter, he commanded his officers, "Send one of the priests whom you brought here from Samaria to go back there. Tell him to teach the people who are now living there how to worship correctly the God whom the Israelites worshiped in that land."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:28**ULT**

²⁸ So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel; he taught them how they should honor Yahweh.

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²⁸ So the officers did that. They sent one of the Israelite priests back to Samaria. That priest went to live in the city of Bethel, and he taught the people there how to worship Yahweh.

What did the priest teach the new people in Bethel?

The priest taught them how they should honor Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:29**ULT**

²⁹ Every ethnic group made gods of their own, and put them in the high places that the Samaritans had made—every ethnic group in the cities where they lived.

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²⁹ But all those people continued to make their own idols. They took their idols and placed them in the houses that the Samaritan people had built upon the hills all around. Each group of people made their own gods that they worshiped, and each of the gods had a name.

Where did every ethnic group put the gods they made?

Every ethnic group made gods of their own, and put them in the shrines that the Samaritans had made.

2 Kings 17:30**ULT**

³⁰ The people of Babylon made Succoth Benoth; the people of Kuthah made Nergal; the people of Hamath made Ashima;

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³⁰ The people from Babylon made idols to represent their god Succoth Benoth. The people from Kuthah made idols to represent their god Nergal. The people from Hamath made idols to represent their god Ashima.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:31**ULT**

³¹ the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak. The Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelek and Anammelek, the gods of the Sepharvites.

UST

³¹ The people from Avva made idols to represent their gods Nibhaz and Tartak. The people from Sepharvaim sacrificed their own children. They completely burned them on altars to be offerings to their gods Adrammelek and Anammelek.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:32**ULT**

³² They also honored Yahweh, and appointed from among themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the temples at the high places.

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³² But those people also worshiped Yahweh, but they also appointed from among their own groups many people to be priests at the places where idols were worshiped on the hills, and these priests could would offer sacrifices for them upon the high places.

Besides their own gods, who did the new nations in Israel honor?

The new nations also honored Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:33**ULT**

³³ They honored Yahweh and also worshiped their own gods, in the customs of the nations from among whom they had been taken away.

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³³ So they revered Yahweh, but they also worshiped their own gods, just as their people living in their home countries did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:34**ULT**

³⁴ To this day they persist in their old customs. They neither honor Yahweh, nor do they follow the statutes, decrees, the law, or the commandments that Yahweh gave to the people of Jacob—whom he named Israel—

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³⁴ These people in Samaria still keep their old customs. They really do not worship Yahweh, and they do not obey all the laws and decrees that Yahweh gave to the descendants of Jacob, to whom he gave the new name Israel.

How did the new people in Israel not honor Yahweh? (vv34-35)

The new people did not honor Yahweh, because he commanded that they must not fear other gods.

2 Kings 17:35**ULT**

³⁵ and with whom Yahweh had made a covenant and commanded them, “You will not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor worship them, nor sacrifice to them.

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³⁵ Yahweh had previously made an covenant with the ancestors of Israel, commanding them not to worship other gods or bow down to honor them or do other things to please them or offer sacrifices to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:36**ULT**

³⁶ But Yahweh, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and a raised arm, is the one you must honor; it is to him that you will prostrate yourselves, and it is to him that you will sacrifice.

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³⁶ He had said to them, “You must have a sincere respect for me, Yahweh, the one who brought you out of Egypt with my very great power. I am the one whom you must bow down to honor, and I am the one to whom you must offer sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:37**ULT**

³⁷ The statutes and the decrees, the law and the commandments that he wrote for you, you will keep them forever. So you must not fear other gods,

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³⁷ You must always obey the laws and decrees that I told Moses to write for you. You must not worship other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:38**ULT**

³⁸ and the covenant that I have made with you, you will not forget; neither will you honor other gods.

UST

³⁸ And you must not forget the covenant that I made with your ancestors. You must not fear or respect other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:39**ULT**

³⁹ But Yahweh your God is who you will honor. He will rescue you from the might of your enemies."

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³⁹ Instead, you must have a sincere respect for me, Yahweh, your God. If you do that, I will rescue you from the power of all your enemies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ They would not listen, because they continued to do what they had done in the past.

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⁴⁰ But, the Israelites refused to pay attention to what Yahweh said. Instead, they continued to adhere to their old customs.

How did the nations in Israel not listen?

They did not listen because they continued to do what they had done in the past.

2 Kings 17:41**ULT**

⁴¹ So these nations feared Yahweh and they also worshiped their carved figures, and their children did the same—as did their children's children. They continue to do what their ancestors did, up to this day.

UST

⁴¹ So, those people worshiped Yahweh, but they also worshiped their idols. And their descendants still do the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18

2 Kings 18:1

ULT

¹ Now in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah son of Ahaz, king of Judah began to reign.

UST

¹ After King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost three years, Hezekiah son of Ahaz, began to rule Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:2

ULT

² He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah; she was the daughter of Zechariah.

UST

² He was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah and he ruled from Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Abijah, the daughter of a man whose name was Zechariah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:3

ULT

³ He did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, following the example of all that David, his ancestor, had done.

UST

³ Hezekiah did things that Yahweh said are right, like his ancestor King David had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:4**ULT**

⁴ He removed the high places, destroyed the stone pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke to pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, because in those days the people of Israel were burning incense to it; it was called "Nehushtan."

UST

⁴ He destroyed the places where people worshiped Yahweh, and he broke into pieces the poles for worshipping the goddess Asherah. He also broke into pieces the bronze replica of a snake that Moses had made. He did that because the people had named it Nehushtan, and they were burning incense in front of it to honor it.

What were the people of Israel doing to the bronze serpent Moses had made?

The people of Israel were burning incense to the bronze serpent Moses had made.

2 Kings 18:5**ULT**

⁵ Hezekiah trusted in Yahweh, the God of Israel, so that after him there was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among the kings who were before him.

UST

⁵ Hezekiah trusted in Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped. There was no king who ruled Judah before him or after him who was as devoted to Yahweh as he was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:6**ULT**

⁶ For he held on to Yahweh. He did not stop following him but kept his commandments, which Yahweh commanded Moses.

UST

⁶ He remained loyal to Yahweh and never disobeyed him. He carefully obeyed all the commandments that Yahweh had given to Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:7**ULT**

⁷ So Yahweh was with Hezekiah, and wherever he went he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

UST

⁷ Yahweh always helped Hezekiah. He was successful in everything he did. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and refused to do what the king of Assyria wanted him to do

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:8**ULT**

⁸ He attacked the Philistines to Gaza and the borders around, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city.

UST

⁸ His army defeated the soldiers of Philistia as far south as the city of Gaza and the nearby villages. They conquered the entire area, from the smallest village with only a watchtower to the largest cities surrounded by walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:9**ULT**

⁹ In the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.

UST

⁹ After King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost four years, and when King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost seven years, the army of King Shalmaneser of Assyria invaded Israel and surrounded the city of Samaria.

For how long did Shalmaneser king of Assyria attack Samaria? (vv9-10)

Shalmaneser king of Assyria attacked Samaria for three years.

2 Kings 18:10**ULT**

¹⁰ At the end of three years they took it, in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel; in this way Samaria was captured.

UST

¹⁰ In the third year they captured the city. That was when Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost six years, and when Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost nine years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:11**ULT**

¹¹ So the king of Assyria carried Israel away to Assyria and put them in Halah, and at the Habor River in Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

UST

¹¹ The king of Assyria commanded that the people of Israel be taken to Assyria. Some of them were taken to the city of Halah, some were taken to a place near the Habor River in the region of Gozan, and some were taken to cities where the Mede people group live.

Why did the king of Assyria carry Israel captive away to Assyria? (vv11-12)

The king of Assyria carried Israel captive away to Assyria because they did not obey the voice of Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 18:12**ULT**

¹² He did this because they did not obey the voice of Yahweh their God, but they violated the terms of his covenant, all that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded. They refused to listen to it or do it.

UST

¹² That happened because the Israelites did not obey Yahweh their God. They had disobeyed the covenant that Yahweh had made with their ancestors, and all the laws that Moses, the man who served Yahweh very well, had told them to obey. They would not obey those laws. They would not even listen to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:13**ULT**

¹³ Then in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

UST

¹³ After King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost fourteen years, the army of King Sennacherib of Assyria attacked all the cities in Judah that had walls around them. They did not capture Jerusalem, but they captured all the other cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So Hezekiah king of Judah sent word to the king of Assyria, who was at Lachish, saying, "I have offended you. Withdraw from me. Whatever you put on me I will bear." The king of Assyria required Hezekiah king of Judah to pay three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

UST

¹⁴ King Hezekiah sent a message to Sennacherib, while Sennacherib was in the city of Lachish, saying, "What I have done was wrong. Please tell your soldiers to stop attacking us. If you do that, I will pay you whatever you tell me to." So the king of Assyria said that Hezekiah must pay to him 10,000 kilograms (or about ten metric tons) of silver and 1,000 kilograms (about one metric ton) of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the king's palace.

UST

¹⁵ So Hezekiah gave to him all the silver that was in the temple and that was stored in his palace.

From where did Hezekiah get silver to give the king of Assyria?

Hezekiah got silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the king's palace.

2 Kings 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of Yahweh and from the pillars that he had overlaid; he gave the gold to the king of Assyria.

UST

¹⁶ Hezekiah's men also stripped the gold from the doors of the temple and the gold that he himself had put on the doorposts, and he sent all that gold to the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But the king of Assyria mobilized his great army, sending Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. They traveled up the roads and arrived outside Jerusalem. They approached the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the launderers' field, and stood by it.

UST

¹⁷ But the king of Assyria sent a large army with some of his important officials from the city of Lachish to persuade King Hezekiah to surrender. When they arrived at Jerusalem, they stood alongside the aqueduct in which water flows from the upper pool into Jerusalem, near the road to the field where the women wash clothes.

**From where did Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander call to King Hezekiah?
(vv17-18)**

They called to King Hezekiah from the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the launderers' field.

2 Kings 18:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When they had called to King Hezekiah, Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder, went out to meet them.

UST

¹⁸ They sent a message requesting King Hezekiah to come to them, but the king sent three of his officials to talk to them. He sent Hilkiah's son Eliakim, who supervised the palace, Shebna, the official secretary, and Asaph's son Joah, who communicated the king's messages to the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ So the chief commander said to them to tell Hezekiah what the great king, the king of Assyria, said: "What is the source of your confidence?"

UST

¹⁹ One of Sennacherib's important officials told them to take this message to Hezekiah: "This is what the king of Assyria, the great king, says: 'What are you trusting in to rescue you?'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:20**ULT**

²⁰ You speak only useless words, saying there are allies and strength for war. In whom are you trusting, that you should rebel against me?"

UST

²⁰ You say that you have weapons to fight us and that some country has promised to help you, but that is only talk. Who do you think will help you to rebel against my soldiers from Assyria?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:21**ULT**

²¹ Look, you trust in the walking stick of this bruised reed of Egypt, but if a man leans on it, it will stick into his hand and pierce it. That is what Pharaoh king of Egypt is to anyone who trusts in him.

UST

²¹ Listen to me! You are relying on the army of Egypt. But that is like using a broken reed for a walking stick on which you could lean. It would pierce the hand of anyone who would lean on it! That is what the king of Egypt would be like for anyone who relied on him for help.

What would happen if a man leaned on Egypt?

If a man leaned on Egypt, it would stick into his hand and pierce it.

2 Kings 18:22**ULT**

²² But if you say to me, 'We are trusting in Yahweh our God,' is not he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem'?

UST

²² But perhaps you will say to me, "No, we are relying on Yahweh our God to help us." I would reply, "Is he not the one whom you insulted by tearing down his houses on the hills where the idols were worshiped and the altars on which you offered sacrifices, forcing everyone in Jerusalem and other places in Judah to worship only in front of the altar in Jerusalem?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:23**ULT**

²³ Now therefore, I want to make you a good offer from my master the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able to find riders for them.

UST

²³ So I suggest that you make a deal between you and my master, the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, but I do not think that you are able to find two thousand of your men who can ride on them!

What offer did the king of Assyria make?

The king of Assyria offered to give two thousand horses, if Hezekiah was able to find riders for them.

2 Kings 18:24**ULT**

²⁴ How could you resist even one captain of the least of my master's servants? You have put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen!

UST

²⁴ You are hoping that the king of Egypt will send chariots and men riding horses to assist you. But they certainly would not be able to defeat even the most unimportant official in my army!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:25**ULT**

²⁵ Have I traveled up here without Yahweh to fight against this place and destroy it? Yahweh said to me, 'Attack this land and destroy it.'

UST

²⁵ Furthermore, do you think that we have come to destroy Jerusalem without Yahweh's help? It is Yahweh himself who told us to come here and destroy this land!"

What did Yahweh tell the king of Assyria to do?

Yahweh told the king of Assyria to attack Judah and destroy it.

2 Kings 18:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah said to the chief commander, "Please speak to your servants in the Aramaic language, for we understand it. Do not speak with us in the language of Judah in the ears of the people who are on the wall."

UST

²⁶ Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to the official from Assyria, "Sir, please speak to us in your Aramaic language, because we understand it. Do not speak to us in our Hebrew language, because the people who are standing on the wall will understand it and be frightened."

In what language did Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah ask the chief commander to speak?

Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah asked the chief commander to speak in Aramaic.

2 Kings 18:27**ULT**

²⁷ But the chief commander said to them, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? Has he not sent me to the men who sit on the wall, who will have to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

UST

²⁷ But the official replied, "Do you think that my master sent me to say these things only to you and not to the people who are standing on the wall? If you reject this message, the people in this city will soon need to eat their own dung and drink their own urine, just like you will, because there will be nothing more for you to eat or drink."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then the chief commander stood and shouted in a loud voice in the Jews' language, saying, "Listen to the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

UST

²⁸ Then the official stood up and shouted in the Hebrew language to the people sitting on the wall. He said, "Listen this message from the great king, the king of Assyria. He says this:

In what language did the chief commander shout?

The chief commander shouted in the Jews' language.

2 Kings 18:29**ULT**

²⁹ The king says, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to rescue you from my power.

UST

²⁹ 'Do not allow Hezekiah to deceive you. He will not be able to rescue you from my power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:30**ULT**

³⁰ Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, saying, "Yahweh will surely rescue us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

UST

³⁰ Do not allow him to persuade you to rely on Yahweh, saying that Yahweh will rescue you, and that the army of Assyria will never capture this city!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:31**ULT**

³¹ Do not listen to Hezekiah, for this is what the king of Assyria says: 'Make peace with me and come out to me. Then every one of you will eat from his own vine and from his own fig tree, and drink from the water in his own cistern.'

UST

³¹ Do not pay attention to what Hezekiah says! This is what the king of Assyria says: 'Come out of the city and surrender to me. If you do that, I will arrange for each of you to drink the juice from your own grapevines, and to eat figs from your own trees, and to drink water from your own wells.'

What would the king of Assyria let those who make peace with him do?

He would let them eat from their own vine and from their own fig tree, and drink from the water in their own cistern.

2 Kings 18:32**ULT**

³² You will do this until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, so that you may live and not die.' Do not listen to Hezekiah when he tries to persuade you, saying, 'Yahweh will rescue us.'

UST

³² You will be able to do that until we come and take you to a land that is like your land—a land where there is grain to make bread and vineyards to produce grapes for making wine. It will be a land that has plenty of olive trees and honey.' If you do what the king of Assyria commands, you will not die. You will continue to live. Do not allow Hezekiah to persuade you to trust in Yahweh, saying that he will rescue you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:33**ULT**

³³ Has any of the gods of the peoples rescued them out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

UST

³³ The gods that people of other nations worship have never rescued them from the power of the king of Assyria!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:34**ULT**

³⁴ Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Have they rescued Samaria out of my hand?

UST

³⁴ Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Did any of their gods delivered Samaria out of my hand?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:35**ULT**

³⁵ Among all the gods of the lands, is there any god who has rescued his land from my power? How could Yahweh save Jerusalem from my might?"

UST

³⁵ None of these gods kept their people from being destroyed by the king of Assyria. Do you think your God Yahweh, can do any better?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:36**ULT**

³⁶ But the people remained silent and did not respond, for the king had commanded, "Do not answer him."

UST

³⁶ But the people who were listening were silent. No one said anything, because King Hezekiah had told them, "When the official from Assyria talks to you, do not answer him."

What did King Hezekiah command?

The king commanded the people to not answer the chief commander.

2 Kings 18:37

ULT

³⁷ Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over the household; Shebna the scribe; and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and reported to him the words of the chief commander.

UST

³⁷ Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah went back to Hezekiah with their clothes torn because they were extremely distressed, and they told him what the official from Assyria had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19

2 Kings 19:1

ULT

¹ It came about that when King Hezekiah heard their report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹ When King Hezekiah heard what they reported, he tore his clothes and put on clothes made of rough cloth because he was very distressed. Then he went to the temple to ask God what to do.

What did King Hezekiah do when he heard the report?

When King Hezekiah heard the report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:2

ULT

² He sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, all covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet.

UST

² Then he summoned Eliakim and Shebna and the older priests, who were also wearing clothes made of rough sackcloth, and told them to talk to Isaiah the prophet, son of Amoz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:3

ULT

³ They said to him, "Hezekiah says, 'This day is a day of distress, rebuke, and disgrace, for the children have come to the time of birth, but there is no strength for them to be born.

UST

³ He said to them to say these things to Isaiah: "King Hezekiah says that this is a day when we have great distress. Other nations are causing us to be insulted and disgraced like a woman who is about to give birth to a child, but she is not strong enough to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:4**ULT**

⁴ It may be that Yahweh your God will hear all the words of the chief commander, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Yahweh your God has heard. Now lift up your prayer for the remnant that is still here.”

UST

⁴ Perhaps Yahweh our God has heard everything that the official from Assyria said. Perhaps he knows that his master, the king of Assyria, sent him to insult the all-powerful God and that Yahweh will punish him for what he said. And Hezekiah requests that you pray for the few of us who are still alive here in Jerusalem.”

What did Hezekiah say Yahweh should do?

Hezekiah said Yahweh should hear all the words of Rabshakeh and may rebuke the words which Yahweh heard.

2 Kings 19:5**ULT**

⁵ So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,

UST

⁵ When the messengers from Hezekiah came to Isaiah, and

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:6**ULT**

⁶ and Isaiah said to them, “Say to your master: ‘Yahweh says, “Do not be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have insulted me.

UST

⁶ Isaiah instructed them to go back to their master and tell him what Yahweh says: “Those messengers from the king of Assyria have said evil things about me. But you should not be disturbed because of what they said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:7**ULT**

⁷ Look, I will put a spirit in him, and he will hear a certain report and go back to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'""

UST

⁷ Listen to this: I will cause Sennacherib to hear a rumor that will worry him, that other armies are about to attack his country. So he will return to his own country, and there I will cause him to be assassinated by some men."

What would Yahweh do to stop the king of Assyria?

Yahweh would put a spirit in him, and the king would hear a certain report and go back to his own land.

2 Kings 19:8**ULT**

⁸ Then the chief commander returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had gone away from Lachish.

UST

⁸ The official from Assyria found out that the King of Assyria and his army had left the city of Lachish, and that they were attacking Libnah, which was a nearby city. So the official went there to report to him what had happened in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:9**ULT**

⁹ Then Sennacherib heard that Tirhakah king of Cush and Egypt had mobilized to fight against him, so he sent messengers again to Hezekiah with a message:

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⁹ Soon after that, King Sennacherib received a report that King Tirhakah of Ethiopia was leading his army to attack them. But before King Sennacherib left Libnah to fight against the army from Ethiopia, he sent other messengers to King Hezekiah with a letter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ “Say to Hezekiah king of Judah, ‘Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

UST

¹⁰ In the letter he wrote this to Hezekiah: “Do not allow your god on whom you are relying to deceive you by promising that my army will never capture Jerusalem.

According to Sennacherib, in what way did God deceive Hezekiah?

According to Sennacherib, God deceived Hezekiah by saying Jerusalem would not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ See, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them completely. So will you be rescued?

UST

¹¹ You have certainly heard what the armies of the kings of Assyria have done to all the other countries. Our armies have completely destroyed them. So do you think that you will escape?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:12**ULT**

¹² Have the gods of the nations rescued them, the nations that my fathers destroyed: Gozan, Haran, Rezep, and the people of Eden in Tel Assar?

UST

¹² Did the gods of the nations that were about to be destroyed by the armies of the previous kings of Assyria rescue them? Did those gods rescue the people in the region of Gozan or in the cities of Haran and Rezep in northern Aram? Did they rescue the people of Eden who had been deported to the city of Tel Assar? None of the gods of those cities was able to rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:13**ULT**

¹³ Where are the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the cities of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?"

UST

¹³ What happened to the kings of the cities of Hamath, Arpad, Sepharvaim, and Ivvah? They are all dead."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Hezekiah received this letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the house of Yahweh and spread it before him.

UST

¹⁴ Hezekiah received the letter that the messengers gave him, and he read it. Then he went up to the temple and spread out the letter in front of Yahweh.

Where did Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers?

Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed before Yahweh and said, "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, you who sit above the cherubim, you are God alone over all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth.

UST

¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed this: "Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong, you are seated on your throne above the statues of creatures with wings, above the sacred chest. Only you are truly God. You rule all the kingdoms on this earth. You are the one who created everything on the earth and in the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Turn your ear, Yahweh, and listen. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and see, and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God.

UST

¹⁶ So, Yahweh, please listen to what I am saying, and look at what is happening. And listen to what King Sennacherib has said to insult you, the all-powerful God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Truly, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands.

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh, it is true that the armies of the kings of Assyria have completely destroyed many nations and ruined their lands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They have put their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, just wood and stone. So the Assyrians have destroyed them.

UST

¹⁸ And they have thrown the idols of those nations into fires and burned them. But that was not difficult to do, because they were not gods. They were only statues made of wood and stone, idols that were shaped by humans, and that is why they were destroyed easily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now then, Yahweh our God, save us, I implore you, from his power, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Yahweh, are God alone.”

UST

¹⁹ So now, Yahweh our God, please rescue us from the power of the king of Assyria, in order that the people in all the kingdoms of the world may know that you, Yahweh, are the only one who is truly God.”

Why should Yahweh save the people of Judah?

Yahweh should save the people of Judah so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Yahweh is God alone.

2 Kings 19:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah, saying, “Yahweh, the God of Israel says, ‘Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard you.

UST

²⁰ Then Isaiah sent this message to Hezekiah to tell him what Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelites belonged, said in response: “I have heard what you prayed to me about Sennacherib, the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:21**ULT**

²¹ This is the word that Yahweh has spoken about him: “The virgin daughter of Zion despises you and laughs you to scorn. The daughter of Jerusalem shakes her head at you.

UST

²¹ This is what I say to that king: The people of Jerusalem despise you and make fun of you. They wag their heads to mock you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:22**ULT**

²² Whom have you defied and insulted? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes in pride? Against the Holy One of Israel!

UST

²² Who do you think that you were despising and ridiculing? Who do you think you were shouting at? Who do you think you were looking at very proudly? It was I, the holy God whom the Israelites worship.

Against whom did the king of Assyria exalt his voice?

The king of Assyria exalted his voice against the Holy One of Israel!

2 Kings 19:23**ULT**

²³ By your messengers you have defied the Lord, and have said, 'With the multitude of my chariots I have gone up to the heights of the mountains, to the highest elevations of Lebanon. I will cut down the tall cedars and the choice cypress trees there. I will enter into its farthest parts, its most fruitful forest.

UST

²³ The messengers whom you sent made fun of me. You said, 'With my many chariots I have gone to the highest mountains, to the highest mountains in Lebanon. We have cut down its tallest cedar trees and its best cedar trees. We have been to the most distant peaks and to its densest forests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:24**ULT**

²⁴ I have dug wells and have drunk foreign waters. I dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of my feet.'

UST

²⁴ We have dug wells in other countries and drunk water from them. And by marching through the streams of Egypt, we dried them all up!

Who said he had dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of his feet?

Sennacherib said he had dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of his feet.

2 Kings 19:25**ULT**

²⁵ Have you not heard how I determined it long ago, and worked it out in ancient times? Now I am bringing it to pass. You are here to reduce impregnable cities into heaps of ruins.

UST

²⁵ But I reply, 'Have you never heard that long ago I planned that those things would happen? I planned it long ago, and now I have been causing it to occur. I planned that your army would have the power to capture many cities that were surrounded by high walls, and cause them to become piles of rubble.

Who determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins?

Yahweh determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins.

2 Kings 19:26**ULT**

²⁶ Their inhabitants, of little strength, are shattered and ashamed. They are plants in the field, green grass, the grass on the roof or in the field, burned before it has grown up.

UST

²⁶ The people who lived in those cities have no power, and as a result they became dismayed and discouraged. They are as frail as plants and grass in the fields, as frail as grass that grows on the roofs of houses and is scorched before it can grow tall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:27**ULT**

²⁷ But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me.

UST

²⁷ But I know everything about you. I know when you are in your house and when you go outside; I also know that you are raging against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:28**ULT**

²⁸ Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose, and my bit in your mouth; I will turn you back the way you came."

UST

²⁸ So, because you have raged against me, and because I have heard you do this, it will be as though I will put a hook in your nose, and I will put an iron bit in your mouth, in order that I can take you where I want you to go. I will force you to return to your own country on the same road on which you came here, without conquering Jerusalem.'

What would Yahweh put in Sennacherib's nose?

Yahweh would put his hook in Sennacherib's nose

2 Kings 19:29**ULT**

²⁹ This will be the sign for you: This year you will eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that. But in the third year you must plant and harvest, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

UST

²⁹ Now I say this to Hezekiah: 'This is what will happen to prove that I am telling the truth: This year and next year you and your people will be able to harvest only wild grain. But the following year, you Israelites will be able to plant grain and harvest it, and to plant vineyards and eat the grapes.'

What would be the sign for Hezekiah?

The sign would be that the people of Judah would eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that.

2 Kings 19:30**ULT**

³⁰ The remnant of the house of Judah that survives will again take root and bear fruit.

UST

³⁰ The people in Judah who remain alive will prosper and have many children; they will be like plants whose roots go deep down into the ground and which produce much fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:31**ULT**

³¹ For from Jerusalem a remnant will come out, from Mount Zion survivors will come. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will do this.

UST

³¹ There will be many people in Jerusalem who will remain alive, because I, Yahweh, commander of the armies, have planned it to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:32**ULT**

³² Therefore Yahweh says this about the king of Assyria: "He will not come into this city nor shoot an arrow here. Neither will he come before it with shield or build up a siege ramp against it.

UST

³² So this is what I, Yahweh, say about the king of Assyria: "His armies will not enter this city; they will not even shoot any arrows into it. His soldiers will not march outside the city gates carrying shields, and they will not even build high mounds of earth against the city walls to enable them to attack the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:33**ULT**

³³ The way by which he came will be the same way he will leave; he will not enter this city— this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

³³ Their king will return to his own country on the same road on which he came here. He will not enter this city. That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:34**ULT**

³⁴ For I will defend this city and rescue it, for my own sake and for my servant David's sake.”

UST

³⁴ I will defend this city and prevent it from being destroyed. I will do this for the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised to King David, who served me well.”

Why would Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

Yahweh would defend Jerusalem for his own sake and for his servant David's sake.

2 Kings 19:35**ULT**

³⁵ It came about that night that the angel of Yahweh went out and attacked the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers. When the men arose early in the morning, dead bodies lay everywhere.

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³⁵ That night, an angel from Yahweh went out to where the army of Assyria had put up their tents, and killed 185,000 of their soldiers. When the rest of the soldiers woke up the next morning, they saw that there were corpses everywhere.

How did Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

Yahweh went out and attacked the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers.

2 Kings 19:36**ULT**

³⁶ So Sennacherib king of Assyria left Israel and went home and stayed in Nineveh.

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³⁶ Then King Sennacherib left and went home to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:37**ULT**

³⁷ Later, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisrok his god, his sons Adrammelek and Sharezer killed him with the sword. Then they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

UST

³⁷ One day, when he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisrok, his two sons, Adrammelek and Sharezer, killed him with their swords. Then they escaped and went to the region of Ararat, northwest of Nineveh. And another of Sennacherib's sons, Esarhaddon, became the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20

2 Kings 20:1

ULT

¹ In those days Hezekiah was sick to the point of dying. So Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet came to him, and said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Set your house in order; for you will die, and not live.'"

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¹ About that time, Hezekiah became very ill. He thought that he was about to die. Isaiah the prophet came to him and said, "This is what Yahweh says: 'You should tell the people in your palace what you want them to do after you die, because you are not going to recover from this illness. You are going to die.'"

What did Yahweh tell Hezekiah to do because he would die?

Yahweh told Hezekiah to set his house in order for he would die.

2 Kings 20:2

ULT

² Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yahweh, saying,

UST

² Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:3

ULT

³ "Please, Yahweh, call to mind how I have faithfully walked before you with my whole heart, and how I have done what was good in your sight." Then Hezekiah wept loudly.

UST

³ "Yahweh, do not forget that I have always served you faithfully with all my inner being, and I have done things that pleased you." Then Hezekiah started to cry loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:4**ULT**

⁴ Before Isaiah had gone out into the middle courtyard, the word of Yahweh came to him, saying,

UST

⁴ Isaiah left the king, but before he had crossed the middle courtyard of the palace, Yahweh gave him a message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:5**ULT**

⁵ "Turn back, and say to Hezekiah, the leader of my people, 'This is what Yahweh, the God of David your ancestor, says: "I have heard your prayer, and I have seen your tears. I am about to heal you on the third day, and you will go up to the house of Yahweh.

UST

⁵ He said, "Go back to Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, and say to him, 'I, Yahweh, the God whom your ancestor King David worshiped, have heard what you prayed. And I have seen your tears. So, listen, I am going to heal you. Two days from now you will be able to go up to my temple.

Why was Yahweh about to heal Hezekiah?

Because Yahweh heard Hezekiah's prayer and saw his tears, he was about to heal him.

2 Kings 20:6**ULT**

⁶ I will add fifteen years to your life, and I will rescue you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake.'"

UST

⁶ I will enable you to live for fifteen more years. And I will rescue you and this city again from the power of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised King David, who served me well."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:7**ULT**

⁷ So Isaiah said, "Take a lump of figs." They did so and put it on his boil, and he recovered.

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⁷ Isaiah returned to the palace and told Hezekiah what Yahweh had said. Then he said to Hezekiah's servants, "Bring a paste made of boiled figs. Put some of it on his boils, and he will get well." The servants did that, and the king recovered.

How did Hezekiah recover?

A lump of figs was put on his boil, and he recovered.

2 Kings 20:8**ULT**

⁸ Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What will be the sign that Yahweh will heal me, and that I should go up to the temple of Yahweh on the third day?"

UST

⁸ Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, "What will Yahweh do to prove that he will heal me and that two days from now I will be able to go up to the temple?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:9**ULT**

⁹ Isaiah replied, "This will be the sign for you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do the thing that he has spoken. Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps?"

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⁹ Isaiah replied, "Yahweh will do something that will prove to you that he will do what he promised. Do you want him to cause the shadow on the stairway to go back ten steps or to go forward ten steps?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Hezekiah answered, "It is an easy thing for the shadow to go forward ten steps. No, let the shadow go backward ten steps."

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¹⁰ Hezekiah replied, "It is easy to for the shadow to move forward, because that is what it always does. Aks Yahweh to make it move backward ten steps on the stairway that King Ahaz ordered his servants to build."

How did Yahweh change the shadow? (vv10-11)

Yahweh brought the shadow ten steps backward, from where it had moved to on the stairway of Ahaz.

2 Kings 20:11**ULT**

¹¹ So Isaiah the prophet cried out to Yahweh, and he brought the shadow ten steps backward, from where it had moved on the stairway of Ahaz.

UST

¹¹ So Isaiah prayed earnestly to Yahweh, and Yahweh caused the shadow to go backward ten steps on the stairway of king Ahaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:12**ULT**

¹² At that time Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

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¹² At that time, King Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan, the previous king of Babylonia, heard a report that King Hezekiah had been very sick. So he wrote some letters and gave them to some messengers to take to Hezekiah, along with a gift.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:13**ULT**

¹³ Hezekiah listened to those letters, and then showed the messengers all the palace and his valuable things, the silver, the gold, the spices and precious oil, and the storehouse of his weapons, and all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his kingdom, that Hezekiah did not show them.

UST

¹³ When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. Then he showed them all the treasure that was in his palace and treasuries—the silver and gold, the spices, the nice-smelling olive oil, and all the weapons for his soldiers. There were no valuable things in his storerooms or anywhere else in his kingdom that he did not show them.

What did Hezekiah show the messengers from the king of Babylon?

Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

2 Kings 20:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and asked him, “What did these men say to you? Where did they come from?” Hezekiah said, “They came from the distant country of Babylon.”

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¹⁴ Then the prophet Isaiah went to Hezekiah and asked him, “Where did those men come from, and what did they say to you?” Hezekiah replied, “They came from a country very far from here. They came from Babylonia.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Isaiah asked, “What have they seen in your house?” Hezekiah answered, “They have seen everything in my house. There is nothing among my valuable things that I have not shown them.”

UST

¹⁵ Isaiah asked, “What did they see in your palace?” Hezekiah replied, “They saw everything. I showed them absolutely everything that I own—all my valuable things.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Listen to the word of Yahweh:

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¹⁶ Isaiah knew that Hezekiah had done a very foolish thing. So Isaiah said to him, "Listen to what Yahweh says to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:17**ULT**

¹⁷ 'Look, the days are about to come when everything in your palace, the things that your ancestors stored away until this present day, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ There will be a time when everything that is still in your palace, all the valuable things that were put there by you and your ancestors, will be carried away to Babylon. There will be nothing left here! That is what Yahweh says to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The sons born from you, whom you yourself have fathered—they will take them away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

UST

¹⁸ Furthermore, some of your own descendants will be forced to go there, and they will be castrated in order that they may become servants in the palace of the king of Babylon."

What would happen to the sons born from Hezekiah?

The people of Babylon would take away the sons born from him, and they would become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 20:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of Yahweh that you have spoken is good.” For he thought, “Will there not be peace and stability in my days?”

UST

¹⁹ Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, “The message from Yahweh that you have given to me is good.” He said that because he was thinking, “Even if that happens, there will be peace and security in Israel all during the remaining time that I remain alive.”

Why did Hezekiah think that the word of Yahweh was good?

Hezekiah thought that the word of Yahweh was good because there would be peace and stability in his days.

2 Kings 20:20**ULT**

²⁰ As for the other matters concerning Hezekiah, and all his power, and how he constructed the pool and the conduit, and how he brought water into the city—are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

UST

²⁰ If you want to know more about all the other things that Hezekiah did, about his brave deeds in battle, about how he commanded his people to build a reservoir in the city and a tunnel to be dug to bring water into the reservoir, they are all written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:21**ULT**

²¹ Hezekiah slept with his ancestors, and Manasseh his son became king in his place.

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²¹ Later Hezekiah died, and his son Manasseh became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21

2 Kings 21:1

ULT

¹ Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah.

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¹ Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to rule. He ruled Judah for fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother was Hephzibah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:2

ULT

² He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, like the disgusting things of the nations whom Yahweh had driven out before the people of Israel.

UST

² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He imitated the disgusting things that were formerly done by the people of the nations that Yahweh had driven out from the land of Israel as his people advanced through the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:3

ULT

³ For he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and he built altars for Baal, made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and he bowed down to all the stars of heaven and worshiped them.

UST

³ He commanded his workers to rebuild the places of idol worship built on the hills. Those were the very high places that his father Hezekiah had destroyed. He directed his workers to build altars to offer sacrifices of living creatures to Baal. Manasseh made a statue of the goddess Asherah, as Ahab the king of Israel had done previously. And Manasseh worshiped the stars and he served them.

What did Manasseh rebuild?

Manasseh rebuilt the shrines that Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed.

2 Kings 21:4**ULT**

⁴ Manasseh built altars in the house of Yahweh, although Yahweh had commanded, "It is in Jerusalem that my name will be forever."

UST

⁴ He directed his workers to build altars for worshipping foreign gods in the temple of Yahweh, even though Yahweh had said, "It is here in Jerusalem where I want people to worship me, forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:5**ULT**

⁵ He built altars for all the stars of heaven in the two courtyards of the house of Yahweh.

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⁵ He directed that altars for worshipping the stars be built in both of the courtyards in the temple grounds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:6**ULT**

⁶ He caused his son to pass through the fire, he performed sorcery and divination and consulted with those who talked with the dead and with those who talked with spirits. He did much evil in the sight of Yahweh, provoking him to anger.

UST

⁶ He even sacrificed his own son and burned him in the fire. He performed rituals to practice sorcery and spells. He also went to people who consulted the spirits of dead people to find out what would happen in the future. He did many things that Yahweh said are extremely evil, things that caused Yahweh to become very angry.

With whom did Manasseh consult?

Manasseh consulted with those who talked with the dead and with those who talked with spirits.

2 Kings 21:7**ULT**

⁷ The carved figure of Asherah that he had made, he placed it in the house of Yahweh. It was about this house that Yahweh had spoken to David and Solomon his son; he had said: "It is in this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, that I will put my name forever.

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⁷ He placed the statue of the goddess Asherah in the temple, the place about which Yahweh had said to David and his son Solomon, "My temple will be here in Jerusalem. This is the city that I have chosen from all the territory of the twelve tribes of Israel, where I want people to worship me forever.

What did Manasseh place in the house of Yahweh?

Manasseh placed the carved figure of Asherah that he had made in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 21:8**ULT**

⁸ I will not cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land that I gave to their ancestors, if they will only be careful to obey all that I have commanded them, and to follow all the law that my servant Moses commanded them."

UST

⁸ And if the Israelite people obey all my commands and all the laws that I gave to Moses, the man who served me very well, I will not again force them to leave this land that I gave to their ancestors."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:9**ULT**

⁹ But the people did not listen, and Manasseh led them to do evil even more than the nations that Yahweh had destroyed before the people of Israel.

UST

⁹ But the people did not pay attention to Yahweh. Manasseh persuaded them to commit sins that were more evil than the sins that were committed by the people of the nations that Yahweh had driven from the land as the Israelite people advanced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So Yahweh spoke by his servants the prophets, saying,

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¹⁰ These are some of the things that Yahweh said through his prophets. Many times Yahweh had given them these messages:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ "Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these disgusting things, and has acted wickedly more than all that the Amorites who were before him did, and has also made Judah sin with his idols,

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¹¹ "Manasseh, the king of Judah, has done these abominable things, things that are much worse than the things that the Amor people group did in this land long ago. He has lead the people of Judah to sin against Yahweh by worshiping the idols that he worshiped.

Whom did Manasseh act more wickedly than?

Manasseh acted more wickedly than the Amorites who were before him.

2 Kings 21:12**ULT**

¹² therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, says this: Look, I am about to bring such evil on Jerusalem and Judah that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle.

UST

¹² Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, the God whom you Israelite people worship, says to you: I am about to cause disaster to come to Jerusalem and the rest of Judah. It will be terrible, with the result that everyone who hears about it will be stunned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:13**ULT**

¹³ I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line used against Samaria, and the plumb line used against the house of Ahab; I will wipe Jerusalem clean, as a man wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.

UST

¹³ I will judge and punish the people of Jerusalem as I punished the family of King Ahab of Israel. I will remove the people of Jerusalem as people wipe a plate clean and then turn it upside down to show that they are now satisfied.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will throw off the remnant of my inheritance and give them into the hand of their enemies. They will become victims and plunder for all their enemies,

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¹⁴ And I will abandon the people who remain alive, and I will allow their enemies to conquer them and steal everything valuable from their land.

Why would the remnant become victims and plunder for all their enemies? (vv14-15)

The remnant would become victims and plunder for all their enemies because they did what was evil in Yahweh's sight, and provoked him to anger.

2 Kings 21:15**ULT**

¹⁵ because they have done what is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their ancestors came out of Egypt, to this day."

UST

¹⁵ I will do this because my people have done things that I say are very evil, things which have caused me to become very angry. They have caused me to become angry continually, ever since the time that their ancestors left Egypt."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Moreover, Manasseh shed much innocent blood, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death. This was in addition to the sin by which he made Judah to sin, when they did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

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¹⁶ Manasseh commanded his officials to kill many innocent people in Jerusalem, with the result that their blood flowed in the streets. He did this in addition to persuading the people of Judah to do many things that Yahweh said were evil.

How much innocent blood did Manasseh shed?

Manasseh shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death.

2 Kings 21:17**ULT**

¹⁷ As for the other matters concerning Manasseh, all that he did, and the sin that he committed, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

UST

¹⁷ If you want to know more about all the things that Manasseh did, and the sin that he committed, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Manasseh slept with his ancestors and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. Amon his son became king in his place.

UST

¹⁸ Manasseh died and was buried in the garden outside his palace, the garden that Uzza had made. Then his son Amon became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; he reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Meshullemeth; she was the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

UST

¹⁹ Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king. He ruled Judah from Jerusalem for only two years. His mother's name was Meshullemeth. She was from the city of Jotbah, and was the daughter of Haruz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:20**ULT**

²⁰ He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, as Manasseh his father had done.

UST

²⁰ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his father Manasseh had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:21**ULT**

²¹ Amon followed in all the way that his father had walked in and worshiped the idols that his father worshiped, and bowed down to them.

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²¹ He imitated the behavior of his father, and he worshiped the same idols that his father had worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:22**ULT**

²² He abandoned Yahweh, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of Yahweh.

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²² He abandoned Yahweh, the God whom his ancestors had worshiped, and did not behave as Yahweh wanted him to behave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:23**ULT**

²³ The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house.

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²³ Then one day some of his officials made plans to kill him. They assassinated him in the palace.

How did Amon die?

The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house.

2 Kings 21:24**ULT**

²⁴ But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against King Amon, and they made Josiah his son king in his place.

UST

²⁴ But then the people of Judah killed all those who had assassinated King Amon, and they appointed his son Josiah to be their king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:25**ULT**

²⁵ As for the other matters concerning Amon that he did, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

UST

²⁵ If you want to read about the other things that Amon did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:26

ULT

²⁶ The people buried him in his tomb in the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son became king in his place.

UST

²⁶ Amon was also buried in the tomb in the garden that Uzza had made. Then his son Josiah became the king.

Where was Amon buried?

The people buried Amon in his tomb in the garden of Uzza.

2 Kings 22

2 Kings 22:1

ULT

¹ Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah (she was the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath).

UST

¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for thirty-one years. His mother was Jedidah and his grandfather was Adaiah from the city of Bozkath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:2

ULT

² He did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh. He walked in all the way of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.

UST

² Josiah did things that were pleasing to Yahweh and conducted his life as his ancestor King David had done. He fully obeyed all the laws of God.

How did Josiah walk?

Josiah walked in all the ways of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 22:3

ULT

³ It came about that in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of Yahweh, saying,

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³ After Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, he sent his secretary Shaphan son of Azaliah and grandson of Meshullam, to the temple with these instructions:

What did Josiah want Hilkiah to give to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh? (vv3-5)

Josiah wanted Hilkiah to give the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:4**ULT**

⁴ "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest and tell him to count the money that has been brought into the house of Yahweh, which the temple guards have gathered from the people.

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⁴ "Go to Hilkiah, the high priest, and tell him to give me a report, telling me how much money the men who guard the doors of the temple have collected from the people as offerings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:5**ULT**

⁵ Let it be given into the hand of the workmen who are in charge of the house of Yahweh, and let them give it to the workmen who are in the house of Yahweh, for them to make repairs to damage in the temple.

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⁵ Then tell him to give all that money to the men who are supervising the work of repairing the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:6**ULT**

⁶ Let them give money to the carpenters, the builders, and the masons, and also to buy timber and cut stone to repair the temple."

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⁶ They must give that money to the carpenters, the builders, and the masons, and they should also buy the timber and the stones that they will use to repair the temple."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:7**ULT**

⁷ But no accounting was required for the money that was given to them, because they handled it faithfully.

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⁷ But the men who supervise the work will not be required to make a report on the money that is given to them, saying what they spent it for, because those men are completely honest.

Why was no accounting required for the money that was given to the workmen?

No accounting was required for the money that was given to the workmen, because they handled it faithfully.

2 Kings 22:8**ULT**

⁸ Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in the house of Yahweh." So Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

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⁸ After Shaphan the king's secretary said that to Hilkiyah, Hilkiyah said to Shaphan, "I have found in the temple a scroll on which is written the laws that God gave to Moses!" Hilkiyah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he started to read it.

What did Hilkiyah find in the house of Yahweh?

Hilkiyah found the book of the law in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:9**ULT**

⁹ Shaphan went and took the book to the king, and also reported to him, saying, "Your servants have spent the money that was found in the temple and they have given it into the hand of the workmen who supervise the care for the house of Yahweh."

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⁹ Then Shaphan took the scroll to the king and said to him, "Your temple guards have taken the money that was in the temple, and they have given it to the men who will supervise the work of repairing the temple."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then Shaphan the scribe said to the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." Then Shaphan read it to the king.

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¹⁰ Then Shaphan said to the king, "I have brought to you a scroll that Hilkiah gave to me." And Shaphan started to read it to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ It came about that when the king had heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

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¹¹ When the king heard the laws that were written in the scroll that Shaphan was reading to him, he tore his clothes because he was very upset.

When the king heard the words of the law, what did he do?

When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

2 Kings 22:12**ULT**

¹² The king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Akbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah, his own servant, saying,

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¹² Then he gave these instructions to Hilkiah, to Shaphan's son Ahikam, to Micaiah's son Akbor, and to Asaiah, the king's special advisor:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:13**ULT**

¹³ “Go and consult with Yahweh for me, and for the people and for all Judah, because of the words of this book that has been found. For great is the anger of Yahweh that has been kindled against us because our ancestors have not listened to the words of this book so as to obey all that was written concerning us.”

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¹³ “Go and ask Yahweh for me and for all the people of Judah, about what is written in this scroll that has been found. Because it is clear that Yahweh is very angry with us because our ancestors disobeyed the things that are written on this scroll, things that we should have done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter), and they spoke with her.

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¹⁴ So Hilkiah, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to consult a woman whose name was Huldah, who was a prophetess who lived in the newer part of Jerusalem. Her husband Shallum son of Tikvah and grandson of Harhas, took care of the robes that were worn in the temple. Those five men told her about the scroll.

Where did Huldah live?

Huldah lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter.

2 Kings 22:15**ULT**

¹⁵ She said to them, “This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: ‘Tell the man who sent you to me,

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¹⁵ She then told them what Yahweh the God whom the Israelites worship says, “Yahweh has a message for the king who sent you to me, and this is what Yahweh says:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:16**ULT**

¹⁶ “This is what Yahweh says: ‘See, I will bring disaster to this place and to its inhabitants, according to everything written in the book that the king of Judah has read.’”

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¹⁶ ‘Listen to this carefully. I am going to bring a disaster on Jerusalem and all the people who live here, which is what was written in the scroll that the king has read.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ “Because they have forsaken me and have burned incense to other gods, so that they might provoke me to anger with all the deeds they have committed—therefore my anger has been kindled against this place, and it will not be extinguished.”

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¹⁷ I will do that because they have abandoned me, and they burn incense to honor other gods. They have caused me to become very angry by all the idols that they have made, and my anger is like a fire that will not be put out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ “But to the king of Judah, who sent you to ask Yahweh’s will, this is what you will say to him: ‘Yahweh, the God of Israel says this: ‘About the words that you heard,

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¹⁸ The king of Judah sent you to inquire what I, Yahweh, want him to do. This is what you should say to him, “You have paid attention to what was written in the scroll.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ because your heart was tender, and because you have humbled yourself before Yahweh, when you heard what I said against this place and its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and because you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have listened to you—this is Yahweh's declaration.

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¹⁹ Also, you have repented and humbled yourself when you heard what I threatened to do to punish this city and the people who live here, I have heard what you prayed. I said that I would cause this city to be abandoned. It will be a city whose name people will use when they curse someone. But because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you.

Why did Yahweh listen to the king of Judah?

Yahweh listened to the king of Judah because his heart was tender, and because he humbled himself before Yahweh, and because he tore his clothes and wept before Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ See, I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place. "" So the men took this message back to the king.

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²⁰ So I will allow you to die and be buried peacefully. I will cause a great disaster to come to this place, but you will not be alive to see it. "" After the men heard that, they returned to King Josiah and gave him that message.

What would the eyes of the king of Judah not see?

His eyes would not see any of the disaster that Yahweh would bring on the place and its inhabitants.

2 Kings 23

2 Kings 23:1

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¹ So the king sent messengers who gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

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¹ Then the king summoned all the elders of Jerusalem and of the other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:2

ULT

² Then the king went up to the house of Yahweh, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, prophets, and all the people, from small to great. He then read in their hearing all the words of the book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of Yahweh.

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² They went together to the temple, along with the priests and the prophets, and many other people, from the most important people to the least important people. And while they listened, the king read to them all of the laws that Moses had written. He read from the scroll that had been found in the temple.

In whose hearing did the king read all the words of the book of the covenant?

The king read all the words of the book of the covenant in the hearing of all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, prophets, and all the people, from small to great.

2 Kings 23:3

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³ The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before Yahweh, to walk after Yahweh and to keep his commandments, his regulations, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book. So all the people agreed to stand by the covenant.

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³ Then the king stood next to the pillar where the kings stood when they made important announcements, and, while Yahweh was listening, he repeated his promise to sincerely obey with his inner being the covenant. And all the people also promised to obey the covenant.

What did all the people agree to do?

All the people agreed to stand by the covenant.

2 Kings 23:4**ULT**

⁴ The king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests under him, and the gatekeepers to bring out of the temple of Yahweh all the vessels that were made for Baal and Asherah, and for all the stars of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley and carried their ashes to Bethel.

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⁴ Then the king gave a command to Hilkiah, the high priest, to all the other priests who assisted him, and to the men who guarded the entrance to the temple. He told them to bring out from the temple all the items that people had been using to worship Baal, the goddess Asherah, and the stars. After they carried them out, they burned all those things outside the city in the Kidron Valley. Then they took all the ashes to Bethel.

What did the king burn outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley?

The king burned all the vessels that were made for Baal and Asherah, and for all the stars of heaven outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley.

2 Kings 23:5**ULT**

⁵ He got rid of the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had chosen to burn incense at the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places around Jerusalem—those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon, to the planets, and to all the stars of heaven.

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⁵ There were many pagan priests whom the previous kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense on the altars scattered throughout the region of Judah and to worship on the high places that they had built on the hills. They had been offering sacrifices to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, the planets, and the stars. The king stopped them from doing those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:6**ULT**

⁶ He brought out the Asherah pole from the temple of Yahweh, outside Jerusalem to the Kidron Valley and burned it there. He beat it to dust and threw that dust onto the graves of the common people.

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⁶ He commanded that the statue of the goddess Asherah be taken out of the temple. Then they took it outside Jerusalem, down to the Kidron Valley, and burned it. Then they pounded the ashes to powder and scattered that over the graves of ordinary people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:7**ULT**

⁷ He cleared out the rooms of the cultic prostitutes who were in the temple of Yahweh, where the women wove garments for Asherah.

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⁷ He also took everything out of the rooms in the temple where the temple male prostitutes lived. That was where women wove robes that were used to worship the goddess Asherah.

What rooms did the king clear out?

The king cleared out the rooms of the male prostitutes who were in the temple of Yahweh.

2 Kings 23:8**ULT**

⁸ Josiah brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba. He destroyed the high places at the gates that were at the entrance to the gate of Joshua (the city governor), on the left side of the city gate.

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⁸⁻⁹ Josiah also brought to Jerusalem all the priests who were offering sacrifices in the other cities of Judah. He also desecrated the places on the hills where the priests had burned incense to honor idols, from Geba in the north to Beersheba in the south. Those priests were not allowed to offer sacrifices in the temple, but they were allowed to eat the unleavened bread that the priests who worked in the temple ate. He also commanded that the altars that were near the gate built by Joshua, the mayor of Jerusalem, be destroyed. Those altars were at the left of the main gate into the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:9**ULT**

⁹ Although the priests of those high places were not allowed to serve at the altar of Yahweh in Jerusalem, they ate unleavened bread among their brothers.

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Where were the priests of those shrines where incense was burned allowed to eat unleavened bread?

The priests of those shrines where incense was burned were allowed to eat unleavened bread in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Josiah defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so that no one might cause his son or his daughter to pass through the fire as a sacrifice to Molech.

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¹⁰ Josiah also desecrated the place named Topheth, in the Ben Hinnom Valley, in order that no one could offer his son or daughter there to be completely burned on the altar as a sacrifice to the god Molech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:11**ULT**

¹¹ He took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun. They had been in an area at the entrance to the temple of Yahweh, near the room of Nathan-Melek, the chamberlain. Josiah burned the chariots of the sun.

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¹¹ He also removed the horses that the previous kings of Judah had dedicated to worshiping the sun, and he burned the chariots that were used in that worship. Those horses and chariots were kept in the courtyard outside the temple, near the entrance to the temple, and near the room where one of Josiah's officials lived, whose name was Nathan-Melek.

Where were the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun?

The horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun were in an area at the entrance to the temple of Yahweh, near the room of Nathan Melech.

2 Kings 23:12**ULT**

¹² Josiah the king destroyed the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars that Manasseh had made in the two courts of the temple of Yahweh. Josiah smashed them into pieces and threw them into the Kidron Valley.

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¹² Josiah also commanded his servants to tear down the altars that the previous kings of Judah had built on the palace roof, above the room where King Ahaz had stayed. They also tore down the altars that had been built by King Manasseh in the two courtyards outside the temple. He commanded that they be smashed to pieces and thrown down into the Kidron Valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:13**ULT**

¹³ The king ruined the high places east of Jerusalem, south of the mount of corruption that Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth, the detestable idol of the Sidonians; for Chemosh, the detestable idol of Moab; and for Molech, the detestable idol of the people of Ammon.

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¹³ He also commanded that the altars that King Solomon had built east of Jerusalem, south of the Mount of Olives—the so-called Mount of Corruption—be desecrated. Solomon had built them for the worship of the disgusting idols—the statue of the goddess Ashtoreth worshiped by the people in the city of Sidon, Chemosh the god of the Moab people group, and Molech the god of the Ammon people group.

Who built the Mount of Corruption?

Solomon king of Israel built the Mount of Corruption.

2 Kings 23:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He broke the stone pillars into pieces and cut down the Asherah poles and he filled those places with the bones of human beings.

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¹⁴ They also broke into pieces the stone pillars that the Israelite people worshiped, and cut down the poles that honored the goddess Asherah, and they scattered the ground there with human bones to desecrate it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Josiah also completely destroyed the altar that was at Bethel and the high place that Jeroboam son of Nebat (the one who made Israel to sin) had constructed. He also burned that altar and the high place and beat it to dust. He also burned the Asherah pole.

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¹⁵ Furthermore, he commanded them to tear down the place of worship that was near the city of Bethel, the very same place of worship that had been built by King Jeroboam (whose father was Nebat, the same man who made Israel to sin against Yahweh). Josiah led the people of Israel to tear down that altar that was on the high hill, and they also burned the wooden pole used in the worship of the idol that had the name "Asherah."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:16**ULT**

¹⁶ As Josiah looked over the area, he noticed the graves that were on the hillside. He sent men to take the bones from the graves; then he burned them on the altar, which defiled it. This was according to the word of Yahweh which the man of God had spoken, the man who spoke of these things beforehand.

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¹⁶ Then Josiah looked around and saw some tombs on the hill. He commanded his men to take the bones out of those tombs and burn them on the altar. By doing that, he desecrated the altar. These events were predicted many years before when Yahweh gave his word to Israel by his prophet.

Why did Josiah burn bones on the altar at Bethel?

He burned bones on the altar to defile it.

2 Kings 23:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then he said, "What monument is that I see?" The men of the city told him, "That is the grave of the man of God who came from Judah and spoke about these things that you have just done against the altar of Bethel."

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¹⁷ Josiah asked, "Whose tomb is that?" The people of Bethel replied, "It is the tomb of the prophet who came from Judah and predicted that these things that you have just now done to this altar would happen."

Whose bones did Josiah not move? (vv17-18)

Josiah did not move the bones of the man of God who came from Judah and the prophet who had come from Samaria.

2 Kings 23:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So Josiah said, "Let it alone. No one should move his bones." So they let his bones alone, along with the bones of the prophet who had come from Samaria.

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¹⁸ Josiah replied, "Allow his tomb to remain as it is. Do not remove the prophet's bones from the tomb." So the people did not remove those bones, or the bones of the other prophet, the one who had come from Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Josiah removed all the houses on the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made, and that provoked Yahweh to anger. He did to them exactly what had been done at Bethel.

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¹⁹ In every city in Samaria, at Josiah's command, they tore down the houses built on hills to worship idols. The ones that had been built by the previous kings of Israel, which had caused Yahweh to become very angry. He did to all those places of idols worship the same thing that he had done to the altars at Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:20**ULT**

²⁰ He slaughtered all the priests of the high places on the altars and he burned human bones on them. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

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²⁰ He ordered that all the priests who offered sacrifices on the places built on the hills where they worshiped idols, and they were to be killed on those altars. Then he burned human bones on every one of those altars to desecrate them. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:21**ULT**

²¹ Then the king commanded all the people, saying, "Keep the Passover to Yahweh your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant."

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²¹ Then the king commanded all the people to celebrate the Passover festival to honor Yahweh their God, which was written in the law of Moses that they should do every year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:22**ULT**

²² Such a Passover celebration had never been held from the days of the judges who ruled Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.

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²² During all the years that leaders ruled Israel and during all the years that kings of Israel and the kings of Judah, they had not celebrated that festival.

For how long had such a Passover celebration not been held?

Such a Passover celebration had not been held from the days of the judges who ruled Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.

2 Kings 23:23**ULT**

²³ But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover of Yahweh was celebrated in Jerusalem.

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²³ But now, after Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, to honor Yahweh they celebrated the Passover festival in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:24**ULT**

²⁴ Josiah also banished those who talked with the dead or with spirits. He also banished the fetishes, the idols, and all the disgusting things that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, so as to confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest had found in the house of Yahweh.

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²⁴ Furthermore, Josiah removed from Jerusalem and other places in Judah all the people who practiced sorcery and those who asked the spirits of dead people to tell them what they should do. He also removed from Jerusalem and from the other places in Judah all the household idols and all the other idols and abominable things. He did those things in order to obey what had been written in the scroll that Hilkiyah had found in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:25**ULT**

²⁵ Before Josiah, there had been no king like him, who turned to Yahweh with all his heart, all his soul, and all his might, who followed all the law of Moses. Nor did any king like Josiah arise after him.

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²⁵ Josiah was devoted to Yahweh with all that he felt and thought and with all his strength. There had never been in Judah or Israel a king like him. He obeyed all the laws of Moses. And there has never since then been a king like Josiah.

How did Josiah turn to Yahweh?

Josiah turned to Yahweh with all his heart, all his soul, and all his might.

2 Kings 23:26**ULT**

²⁶ Nevertheless, Yahweh did not turn away from the burning of his fierce anger, which burned against Judah because of all that Manasseh had done to provoke him to anger.

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²⁶ But Yahweh had become extremely angry with the people of Judah because of all the things that King Manasseh had done to provoke him, and he continued to be very angry.

From what did Yahweh not turn?

Yahweh did not turn from the fierceness of his great wrath.

2 Kings 23:27**ULT**

²⁷ So Yahweh said, "I will also remove Judah out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will throw away this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, 'My name will be there.'"

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²⁷ He said, "I will do to Judah what I have done to Israel. I will drive away the people of Judah, with the result that they will never enter my presence again. And I will reject Jerusalem, the city that I chose to belong to me, and I will reject the temple, the place where I said that I should be worshiped."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:28**ULT**

²⁸ As for the other matters concerning Josiah, everything that he did, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

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²⁸ If you want to know more about all the other things that Josiah did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:29**ULT**

²⁹ In his days, Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River. King Josiah went to meet Necho in battle, and Necho killed him at Megiddo.

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²⁹ While he was the king of Judah, King Necho of Egypt led his army north to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah tried to stop the army of Egypt at the city of Megiddo, but he was killed in a battle there.

Who went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River?

Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River.

2 Kings 23:30**ULT**

³⁰ Josiah's servants carried him dead in a chariot from Megiddo, brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own grave. Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz son of Josiah, anointed him, and made him king in his father's place.

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³⁰ His officials placed his corpse in a chariot from Megiddo, and took it back to Jerusalem, where it was buried in his own tomb. Then the people of Judah poured olive oil on Josiah's son Joahaz, to appoint him to be the new king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:31**ULT**

³¹ Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal; she was the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

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³¹ Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he became the king of Judah, but he ruled from Jerusalem for only three months. His mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah from the city of Libnah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:32**ULT**

³² Jehoahaz did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, like everything that his ancestors had done.

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³² Joahaz did many things that Yahweh said were evil, just like many of his ancestors had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:33**ULT**

³³ Pharaoh Necho put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so that he might not reign in Jerusalem. Then Necho fined Judah one hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold.

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³³ King Necho's army captured him and tied him up with chains and took him as a prisoner to the city of Riblah in the district of Hamath, to prevent him from continuing to rule in Jerusalem. Necho forced the people of Judah to pay to him about 3.3 metric tons of silver and thirty three kilograms of gold.

Why did Pharaoh Neco put Jehoahaz in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath?

Pharaoh Neco put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so he might not reign in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:34**ULT**

³⁴ Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away to Egypt, and Jehoahaz died there.

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³⁴ King Necho appointed another son of Josiah, Eliakim, to be the new king, and he changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. Then he took Joahaz to Egypt, and later Joahaz died there in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:35**ULT**

³⁵ Jehoiakim paid the silver and gold to Pharaoh. In order to meet the demand of Pharaoh, Jehoikim taxed the land and he forced each man among the people of the land to pay him the silver and gold according to their assessments.

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³⁵ King Jehoiakim collected a tax from the people of Judah. He collected more from the rich people and less from the poor people. He collected silver and gold from them, in order to pay to the king of Egypt what he commanded them to give.

How did Jehoiakim get the money to pay Pharaoh?

Jehoiakim taxed the land to pay the money, in order to pay Pharaoh.

2 Kings 23:36**ULT**

³⁶ Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zebidah; she was the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

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³⁶ Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother was Zebidah, the daughter of Pedaiah from the city of Rumah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:37

ULT

³⁷ Jehoiakim did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, just as his ancestors had done.

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³⁷ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his ancestors had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24

2 Kings 24:1

ULT

¹ In Jehoiakim's days, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon attacked Judah; Jehoiakim became his servant for three years. Then Jehoiakim turned back and rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar.

UST

¹ While Jehoiakim was ruling Judah, the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded Judah. They defeated the Judean army, and as a result, Jehoiakim was required to pay much tribute to King Nebuchadnezzar. But after three years, Jehoiakim rebelled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:2

ULT

² Yahweh sent against Jehoiakim bands of Chaldeans, Arameans, Moabites, and Ammonites; he sent them against Judah to destroy it. This was in conformity with the word of Yahweh that had been spoken through his servants the prophets.

UST

² Then Yahweh sent raiders from Babylonia and Aram, and from the Moab and Ammon people groups, to attack the people of Judah and kill them, just as Yahweh had told his prophets to warn the people would happen.

What had Yahweh spoken through his servants the prophets?

Yahweh had spoken through his servants the prophets that bands of Chaldeans, Arameans, Moabites, and Ammonites would destroy Judah.

2 Kings 24:3

ULT

³ It was certainly at the mouth of Yahweh that this came on Judah, to remove them out of his sight, because of the sins of Manasseh, all that he did, ^[1]

UST

³ These things happened to the people of Judah just as Yahweh had commanded. He decided to destroy the people of Judah because of the many sins that King Manasseh had committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:4**ULT**

⁴ and also because of the innocent blood that he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood. Yahweh was not willing to pardon that.

UST

⁴ Manasseh had even caused many innocent people in Jerusalem to be killed, and Yahweh would not forgive that.

What was Yahweh not willing to pardon?

Yahweh was not willing to pardon that Manasseh filled Jerusalem with innocent blood.

2 Kings 24:5**ULT**

⁵ As for the other matters concerning Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the events of the kings of Judah?

UST

⁵ The other things that happened while Jehoiakim was king, and all the things that he did, are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:6**ULT**

⁶ Jehoiakim slept with his ancestors, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

UST

⁶ When Jehoiakim died, his son Jehoiachin became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:7**ULT**

⁷ The king of Egypt did not attack any more out of his land, because the king of Babylon had conquered all the lands that had been controlled by the king of Egypt, from the brook of Egypt to the Euphrates River.

UST

⁷ The army of the king of Babylon defeated the army of Egypt. The king of Babylon took control of all the area that the Egyptians formerly controlled, from the brook at the border of Egypt in the south to the Euphrates River in the north. So the army of the king of Egypt did not return to attack Judah again.

Why did the king of Egypt not attack any more out of his land?

The king of Egypt did not attack any more out of his land, because the king of Babylon had conquered all the lands that had been controlled by the king of Egypt.

2 Kings 24:8**ULT**

⁸ Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; he reigned in Jerusalem three months. His mother's name was Nehushta; she was the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

UST

⁸ Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became the king of Judah. His mother's name was Nehushta. She was the daughter of a man from Jerusalem named Elnathan. Jehoiachin ruled in Jerusalem for only three months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:9**ULT**

⁹ He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh; he did all that his father had done.

UST

⁹ Jehoiachin did many things that Yahweh said were evil, all the evil things that his father had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:10**ULT**

¹⁰ At that time the army of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon attacked Jerusalem and besieged the city.

UST

¹⁰ While Jehoiachin was king, some officers of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came along with the whole Babylonian army to Jerusalem, and they surrounded the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:11**ULT**

¹¹ Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to the city while his soldiers were besieging it,

UST

¹¹ While they were doing that, Nebuchadnezzar himself came to the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:12**ULT**

¹² and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, his mother, his servants, his princes, and his officers. The king of Babylon captured him in the eighth year of his own reign.

UST

¹² Then King Jehoiachin, his mother, his advisors, important officers, palace officials all surrendered to the Babylonian army. When Nebuchadnezzar had been king for eight years, he captured Jehoiachin and took him to Babylon.

When did Nebuchadnezzar capture Jehoiachin?

Nebuchadnezzar captured Jehoiachin in the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign.

2 Kings 24:13**ULT**

¹³ Nebuchadnezzar took out from there all the valuable things in the house of Yahweh, and those in the king's palace. He cut into pieces all the golden objects that Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of Yahweh, as Yahweh had said would happen.

UST

¹³ Just as Yahweh had said would happen, Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers took to Babylon all the valuable things from Yahweh's temple and from the king's palace. They cut up all the gold items that King Solomon had put in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He took into exile all Jerusalem, all the leaders, and all the fighting men, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths. No one was left except the poorest people in the land.

UST

¹⁴ They took from Jerusalem to Babylon ten thousand people, including the important officials and the best soldiers and the people who made and repaired things that were made of metal. Only the very poor people were left in Judah.

Who was left in the land?

Only the poorest people were left in the land.

2 Kings 24:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin into exile at Babylon, as well as the king's mother, wives, officers, and the chief men of the land. He took them into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

UST

¹⁵ Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers seized King Jehoiachin and took him to Babylon, along with his wives and officials, his mother, and all the important people. He took them into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:16**ULT**

¹⁶ All the fighting men, seven thousand in number, and one thousand craftsmen and blacksmiths, all of them fit for fighting—the king of Babylon brought these men into exile at Babylon.

UST

¹⁶ They also took to Babylon all seven thousand soldiers and one thousand men who knew how to make and repair things that are made from metal. All of these people whom they took were able to fight in battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's father's brother, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

UST

¹⁷ Then the king of Babylon appointed Jehoiachin's uncle, Mattaniah, to be the king of Judah, and he changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

To what name did the king of Babylon change Mattaniah's name?

The king of Babylon changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

2 Kings 24:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal; she was the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.

UST

¹⁸ When Zedekiah was twenty-one years old, he became king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother's name was Hamutal. She was the daughter of a man named Jeremiah from the city of Libnah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh; he did all that Jehoiakim had done.

UST

¹⁹ But Zedekiah did many things that Yahweh said were evil, just as Jehoiakim had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:20**ULT**

²⁰ Through Yahweh's anger, all these events happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he drove them out of his presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

24:3 ^[1].

UST

²⁰ Because Yahweh was very angry, he finally drove the people out of Jerusalem and the other places in Judah and sent them to Babylon. This is what happened when Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25

2 Kings 25:1

ULT

¹ It happened that in the ninth year of the reign of King Zedekiah, in the tenth month, and on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem. He camped opposite it, and they built a siege wall around it.

UST

¹ After Zedekiah had been ruling for nine years, on the tenth day of the tenth month of that year, King Nebuchadnezzar arrived with his whole army. They surrounded Jerusalem. Against the walls of the city, they built ramps made of earth, so that they could climb up and attack the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:2

ULT

² So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah's reign.

UST

² It took them two years to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:3

ULT

³ On the ninth day of the fourth month of that year, the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

UST

³ After Zedekiah had been ruling for eleven years, by the ninth day of the fourth month of that year, the famine had become very bad. All the people's food was gone.

Why was there no food for the people of the land?

The famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

2 Kings 25:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the city was broken into, and all the fighting men fled at night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, although the Chaldeans were all around the city. The king went in the direction of the Arabah.

UST

⁴ Then the Babylonian soldiers broke through part of the city wall, and that enabled them to enter the city. All the soldiers of Judah tried to escape. But the Babylonian soldiers surrounded the city, so the king and the soldiers of Judah waited until it was nighttime. Then they fled through the gate that was between the two walls near the king's park. They ran across the fields and started to go down to the plain along the Jordan River.

Where did all the fighting men flee?

All the fighting men fled at night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden.

2 Kings 25:5**ULT**

⁵ But the army of Chaldeans pursued King Zedekiah and overtook him in the plains of the Jordan River valley near Jericho. All his army was scattered away from him.

UST

⁵ But the Babylonian soldiers chased after them. They caught the king when he was by himself in the plains of Jericho. He was by himself because all his soldiers had abandoned him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:6**ULT**

⁶ They captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, where they passed sentence on him.

UST

⁶ The Babylonian soldiers took King Zedekiah to the city of Riblah in Babylonia. There the king of Babylon decided what they would do to punish him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:7**ULT**

⁷ As for Zedekiah's sons, they slaughtered them before his eyes. Then he put out his eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon.

UST

⁷ The king of Babylon forced Zedekiah to watch as the Babylonian soldiers killed all of Zedekiah's sons. Then they gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They put bronze chains on his hands and feet and took him to the city of Babylon.

What happened to Zedekiah after his sons were slaughtered?

After Zedekiah's sons were slaughtered, the Chaldeans put out his eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon.

2 Kings 25:8**ULT**

⁸ Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, a servant of the king of Babylon and commander of his bodyguards, came to Jerusalem.

UST

⁸ On the seventh day in the fifth month of that year, after Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling for nineteen years, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem. He was one of King Nebuchadnezzar's officials; he was in command of the men who guarded the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:9**ULT**

⁹ He burned the house of Yahweh, the king's palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem; also every important building in the city he burned.

UST

⁹ He ordered his soldiers to burn down Yahweh's temple, the king's palace, and all the houses in Jerusalem. So they burned down all the important buildings in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ As for all the walls around Jerusalem, all the army of the Babylonians who were under the commander of the bodyguard destroyed them.

UST

¹⁰ Then Nebuzaradan supervised the Babylonian soldiers as they tore down the walls surrounding Jerusalem.

Who destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem?

All the army of the Babylonians who were under the commander of the bodyguard destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem.

2 Kings 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ As for the rest of the people who were left in the city, those who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the remainder of the population—Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguard, took them away into exile.

UST

¹¹ After that, he and his soldiers took to Babylon the people who were still living in the city, the other people who lived in the region of Judah, and the soldiers who had previously surrendered to the Babylonian army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:12**ULT**

¹² But the commander of the bodyguard did leave some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

UST

¹² But Nebuzaradan allowed some of the very poor people to stay in Judah to take care of the vineyards and to plant crops in the fields.

Why did the bodyguard leave some of the poorest of the land?

The bodyguard left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

2 Kings 25:13**ULT**

¹³ As for the bronze pillars that were in the house of Yahweh, and the stands and the bronze sea that were in the house of Yahweh, the Chaldeans broke them into pieces and carried the bronze back to Babylon.

UST

¹³ The Babylonian soldiers broke into pieces the bronze pillars, the bronze stands with wheels, and the large bronze tank known as "The Sea," all of which were in the temple courtyard, and they took all the bronze to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The pots, shovels, lamp trimmers, spoons, and all the utensils of bronze with which the priests had served in the temple—the Chaldeans took them all away.

UST

¹⁴ They also took the pots, the shovels, the instruments for snuffing out the lamps, the dishes, and all the other bronze items that the Israelite priests had used for offering sacrifices in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The pots for removing ashes and the bowls that were made of gold, and those made of silver—the captain of the king's guard took them away as well.

UST

¹⁵ The soldiers also took away the pans for the ashes of the sacrifices, the basins, and all the other items made of gold or silver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The two pillars, the sea, and the stands that Solomon had made for the house of Yahweh contained more bronze than could be weighed.

UST

¹⁶ The bronze from the two pillars, the bronze stands with wheels, and the huge tank that was called "The Sea," were all so very heavy that they could not be weighed. These things had been made for the temple when Solomon was the king of Israel.

How much bronze did the two pillars contain?

The two pillars contained more bronze than could be weighed.

2 Kings 25:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The height of the first pillar was eighteen cubits, and a capital of bronze was on top of it. The capital was three cubits high, with latticework and pomegranates all around on the capital, all made of bronze. The other pillar and its latticework were the same as the first.

UST

¹⁷ Each of the pillars was eight and one-third meters high. The bronze capital of each pillar was one and one-third meters high. They were each decorated all around with something that looked like a net made of bronze chains connecting bronze pomegranates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The commander of the bodyguard took Seraiah the chief priest, together with Zephaniah, the second priest, and the three gatekeepers.

UST

¹⁸ Nebuzaradan took with him to Babylon Seraiah, the high priest; Zephaniah, his assistant; and the three men who guarded the entrance to the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:19**ULT**

¹⁹ From the city he took prisoner an officer who was in charge of soldiers, and five men of those who advised the king, who were still in the city. He also took prisoner the king's army officer responsible for drafting men into the army, along with sixty important men from the land who were in the city.

UST

¹⁹ From the people who were still left in Jerusalem, he took one officer from the Judean army, five of the king's advisors, the chief secretary of the army commander who was in charge of recruiting men to join the army, and sixty other important Judean men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguard, took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

UST

²⁰ Nebuzaradan took them all to the king of Babylon at the city of Riblah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:21**ULT**

²¹ The king of Babylon put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. In this way, Judah went out of its land into exile.

UST

²¹ There at the city of Riblah, in the province of Hamath, the king of Babylon commanded that they all be executed. That is what happened when the people of Judah were taken forcefully from their land to Babylon.

What did the king of Babylon do to the people taken prisoner by the commander of the bodyguard?

The king of Babylon put them to death.

2 Kings 25:22**ULT**

²² As for the people who remained in the land of Judah, those whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, he put Gedaliah son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, in charge of them.

UST

²² Then King Nebuchadnezzar appointed a man named Gedaliah to be the governor of the people who he still allowed to live in Judah. Gedaliah was a son of Ahikam and a grandson of Shaphan.

Whom did Nebuchadnezzar put in charge of the people who remained in the land of Judah?

Nebuchadnezzar put Gedaliah in charge of them.

2 Kings 25:23**ULT**

²³ Now when all the commanders of the soldiers, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they went to Gedaliah at Mizpah. These men were Ishmael son of Nethaniah, Johanan son of Kareah, Seraiah son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah son of the Maakathite—they and their men.

UST

²³ When all the army commanders in Judah and their soldiers found out that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah to be the governor, they met with him at the city of Mizpah. These commanders were Ishmael son of Nethaniah; Johanan son of Kareah; Seraiah son of Tanhumeth, from the city of Netophah; and Jaazaniah, from the region of Maacah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:24**ULT**

²⁴ Gedaliah made an oath to them and to their men, and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the Chaldean officials. Live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will go well with you."

UST

²⁴ Gedaliah solemnly promised them that the officials from Babylon were not planning to harm them. He said, "You may live in this land without being afraid; you should obey the king of Babylon. If you do, everything will go well for you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:25**ULT**

²⁵ But it happened that in the seventh month Ishmael son of Nethaniah son of Elishama, from the royal family, came with ten men and attacked Gedaliah. Gedaliah died, along with the men of Judah and the Babylonians who were with him at Mizpah.

UST

²⁵ But in the seventh month of that year, Ishmael, whose grandfather Elishama was in the family descended from King David, went to Mizpah along with ten other men. They assassinated Gedaliah and all the men with him. There were also men from Judah and men from Babylon whom they assassinated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then all the people, from the least to the greatest, and the commanders of the soldiers, arose and went to Egypt, because they were afraid of the Babylonians.

UST

²⁶ Then many of the people from Judah, important people and unimportant ones, and the army commanders were very afraid of what the Babylonians would do to them, so they fled to Egypt.

Why did all the people and the commanders of the soldiers go to Egypt?

All the people and the commanders of the soldiers went to Egypt, because they were afraid of the Babylonians.

2 Kings 25:27**ULT**

²⁷ It happened later in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, that Awel-Marduk king of Babylon released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison. This happened in the year that Awel-Marduk began to reign.

UST

²⁷ Thirty-seven years after King Jehoiachin of Judah had been taken to Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar's son Awel-Marduk became the king of Babylon. He was kind to Jehoiachin, and on the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month of that same year, he released Jehoiachin from prison.

When was Jehoiachin released from prison?

Jehoiachin was released from prison in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, in the year that Evil Merodach began to reign.

2 Kings 25:28**ULT**

²⁸ He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat more honorable than that of the other kings who were with him in Babylon.

UST

²⁸ He always spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and honored him more than the other kings who had been taken to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:29**ULT**

²⁹ Awel-Marduk removed Jehoiachin's prison clothes, and Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life.

UST

²⁹ He gave Jehoiachin new clothes to replace the clothes that he had been wearing in prison, and he allowed Jehoiachin to eat at the king's table every day for the rest of his life.

What food did Jehoiachin eat? (vv29-30)

Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life. And a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.

2 Kings 25:30**ULT**

³⁰ A regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.

UST

³⁰ The king of Babylon also gave him money every day, so that he could buy the things that he needed. The king continued to do that until Jehoiachin died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

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