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Ezekiel

Ezekiel 1

Ezekiel 1:1

ULT

¹ In the thirtieth year, the fourth month, and the fifth day of the month, it came about that I was living among the captives by the Kebar Canal. The heavens opened, and I saw visions of God.

UST

¹⁻² “When I, Ezekiel, was thirty years old, I was living among the Israelite people by the Kebar Canal, which was south of Babylon. The Babylonians had taken us from the land of Judah and brought us here. On the fifth day of the fourth month of that year, it was as though the sky opened and I saw visions from God. The fifth day of the fourth month was almost five years after King Jehoiachin had been exiled.”

Among whom was Ezekiel living when he had visions of God? (vv1-3)

Ezekiel was living among the captives in the land of the Chaldeans when he had visions of God.

Ezekiel 1:2

ULT

² On the fifth day of that month—it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin—

UST

²

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:3

ULT

³ the word of Yahweh came to Ezekiel son of Buzi the priest, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Kebar Canal, and the hand of Yahweh was upon him there.

UST

³ So God gave Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, messages in Babylonia while he was beside the Kebar Canal. Yahweh’s power went to him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:4**ULT**

⁴ Then I looked, and there was a windstorm coming from the north; a great cloud with fire flashing within it and brightness surrounding it and inside of it, and the fire was the color of amber inside the cloud.

UST

⁴ In one of the visions, I saw a windstorm coming from the north. There was a huge cloud, and lightning was flashing within it continually, and a brilliant light surrounded the cloud. In the center of where the lightning was flashing, there was amber-colored fire.

What was in the middle of the great cloud Ezekiel saw coming from the north? (vv4-6)

In the middle of the cloud was the likeness of four living creatures, each with four faces and four wings.

Ezekiel 1:5**ULT**

⁵ In the middle was the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: They had the likeness of a man,

UST

⁵ In the center of the storm I saw what resembled four living creatures. They resembled humans,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:6**ULT**

⁶ but they had four faces each, and each of the creatures had four wings.

UST

⁶ but each of them had four faces and four wings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:7**ULT**

⁷ Their legs were straight, but the soles of their feet were like the hooves of a calf that shone like polished bronze.

UST

⁷ Their legs were like human legs, but their feet resembled the hooves of calves that shined like polished bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:8**ULT**

⁸ Yet they had human hands under their wings on all four sides. For all four, their faces and wings were like this:

UST

⁸ On the four sides of their bodies under their wings there were hands like humans have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:9**ULT**

⁹ their wings were touching the wings of the next creature, and they did not turn as they went; instead, each one went straight forward.

UST

⁹ As the four creatures stood there, they formed a circle, with their wings touching each other. They did not turn when they were moving; they went straight ahead.

How did the creatures move?

The creatures did not turn as they went but each one went straight forward.

Ezekiel 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The likeness of their faces was like the face of a man. The four of them had the face of a lion to the right side, and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side. They four had also the face of an eagle.

UST

¹⁰ Each of the creatures had four faces. In front there was a face that resembled a human face. The face on the right side resembled a lion's face. The face on the left side resembled an ox's face. The face in back resembled an eagle's face.

What appearances did the living creatures have on their faces?

Their faces had the appearance of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle.

Ezekiel 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ Their faces were like that, and their wings were spread out above, so that each creature had a pair of wings that touched another creature's wing, and also a pair of wings that covered their bodies.

UST

¹¹ Two of each creature's wings were lifted up and touched the wings of the creatures that were on either side of it. The other two wings were folded against the creature's body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:12**ULT**

¹² Each went straight forward, so that wherever the Spirit directed them to go, they went without turning.

UST

¹² The creatures went straight ahead in whatever direction the Spirit of God, who controlled them, wanted them to go, without changing directions while they were moving.

What was directing the movement of the four living creatures?

The Spirit was directing the movement of the four living creatures.

Ezekiel 1:13**ULT**

¹³ As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches; bright fire also moved about among the creatures, and there were flashes of lightning.

UST

¹³ The four creatures resembled burning coals or torches. A blazing fire moved back and forth among the creatures, and lightning flashed from among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The living creatures were moving swiftly back and forth, and they had the appearance of lightning!

UST

¹⁴ The creatures were moving back and forth very rapidly, so that they looked like flashes of lightning.

As the four living creatures moved back and forth, what did they look like?

As they moved, the four living creatures looked like lightning.

Ezekiel 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then I looked at the living creatures; and I saw one wheel on the ground beside each of living creatures with its four faces.

UST

¹⁵ While I looked at the four living creatures, I saw a wheel on the ground beside each of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: Each wheel was like beryl, and the four had the same likeness; their appearance and structure was like a wheel intersecting another wheel.

UST

¹⁶ Each of the wheels was the same, and they all shone like beryl. Each wheel seemed to have one wheel inside another wheel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ As they moved, they went in any of their four directions, without turning as they went.

UST

¹⁷ Whenever they moved, they would go straight in one of the four directions that the creatures were facing; they did not turn in another direction while they moved.

What were the four wheels beside the four living creatures able to do?

The four wheels were able to go in any direction without turning.

Ezekiel 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ As for their rims, they were high and fearsome, for the rims were full of eyes round about.

UST

¹⁸ The rims of the wheels were imposing and frightening, and they were covered with eyes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Whenever the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them. When the living creatures rose up from the earth, the wheels also rose up.

UST

¹⁹ Whenever the living creatures moved, the wheels moved with them. So whenever the creatures rose up from the ground, the wheels also rose up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ Wherever the Spirit would go, they went, and the wheels rose up beside them, for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

UST

²⁰ Wherever the Spirit of God, who controlled the creatures, wanted them to go, they went; and the wheels went with them, because their spirit controlled the wheels.

Why did the wheels go wherever the living creatures went? (vv20-21)

The wheels followed the living creatures because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

Ezekiel 1:21**ULT**

²¹ Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels also moved; and when the creatures stood still, the wheels stood still; when the creatures rose up from the earth, the wheels rose up beside them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

UST

²¹ Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels moved. Whenever the creatures stood still, the wheels stopped. Whenever the creatures rose up from the ground, the wheels rose up with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:22**ULT**

²² Over the heads of the living creatures was the likeness of an expansive dome; it looked like awe-inspiring crystal stretched out over their heads above.

UST

²² Above the heads of the creatures there was something that resembled a dome. It glistened as ice shines, and it was awesome.

What was over the heads of the living creatures?

An expansive dome was over the heads of the living creatures.

Ezekiel 1:23**ULT**

²³ Beneath the dome, each one of the creature's wings stretched out straight and touched another creature's wings. Each of the living creatures also had a pair to cover themselves; each had a pair to cover his own body.

UST

²³ Under the dome, the creatures stretched out their wings. Each one had two wings that touched the wings of the creatures on either side, and two wings that covered his own body.

What did the living creatures do with their wings?

Each one of the creature's wings stretched out straight and touched another creature's wings and each of the living creatures also had a pair of wings to cover his own body.

Ezekiel 1:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then I heard the sound of their wings. Like the noise of many waters. Like the voice of the Almighty whenever they moved. Like the sound of a rainstorm. Like the sound of an army. Whenever they stood still, they lowered their wings.

UST

²⁴ Whenever the creatures moved, their wings made a sound that resembled the crashing of waves in the sea. It also sounded like the voice of Almighty God, and like the noise of a huge army marching. Whenever the creatures stood still on the ground, they lowered their wings.

What does Ezekiel say the creatures' wings sounded like?

The creatures' wings sounded like rushing water, like the voice of the Almighty, like a rainstorm, and like an army.

Ezekiel 1:25**ULT**

²⁵ A voice came from above the dome over their heads whenever they stood still and lowered their wings.

UST

²⁵ While they stood on the ground with their wings lowered, there was a voice from the dome that was over their heads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:26**ULT**

²⁶ Above the dome over their heads was the likeness of a throne that was like the appearance of a sapphire stone, and on the likeness of the throne was a likeness like the appearance of a man.

UST

²⁶ Above the dome was something that resembled a huge throne that was made of a huge sapphire. Sitting on the throne was someone who resembled a human.

What was above the dome, which was over the creatures' heads?

Above the dome was a throne, and on the throne was the appearance of one who looked like a man.

Ezekiel 1:27**ULT**

²⁷ I saw a figure with the appearance of glowing metal with fire in it from the appearance of his hips up; I saw from the appearance of his hips downward the appearance of fire and brightness all around.

UST

²⁷ I saw that above his waist he resembled metal that was glowing as though it had a very hot fire inside it. And I saw that below his waist there was a very brilliant light that surrounded him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:28**ULT**

²⁸ Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day was the appearance of the bright light surrounding it. It was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yahweh. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice speaking.

UST

²⁸ It shone like a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day. That was the brilliant light that represented the presence of Yahweh. When I saw it, I threw myself flat onto the ground, and I heard him speak!

As what did the bright figure appear to Ezekiel?

The bright figure appeared as the likeness of the glory of Yahweh.

What did Ezekiel do when he saw the bright figure?

When he saw the bright figure, Ezekiel fell on his face.

Ezekiel 2

Ezekiel 2:1

ULT

¹ He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet; then I will speak to you."

UST

¹ The voice said to me, "Son of man, stand up while I speak to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 2:2

ULT

² Then, as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

UST

² While he spoke to me, God's Spirit entered me and enabled me to stand up. Then I heard him speak to me.

What did the Spirit do to Ezekiel as the Spirit spoke to Ezekiel?

The Spirit stood Ezekiel on his feet as he spoke to Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 2:3

ULT

³ He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to rebellious nations that have rebelled against me—both they and their ancestors have sinned against me up to this very day!

UST

³ He said, "Son of man, I will send you to the Israelite people. They are people who have turned away from me and rebelled against me. Their ancestors rebelled against me, and they themselves are still rebelling against me.

To whom did the Spirit send Ezekiel?

The Spirit sent Ezekiel to the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 2:4**ULT**

⁴ Their descendants have stubborn faces and hard hearts. I am sending you to them, and you will say to them, 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says.'

UST

⁴ The people to whom I will send you are very stubborn. But say to them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says to you.'

What was Ezekiel to say to the people of Israel?

Ezekiel was to say, "This is what the Lord Yahweh says," to the people of Israel.

According to the Spirit, what kind of people were the descendants of Israel? (vv4-5)

The descendants were a stubborn, hardhearted and rebellious people.

Ezekiel 2:5**ULT**

⁵ Either they will listen or they will not listen. They are a rebellious house, but they will at least know that a prophet has been among them.

UST

⁵ And when you tell them my messages, perhaps those rebellious people will heed those messages and perhaps they will not heed them; but they will know that a prophet has been among them!

What would the people of Israel know because of Ezekiel's speaking to them?

The people of Israel would know that a prophet had been among them.

Ezekiel 2:6**ULT**

⁶ You, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, although you are with briars and thorns and although you live with scorpions. Do not fear their words or be dismayed by their faces, since they are a rebellious house.

UST

⁶ And you, son of man, you must not be afraid of them or afraid of what they say. Living among them will be like living in the midst of briars or scorpions, but do not be afraid of them. They are rebellious people, but do not allow them to frighten you.

What did the Spirit tell Ezekiel not to do as he spoke to the people of Israel?

The Spirit told Ezekiel not to be afraid of the people of Israel as he spoke to them.

Ezekiel 2:7**ULT**

⁷ But you will speak my words to them, whether they listen or not, because they are most rebellious.

UST

⁷ Tell them my message, but do not expect them to pay attention to it, because they are very rebellious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 2:8**ULT**

⁸ But you, son of man, listen to what I am saying to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am about to give to you!"

UST

⁸ But son of man, you must pay attention to what I say. Do not be rebellious like they are. Now open your mouth and eat what I give to you."

How was Ezekiel supposed to be different than the people of Israel?

Ezekiel was not to be rebellious like the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 2:9**ULT**

⁹ Then I looked, and a hand was extended out to me; in it was a written scroll.

UST

⁹ Then, as I watched, I saw his hand that was stretched toward me. In his hand was a scroll.

What was spread out before Ezekiel?

A written scroll was spread out before Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 2:10

ULT

¹⁰ He spread it out before me; it had been written on both its front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning, and woe.

UST

¹⁰ He unrolled the scroll. On both sides of it were written words that expressed sorrow and mourning and words about trouble.

What was written on the scroll?

On the scroll were written lamentations, mourning, and woe.

Ezekiel 3

Ezekiel 3:1

ULT

¹ He said to me, "Son of man, what you have found, eat. Eat this scroll, then go speak to the house of Israel."

UST

¹ He said to me, "Son of Man, eat this scroll that is in front of you. Then go and speak to the Israelite people."

What did the Spirit give to Ezekiel and what did Ezekiel do with it? (vv1-3)

The Spirit gave Ezekiel a scroll and Ezekiel ate it.

Ezekiel 3:2

ULT

² So I opened my mouth, and he fed me that scroll.

UST

² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:3

ULT

³ He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this scroll that I have given to you!" So I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.

UST

³ Then he said to me, "Son of Man, eat the scroll that I have given to you. Fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and in my mouth it tasted as sweet as honey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:4**ULT**

⁴ Then he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.

UST

⁴ Then he said to me, "Son of Man, go to the Israelite people and tell them my message.

What did the Spirit tell Ezekiel to go and do?

The Spirit told Ezekiel to go and speak the Spirit's words to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 3:5**ULT**

⁵ For you are not being sent to a people of strange speech or difficult language, but to the house of Israel—

UST

⁵ The people to whom I am sending you are not people whose language is very difficult to learn, a language which you do not understand. I am sending you to your Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:6**ULT**

⁶ not to many peoples of strange speech or a difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely if I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

UST

⁶ I am sending you to people whose language you do not understand very well. If I were sending you to people whose language was difficult for you to understand, they would pay attention to what you say to them.

According to the Spirit, if Ezekiel had been sent to a foreign people, how would they have responded to Ezekiel's words?

If Ezekiel had been sent to a foreign people, they would have listened to Ezekiel's words.

Ezekiel 3:7**ULT**

⁷ But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. So all the house of Israel is strong browed and hard hearted.

UST

⁷ But because the Israelite people do not want to listen to me, they will not want to listen to you. They do not want to listen because they are all very rebellious.

According to the Spirit, how would the house of Israel respond to Ezekiel's words?

The house of Israel would not be willing to listen to Ezekiel's words.

Ezekiel 3:8**ULT**

⁸ Behold! I have made your face as hard as their faces and your brow as hard as their brows.

UST

⁸ But you—I will enable you to be as stubborn and tough as they are.

How has the Spirit made Ezekiel so that he will not be fearful or discouraged? (vv8-9)

The Spirit has made Ezekiel stubborn, and his brow like a diamond.

Ezekiel 3:9**ULT**

⁹ I have made your brow like a diamond, harder than flint! Do not fear them or be discouraged by their faces, since they are a rebellious house."

UST

⁹ I will cause you to be as firm as the hardest stone, like flint. So, even though they are very rebellious people, do not be afraid of them; do not allow them to frighten you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then he said to me, "Son of man, all the words that I announce to you—take them into your heart and hear them with your ears!"

UST

¹⁰ He also said to me, "Son of Man, listen very carefully to what I say, and keep thinking about it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then go to the captives, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says,' whether they will listen or not."

UST

¹¹ Go to your fellow Israelites who are here after being exiled, and speak to them. Say to them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says' and then tell them my message, whether they want to hear it or whether they would rather cease to exist."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:12**ULT**

¹² Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the sound of a great earthquake: "Blessed be the glory of Yahweh from his place!"

UST

¹² Then in the vision the Spirit of God lifted me up, and I heard behind me the sound of a large earthquake. (Praise our glorious Yahweh in the place where he lives in heaven!)

What did the great sound behind Ezekiel say to him?

The great sound said, "Blessed be the glory of Yahweh from his place!"

Ezekiel 3:13**ULT**

¹³ It was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels that were with them, and the sound of a great earthquake.

UST

¹³ I heard the sound of the wings of the four living creatures brushing against each other, and I also heard the sound of the wheels that were beside them. It was a loud sound like an earthquake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went with bitterness in my spirit's rage, for the hand of Yahweh was powerfully pressing on me!

UST

¹⁴ The Spirit took me away. Within me I was very bitter and angry, and I felt unable to do anything, as though Yahweh were pushing down on me very powerfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So I went to the captives at Tel Aviv who lived along the Kebar Canal, and I stayed there among them for seven days, overwhelmed in amazement.

UST

¹⁵ I came to the exiles who lived at the town of Tel Aviv near the Kebar Canal in Babylon. Then, where they were living, I sat for seven days. I was shocked about everything that I had seen.

What did Ezekiel then do for seven days, and what was his condition?

Ezekiel stayed with the captives for seven days, overwhelmed in amazement.

Ezekiel 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then it happened after seven days that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

¹⁶ After those seven days had ended, Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel, so listen to the word from my mouth, and give them my warning.

UST

¹⁷ "Son of Man, I am appointing you to be like a watchman. So listen to these messages that I will give you, and tell them those messages to warn them.

What did Yahweh say he had made Ezekiel for the house of Israel?

Yahweh said he had made Ezekiel a watchman for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die' and you do not warn him or speak a warning to the wicked about his evil deeds so he might live—the wicked one will die for his sin, but I will require his blood from your hand.

UST

¹⁸ When I say about some wicked people, 'They will surely die because of their sins,' if you do not warn them or tell them that they must turn from their wicked behavior if they want to save their lives, they will die because of their sin, and it will be your responsibility since you did not act to prevent it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked deeds, then he will die for his sin, but you will have rescued your own life.

UST

¹⁹ But if you warn wicked people and they do not turn from all their wicked behavior, they will die because of their sins, but you will have saved yourself from my punishment.

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ezekiel if he did warn the wicked about their evil deeds?

If Ezekiel did warn the wicked, then Ezekiel would rescue himself.

Ezekiel 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and acts unjustly, and I set a stumbling block before him, he will die. Because you did not warn him, he will die in his sin, and I will not call to mind the righteous deeds that he performed, but I will require his blood from your hand.

UST

²⁰ Similarly, when righteous people turn from their righteous behavior and do evil deeds, and I cause bad things to happen to them, they will die. But you must warn them. If they do not stop their sinful behavior, they will die because of their sins. I will not think about the righteous things that they did previously. But if you have not warned them, I will hold you responsible for their deaths.

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ezekiel if he did not warn the wicked about their evil deeds?

If Ezekiel did not warn the wicked, Yahweh would require their blood from Ezekiel's hand.

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ezekiel if he did not warn the righteous man who turns and acts unjustly?

If Ezekiel did not warn the righteous man who turns, Yahweh would require his blood from Ezekiel's hand.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the righteous man who turns and acts unjustly?

Yahweh said the righteous man who turns and acts unjustly would die in his sin.

Ezekiel 3:21**ULT**

²¹ But if you warn the righteous man to stop sinning so that he no longer sins, he will surely live since he was warned; and you will have rescued your own life."

UST

²¹ But if you warn righteous people not to sin, and they do not sin; they will surely remain alive because they heeded your warning, and you will have saved yourself from my punishment."

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ezekiel if he did warn the righteous man who turns and acts unjustly?

If Ezekiel did warn the righteous man who turns, then Ezekiel would rescue himself.

Ezekiel 3:22**ULT**

²² So the hand of Yahweh was on me there, and he said to me, "Arise! Go out into the plain, and I will speak with you there!"

UST

²² I felt Yahweh take control, and he spoke to me and said, "Get up and go to the plain, and I will speak to you there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:23**ULT**

²³ I arose and went out into the plain, and there the glory of Yahweh was staying, like the glory that I had seen beside the Kebar Canal; so I fell on my face.

UST

²³ So I got up and went out to the plain. And I saw the glory of Yahweh there, like the glory that I had seen along the Kebar Canal. And I threw myself flat onto the ground.

What did Ezekiel do when he saw the glory of Yahweh in the plain?

When Ezekiel saw the glory of Yahweh, he fell on his face.

Ezekiel 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ The Spirit came to me and stood me up on my feet; and he spoke with me, and said to me, "Go and shut yourself up within your house,

UST

²⁴ Then the Spirit of God entered me and enabled me to stand up. He said to me, "Go into your house and stay inside it.

What did the Spirit tell Ezekiel to go and do?

The Spirit told Ezekiel to go and shut himself up in his house.

Ezekiel 3:25**ULT**

²⁵ for now, son of man, they will place ropes upon you and tie you so you cannot go out among them.

UST

²⁵ People will tie you with ropes, with the result that you will be unable to go out among the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:26**ULT**

²⁶ I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so you will be mute, and you will not be able to rebuke them, since they are a rebellious house.

UST

²⁶ Even though they are very rebellious people, I will cause your tongue to stick to the roof of your mouth, with the result that you will be unable to talk and to rebuke them.

What did the Spirit say Ezekiel would not be able to do by his own words?

The Spirit said Ezekiel would not be able to rebuke the house of Israel by his own words.

Ezekiel 3:27**ULT**

²⁷ But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth so you will say to them, 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says.' The one who will hear will hear; the one who will not listen will not listen, for they are a rebellious house!"

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²⁷ But then when I speak to you again, I will enable you to talk and tell them 'This is what the Lord Yahweh is saying to you.' The one who wants to hear me will hear me, but the one who ignores the message will come to an end, since they are a rebellious people!"

What did the Spirit say Ezekiel would be able to do when the Spirit spoke to him?

The Spirit said Ezekiel would be able to open his mouth and say, "Thus says the Lord Yahweh," when the Spirit spoke to him.

Ezekiel 4

Ezekiel 4:1

ULT

¹ “But you, son of man, take a brick for yourself and place it before you. Then carve the city of Jerusalem on it.

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¹ Yahweh continued and said, “Son of man, take a large clay tablet and scrape lines on it that represent Jerusalem.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do with a brick? (vv1-3)

Yahweh told Ezekiel to carve the city of Jerusalem on a brick and then lay siege against it.

Ezekiel 4:2

ULT

² Then lay siege against it, and build forts against it. Raise up an assault ramp against it and set camps around it. Place battering rams all around it.

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² Then draw figures around it to represent enemy soldiers who will build earthworks and forts around the city in order to take it. Set figures around it that represent battering rams.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:3

ULT

³ Then take for yourself an iron pan and use it as an iron wall between yourself and the city and set your face against it, for it will be under siege, and you are to put the siege against it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel.

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³ Then take an iron pan, and place it to be like an iron wall between you and the carving of the city. Then stare at the image of the city. This means that enemy troops will surround the city to attack it. This will be a warning to the Israelite people.

Why did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do this with a brick?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to do this as a sign to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 4:4**ULT**

⁴ Then, lie on your left side and put the sin of the house of Israel on it; you will carry their sin for the number of the days that you lie down against the house of Israel.

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⁴⁻⁵ Then lie on your left side, and stay like that for 390 days. You will be symbolically bearing the punishment for the sins of the Israelites, the northern kingdom; you must lie like that one day for each year that I will punish them.

Why did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to lie on his left side?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to lie on his left side to carry the sin of the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 4:5**ULT**

⁵ I myself am assigning to you one day to represent each year of their punishment: 390 days! In this way, you will carry the sin of the house of Israel.

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Why was Ezekiel to lie on his left side for 390 days?

Ezekiel was to lie on his left side for 390 days to represent 390 years of punishment for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 4:6**ULT**

⁶ When you have completed these days, then lie down a second time on your right side, for you will carry the sin of the house of Judah for forty days. I am assigning to you one day for each year.

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⁶ After that, lie down again. This time, lie on your right side for forty days. That will symbolize that the Judean people, the southern kingdom, will be punished for their sins, one year for each day that you lie there.

Why was Ezekiel to lie on his right side?

Ezekiel was to lie on his right side to carry the sin of the house of Israel.

Why was Ezekiel to lie on his right side for 40 days?

Ezekiel was to lie on his right side for 40 days to represent 40 years of punishment for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 4:7**ULT**

⁷ Set your face toward Jerusalem that is under siege, and with your arm uncovered prophesy against it.

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⁷ Turn your face toward the drawing of Jerusalem and bare your arm like a soldier does who prepares to go into battle, and prophesy about what will happen to the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:8**ULT**

⁸ For behold! I am placing bonds on you so you will not turn from one side to the other until you have completed the days of your siege.

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⁸ You will not be able to move; it will be as though I have tied you with ropes so that you cannot turn from one side to the other until you have finished symbolizing how many years the city will be besieged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:9**ULT**

⁹ Take for yourself wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; put them in a single container and make bread for yourself according to the number of the days that you will lie upon your side. For 390 days you will eat it.

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⁹ Before you do that, take some wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; and put them in a storage jar, and use that to bake bread for yourself. That is what you will eat during the 390 days while you lie on your left side.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to eat and drink while he lay on his side?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to eat barley cakes and to drink water.

Ezekiel 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The food you will eat will be by weight, twenty shekels per day, and you will eat it at set times each day.

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¹⁰ You will eat about two hundred grams of bread each day throughout the day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then you will drink water, measured out to a sixth of a hin, and you will drink it at set times.

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¹¹ Also measure out about one-half liter of water to drink each day throughout the day.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to eat and drink while he lay on his side? (vv11-12)

Yahweh told Ezekiel to eat barley cakes and to drink water.

Ezekiel 4:12**ULT**

¹² You will eat it as barley cakes, but you will bake it on excrement of human dung within their sight!"

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¹² Eat that bread like you would eat a loaf of barley bread. But use your own dried dung for fuel to bake the bread while people are watching.

Why did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to bake using human excrement within the sight of the house of Israel? (vv12-13)

Ezekiel was to bake using human excrement as a sign that the food the people of Israel would eat among the nations would be unclean.

Ezekiel 4:13**ULT**

¹³ For Yahweh says, "This means that the bread that the people of Israel will eat will be unclean, there among the nations where I will banish them."

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¹³ That will symbolize that the Israelite people will be forced to eat food that is unacceptable to me when they are living in the nations to which I will force them to go."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But I said, "Alas, Lord Yahweh! I have never been unclean! I have never eaten either anything that died or anything killed by animals, from my youth until now, and foul meat has never entered my mouth!"

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¹⁴ Then I said, "No, Lord Yahweh! Do not force me to do that! I have never caused myself to become unacceptable to you. From the time when I was young, I have never eaten meat of any animal that was found dead or that had been killed by wild animals. And I have never eaten any meat that is unacceptable to you."

**Why did Yahweh then allow Ezekiel to use cow dung instead of man's dung to bake?
(vv14-15)**

Yahweh allowed cow dung because Ezekiel had never eaten anything unclean in his life.

Ezekiel 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So he said to me, "Look! I have given you cow manure instead of human dung so you can prepare your bread over that."

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¹⁵ Yahweh replied, "Because of that, I will allow you to bake your bread using dried cow manure instead of human dung for fuel."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He also said to me, "Son of man! Behold! I am breaking the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread while rationing it in anxiety and drink water while rationing it in trembling.

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¹⁶ Then he said to me, "Son of man, I will cause the supply of food to Jerusalem to be cut off. Then the people will eat the small amounts of food and drink the small amounts of water that their leaders permit them to have, and they will be very distressed and anxious as they do that,

What did Yahweh say would happen in Jerusalem regarding food and drink?

Yahweh said that bread and water would be rationed.

Ezekiel 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Because they will lack bread and water, every man will be dismayed at his brother and waste away because of their iniquity."

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¹⁷ because water and food will be very scarce. They will see each other becoming extremely thin, and they will be appalled; but this will happen because they are being punished for the sins that they have committed."

What did Yahweh say would happen to the people of Jerusalem during this time?

Yahweh said the people of Jerusalem would be dismayed and would melt away.

Ezekiel 5

Ezekiel 5:1

ULT

¹ “Then you, son of man, take a sharp sword as a barber’s razor for yourself, and pass the razor over your head and your beard, then take scales to weigh and divide your hair.

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¹ “Then, son of man, when you start doing those things, take a sharp sword and use it like a barber’s razor to shave your head and your beard. Put the hair that you shaved off on scales, and divide the hair into three equal parts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:2

ULT

² Burn a third of it with fire in the midst of the city when the days of the siege are completed, and take a third of the hair and strike it with the sword all around the city. Then scatter a third of it to the wind, and I will draw out a sword to chase after the people.

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² When the time during which you will symbolize that the city will be surrounded by enemy troops ends, put a third of the hair inside the drawing of the city and burn it. Take another third of the hair, scatter it all around the drawing of the city, and then strike it with your sword. That will symbolize that I will strike the people of Jerusalem with their enemies’ swords. Then allow the wind to scatter the other third of the hair. That will symbolize that even if they flee from the city, I will still cause their enemies to pursue them and attack them with swords.

What was Ezekiel do to with each third of his hair?

Ezekiel was to burn a third in the city, strike a third with the sword around the city, and scatter a third to the wind.

What did Yahweh say he would do after Ezekiel was finished?

Yahweh said he would draw out a sword to chase after the people.

Ezekiel 5:3**ULT**

³ But take a small number of hairs from them and tie them into the folds of your robe.

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³ But take a few of your hairs and tie them to your sleeves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:4**ULT**

⁴ Then take more of the hair and throw it into the midst of the fire; and burn it in the fire; from there a fire will go out to all the house of Israel."

UST

⁴ Then take a few of those hairs, throw them into the fire, and burn them up. That will symbolize that a fire will spread from Jerusalem and destroy things throughout Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:5**ULT**

⁵ The Lord Yahweh says this, "This is Jerusalem in the midst of the nations, where I have placed her, and where I have surrounded her with other lands.

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⁵ This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: This drawing will represent Jerusalem, the city that I have placed in the center of the nations, with other countries around it.

According to Yahweh, where is Jerusalem?

Jerusalem is in the midst of the nations.

Ezekiel 5:6**ULT**

⁶ But she has in wickedness rejected my decrees more than the nations have, and my statutes more than the countries that surround her. The people have rejected my judgments and have not walked in my statutes."

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⁶ But the wicked people of Jerusalem rebel against obeying my commands, and they show that they are more wicked than the people of the surrounding countries. They rejected my laws and refused to obey my commands.

Why does Yahweh say he has surrounded Jerusalem with other lands?

Jerusalem rejected Yahweh's decrees and did not walk in his statutes (laws).

Ezekiel 5:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, "Because you are more troublesome than the nations that surround you and have not walked in my statutes or acted according to my decrees, or even acted according to the decrees of the nations that surround you,"

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⁷ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You people of Jerusalem have been more rebellious than the people of the nations around you; you have not obeyed any of my laws. You have not even obeyed the laws of the nations around you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:8**ULT**

⁸ therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, "Behold! I myself will act against you. I will execute judgments within your midst for the nations to see.

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⁸ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I am opposed to you people of Jerusalem. I will punish you, and the people of other nations will see it.

What does Yahweh say he will do because of the nation of Israel's behavior?

Yahweh says he will act against the nation of Israel and execute judgments within its midst.

Ezekiel 5:9**ULT**

⁹ I will do to you what I have not done and the like of which I will not do again, because of all your disgusting actions.

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⁹ Because of all your detestable idols and practices, I will punish you people of Jerusalem like I have never done before and will never do again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Therefore fathers will eat the children in your midst, and sons will eat their fathers, since I will execute judgment on you and scatter to every direction all of you who are left.

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¹⁰ As a result, parents among you will eat their children, and children will eat their parents because there will be nothing else to eat. I will punish you severely, and I will cause those who will still be alive to be scattered in every direction.

What horrible things will the people of Israel do because of Yahweh's judgment on them?

Fathers will eat their children, and sons will eat their fathers.

Ezekiel 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ Therefore, as I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—it is certainly because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your hateful things and with all your disgusting deeds, that I myself will reduce you in number; my eye will not have pity on you, and I will not spare you.

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¹¹ Therefore, I, Yahweh the Lord, make this declaration! That as surely as I am alive, because you have polluted my temple with all your disgusting idols and with the other awful things that you do, I will no longer bless you. I will not pity you or act mercifully toward you.

Why does Yahweh say he is not going to spare the people of Israel?

Yahweh says will not spare them because they defiled Yahweh's sanctuary.

Ezekiel 5:12**ULT**

¹² A third of you will die by plague, and they will be consumed by famine in your midst. A third will fall by the sword surrounding you. Then I will scatter a third in every direction, and draw out a sword to chase after them as well.

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¹² One-third of your people will die inside the city because of the plagues they will experience, or by famine. One-third of your people will be killed by your enemies' swords outside the city. And one-third I will scatter in every direction, but your enemies will still pursue you and kill you with their swords.

What will Yahweh do with each third of the people?

A third will die by plague, a third will fall by the sword, and a third will be scattered.

What did Yahweh say he would do after the thirds of the people were judged?

Yahweh said he would draw out a sword to chase after the people.

Ezekiel 5:13**ULT**

¹³ Then my wrath will be completed, and I will cause my fury toward them to rest. I will be satisfied, and they will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken in my wrath when I have completed my fury against them.

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¹³ Then I will no longer be angry with you; I will stop punishing you after I have avenged myself against you. And when I stop punishing you, you will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken to you because I have finished punishing you in my anger.

What does Yahweh say he will do with his wrath after this judgment?

Yahweh says his wrath will be completed after this judgment.

Ezekiel 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will make you a desolation and a reproach to the nations that surround you in the sight of everyone who passes by.

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¹⁴ I will cause your city to be a ruins, so that people of other nations that are around you will pass by and see it and sneer at you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So Jerusalem will become something for other people to condemn and to mock, a warning and a horror to the nations that surround you. I will execute judgments against you in wrath and fury, and with a furious rebuke—I, Yahweh have declared this!

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¹⁵ They will scorn you and taunt you. When I severely punish you because of my great anger, they will be horrified and you will be a warning to them. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

What will other people say about Jerusalem after Yahweh's judgments?

Other people will condemn and mock Jerusalem after Yahweh's judgments.

Ezekiel 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I will send out harsh arrows of famine against you that will become the means with which I will destroy you. For I will increase the famine on you and break your staff of bread.

UST

¹⁶ And when I cut off your food supply and cause there to be more famine, it will be as though I am shooting at you with my arrows that will destroy you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I will send a famine and disasters against you so you will be childless. Plague and blood will pass through you, and I will bring a sword against you—I, Yahweh, have declared this."

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¹⁷ So I will cause you to experience a famine, and I will send wild beasts to attack you and your children, and all your children will be killed. You will experience plagues and wars, and I will cause your enemies to attack you with their swords. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6

Ezekiel 6:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:2

ULT

² "Son of man, set your face against the mountains of Israel and prophesy to them.

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² "Son of man, turn toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy about what will happen to them, and say,

What did Ezekiel prophesy against the high places of Israel? (vv2-3)

Ezekiel prophesied that the Lord Yahweh would destroy the high places of Israel with a sword.

Ezekiel 6:3

ULT

³ Say, 'Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord Yahweh! The Lord Yahweh says this to the mountains and to the hills, to the streambeds, and to the valleys: Behold! I am bringing a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places.

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³ 'Mountains of Israel, listen to what Yahweh the Lord says to you! He says this to the mountains and the high hills and to the streambeds and the low valleys. He says: I am about to send enemy soldiers with swords to destroy all the hilltops where you worship idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:4**ULT**

⁴ Then your altars will become desolate and your pillars will be destroyed, and I will throw down your dead in front of their idols.

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⁴ They will smash all your altars for worshiping idols and your pillars you use for astronomy, and they will kill many Israelite people in front of their idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:5**ULT**

⁵ I will lay the dead bodies of the people of Israel before their idols, and scatter your bones around your altars.

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⁵ Their corpses will lie in front of their idols, and their bones will be scattered around their altars.

What will happen before the idol altars of Israel?

The Lord Yahweh will lay the dead bodies of the people of Israel before the altars.

Ezekiel 6:6**ULT**

⁶ Everywhere you live, cities will be laid waste and the high places ruined, so that your altars will be laid waste and made desolate. Then they will be broken and disappear, your pillars will be cut down and your works will be wiped away.

UST

⁶ Wherever you live, your towns will be ruined and the places where idols were worshiped on the hilltops will be smashed. Your altars will be completely smashed, and everything that you own will become a pile of ruins.

What will happen to the cities of Israel?

The cities of Israel will be laid waste.

Ezekiel 6:7**ULT**

⁷ The dead will fall down in your midst and you will know that I am Yahweh.

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⁷ Many of your people will be killed right in front of you, and then you will know that I am Yahweh and I do what I say I will do.

As a result of all the destruction, what will the people of Israel know?

The people of Israel will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 6:8**ULT**

⁸ But I will preserve a remnant among you, and there will be some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered throughout the countries.

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⁸ But I will allow some of you to remain alive. They will escape death when your enemies scatter you among many other nations.

What will the remnant who escapes do after they are scattered? (vv8-9)

The remnant will remember Yahweh and will show loathing on their face for their wickedness.

Ezekiel 6:9**ULT**

⁹ Then those who escape will think of me among the nations where they will be held captive, that I was grieved by their promiscuous heart that turned away from me, and by their eyes that whored after their idols. Then they will show loathing on their face for the wickedness which they have committed with all their abominations.

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⁹ When that happens, in those nations to which you have been forced to go, those of you who have escaped death will think about me. You will remember that I was very grieved because you turned away from me, because you were disloyal to me, and because you desired to worship your idols. You will hate yourselves because of the evil and detestable things that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So they will realize that I am Yahweh. It was for a reason that I said I would bring this evil to them.

UST

¹⁰ And you will realize that I, Yahweh, have punished you. You will realize that when I threatened to punish you, I surely intended to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ The Lord Yahweh says this: Clap your hands and stomp your foot! Say, 'Alas!' because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they will fall by sword, famine, and plague.

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¹¹ So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to you, Ezekiel: Slap your hands and stamp your feet and cry out to show that you are distressed, and groan about what will happen to the Israelite people because of all their wicked and detestable behavior. They will be killed by their enemies' swords, they will die from hunger, and they will die from plagues.

Why is Yahweh bringing sword, famine, and plague to the house of Israel?

Because of all the evil wickedness of the house of Israel, Yahweh is bringing sword, famine, and plague.

Ezekiel 6:12**ULT**

¹² The one far away will die by plague, and the one who is near will fall by the sword. Those who remain and survive will die by famine. In this way I will accomplish my fury against them.

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¹² Those who are far from Jerusalem will die from plagues, those who are close to Jerusalem will be killed by their enemies' swords. Those who are still alive after that will die from hunger. That is how I will punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:13**ULT**

13 Then you will know that I am Yahweh, when their dead lie among their idols, around their altars, on every high hill—on all the mountain peaks, and under every flourishing tree and thick oak—the places where they burned incense to all their idols.

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13 Some of your people's corpses will lie among their idols around their altars, on every high hilltop and on all the mountaintops, under every big tree—at all the places where they burned incense to honor their idols. When this happens you will realize that I, Yahweh, have done this.

What were the people of Israel doing on the mountain peaks and under the trees?

The people of Israel were offering soothing fragrances to all their idols.

Ezekiel 6:14**ULT**

14 I will strike with my hand and make the land desolate and a waste, from the wilderness to Diblah, throughout all the places where they live. Then they will know that I am Yahweh." ^[1]
6:14 ^[1], some ancient copies and modern versions have .

UST

14 For I will display my power and cause every area in which they live in your country to become an empty wasteland, from the desert in the far south to the town of Diblah in the far north. Then they will realize that I, Yahweh, have done this."

What will happen to the land when Yahweh strikes?

The land will be a desolate and a waste when Yahweh strikes.

Ezekiel 7

Ezekiel 7:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

According to the word of Yahweh, what was coming to the land of Israel? (vv1-2)

According to the word of Yahweh, an end was coming to the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 7:2

ULT

² “You, son of man—the Lord Yahweh says this to the land of Israel.” ‘An end! An end has come to the four borders of the land.

UST

² “You, son of man, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to the people of Israel: All of Israel, everything within its borders, will soon be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:3

ULT

³ Now the end is upon you, for I am sending out my wrath on you, and I will judge you according to your ways; then I will bring all your abominations upon you.

UST

³ You people of Israel, the end has come. I will punish you severely. I will judge you for all the wicked things that you have done, and pay you back for your disgusting behavior.

Yahweh will judge Israel according to what?

Yahweh will judge Israel according to its ways.

Ezekiel 7:4**ULT**

⁴ For my eyes will not pity you, and I will not spare you. Instead, I will bring your ways upon you, and your abominations will be in your midst, so you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

⁴ I will not pity you or act mercifully toward you. I will surely punish you for your wicked behavior. Then you will know that it has happened because I, Yahweh, have done it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:5**ULT**

⁵ The Lord Yahweh says this: Disaster! A unique disaster! Behold, it is coming. ^[1]

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⁵ This is also what Yahweh the Lord says: You will soon experience many terrible disasters!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:6**ULT**

⁶ An end is surely coming. The end has woken up against you. Behold, it is coming!

UST

⁶ This will be the end of Israel; your country will be finished! And your lives will be ended!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:7**ULT**

⁷ Your doom is coming to you who inhabit the land. The time has come; the day of destruction is near, and the mountains will no longer be joyful.

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⁷ It will be the end of you people who live in the land of Israel. The time has come; the day when you will be destroyed is near. At that time the people who worship idols on the mountains will not be happy; they will panic.

What time has come for Israel?

The time of Israel's doom and destruction has come.

Ezekiel 7:8**ULT**

⁸ Now before long I will pour out my fury against you and fill up my wrath upon you when I judge you according to your ways and bring all your abominations upon you.

UST

⁸ I am very angry with you and am about to pour out my punishment on you. I will judge you for all the wicked things that you have done and pay you back for your disgusting behavior.

What is Yahweh pouring out and filling up against Israel?

Yahweh is pouring out his fury and filling up his wrath against Israel.

Ezekiel 7:9**ULT**

⁹ For my eye will not look compassionately, and I will not spare you. As you have done, I will do to you; and your abominations will be in your midst so you will know that I am Yahweh, the one punishing you.

UST

⁹ I will not pity you or act mercifully toward you. I will surely punish you for your wicked behavior. Then you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have punished you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Behold, the day! Behold, it is coming! Doom has gone out! The rod has blossomed, arrogance has budded!

UST

¹⁰ The day of your punishment is here! It has arrived! Disasters have come as a result of your pride.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ Violence has grown up into a rod of wickedness— none of them, and none of their multitude, none of their wealth, and none of their importance will last!

UST

¹¹ People are acting violently and doing more wicked things. And nothing that belongs to those people will be left, none of their money, and they will not be respected by anyone.

What will not last in Israel?

None of the multitude, none of their wealth, and none of their importance will last.

Ezekiel 7:12**ULT**

¹² The time is coming; the day has come close. Do not let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn, since my anger is on the entire multitude!

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¹² Now is the time; that day has arrived. People who buy things should not rejoice because they bought things very cheaply and those who sell things should not be sad because they had to sell things cheaply, because Yahweh will be punishing everyone.

Why should the buyer not rejoice and the seller not mourn in Israel?

The buyer should not rejoice and the seller not mourn because Yahweh's anger is upon the entire multitude.

Ezekiel 7:13**ULT**

¹³ For the seller will not return to the land he sold as long as they both live, because the vision concerning the entire multitude will not be reversed; and because of their sins, none of them will be strengthened!

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¹³ People who sell some of their property will never be able to buy it back—they will not even be able to return to see it; because they have sinned, not one of them will succeed in staying alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ They have blown the trumpet and made everything ready, but there is no one marching to battle; since my anger is on the entire multitude.

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¹⁴ Your commanders will blow trumpets to get the army ready to fight, but no one will respond, because I will be angry at all the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The sword is on the outside, and plague and famine are inside the building. Those who are in the field will die by the sword, while famine and plague will consume those in the city.

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¹⁵ When those things happen, your enemies will be outside the city with their swords, and there will be plagues and famines inside the city. Those who are caught outside of the city in the fields will be killed by their enemies' swords, and those who are in the city will die from famines and plagues.

How will those in the city die?

Those in the city will die by famine and plague.

Ezekiel 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But some survivors will escape from among them, and they will go to the mountains. Like doves of the valleys, all of them will moan—each man for his iniquity.

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¹⁶ Those who survive and escape will flee to the mountains, and they all will moan because of their sins, as pigeons moan.

To where will the survivors escape?

The survivors will escape to the mountains.

Ezekiel 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Every hand will falter and every knee will be weak as water,

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¹⁷ Because they will be very afraid, all the people's hands will become limp and weak, and their knees will become very weak and unable to hold them up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ and they will wear sackcloth, and terror will cover them; and shame will be on every face, and baldness on all of their heads.

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¹⁸ They will put on clothes made from rough cloth, and they will be terrified. Their faces will show that they are ashamed, and they will shave their heads to show that they are very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ They will throw their silver into the streets and their gold will be like refuse. Their silver and their gold will not be able to rescue them in the day of Yahweh's rage. Their lives will not be saved, and their hunger will not be satisfied, because their iniquity has become a stumbling block.

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¹⁹ They will throw their silver into the streets, and consider their gold the same way they would consider garbage, because they will realize that their silver and gold will not be able to rescue them when Yahweh punishes them. They will not be able to buy food to fill their stomachs, because having a lot of gold and silver has led them to sin.

What will not be able to deliver the people of Israel?

Their silver and gold will not be able to deliver the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ In their pride they took the beauty of his jeweled ornaments, and with them they made their idolatrous figures, and their detestable things. Therefore, I am turning these into an unclean thing to them.

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²⁰ They were proud, so they used their beautiful jewelry to make detestable and disgusting idols of their false gods. So I will make them see how disgusting and unacceptable these things are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:21**ULT**

²¹ Then I will give those things into the hand of strangers as plunder and to the wicked of the earth as plunder, and they will defile them.

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²¹ I will give their silver and gold to foreigners who invade your country and take away your valuable treasures. I will give those things to wicked people, and I will not interfere when they will do disgraceful things to the things that they take.

What will happen to all the jeweled ornaments of the people of Israel?

The ornaments will be given into the hands of strangers and the wicked as plunder.

Ezekiel 7:22**ULT**

²² Then I will turn my face away from them when they defile my cherished place; bandits will enter it and defile it.

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²² I will allow robbers to enter the temple I love and protect, and they will desecrate it.

What will happen to Yahweh's cherished place?

Bandits will enter Yahweh's cherished place and defile it.

Ezekiel 7:23**ULT**

²³ Make a chain, because the land is filled with the judgment of blood, and the city is full of violence.

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²³ Prepare chains to be fastened on you when your enemies capture you as punishment because the people throughout the country are committing murder, and people in the city are being violent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:24**ULT**

²⁴ So I will bring the most wicked of the nations, and they will possess their houses, and I will bring an end to the pride of the mighty, for their holy places will be defiled!

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²⁴ So I will bring armies of the nations whose people are extremely wicked to take the houses of the Israelite people. I will make Israelite people realize that they are to no longer be proud. Your enemies will cause your places of worship to no longer be acceptable to be used.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:25**ULT**

²⁵ Fear will come! They will seek peace, but there will be none.

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²⁵ When your enemies cause you to be terrified, you will plead for them to make peace, but there will be no peace.

What will the people of Israel seek, but not find?

The people of Israel will seek peace, but there will be none.

Ezekiel 7:26**ULT**

²⁶ Disaster upon disaster will come, and there will be rumor after rumor. Then they will seek a vision from the prophet, but the law will perish from the priest and advice from the elders.

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²⁶ You will experience many disasters, and you will continually hear rumors about disasters that are happening in other places. People will plead with prophets to tell them what visions they have received, but the prophets will not have received any visions. Priests will no longer teach people the laws that I gave to Moses. Even the wise older people will not have any answers.

What will happen when the people seek a vision from the prophet?

When the people seek a vision, the Law and counsel will perish.

Ezekiel 7:27**ULT**

²⁷ The king will mourn and the prince will dress in despair, while the hands of the people of the land will tremble in fear. According to their own ways I will do this to them! I will judge them with their own standards until they know that I am Yahweh.”

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²⁷ Your king will mourn, and his son will no longer expect that good things will happen. The hands of people throughout the country will tremble. And I will do to them what they deserve for their wicked behavior. I will judge and condemn them the same way they have judged and condemned others. Then they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

How will the king and the people respond when Yahweh's judgment comes?

When judgment comes, the king will mourn and the people will tremble in fear.

Ezekiel 8

Ezekiel 8:1

ULT

¹ So it came about in the sixth year and the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord Yahweh again fell upon me there.

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¹ On the fifth day of the sixth month, almost six years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, I was sitting with the leaders of Judah in my house when I felt the presence of Yahweh the Lord come on me again.

Where was Ezekiel when the hand of the Lord Yahweh fell on him?

Ezekiel was sitting in his house, with the elders of Judah sitting before him.

Ezekiel 8:2

ULT

² So I looked, and behold, there was a likeness with the appearance of a man. From the appearance of his hips downward there was fire. And from his hips upward there was the appearance of something shining, like glowing metal.

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² Then in a vision I saw someone who resembled a man, but below his waist his body was like fire and above his waist his body was glowing like very hot metal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:3**ULT**

³ Then he reached out the form of a hand and took me by the hair of my head; the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and in visions from God, he brought me to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the inner northern gate, where the idol that provokes great jealousy was standing.

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³ He reached out what seemed to be a hand and grabbed me by the hair of my head. The Spirit lifted me up high above the earth, and in visions God took me from Babylon to Jerusalem. He took me to the temple, to the inner north gate, to the place where there was an idol that caused Yahweh to be very disgusted and furious.

Where did the Spirit take Ezekiel, and what did he see there?

The Spirit took Ezekiel to the inner Northern Gate in Jerusalem, where he saw the idol that provokes jealousy.

Ezekiel 8:4**ULT**

⁴ Then behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision I had seen on the plain.

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⁴ And there in front of me was the very bright light of God himself whom the Israelite people previously worshiped. It was like the vision that I had seen in the plain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:5**ULT**

⁵ Then he said to me, "Son of man, lift up your eyes to the north." So I lifted up my eyes to the north, and to the north of the gate leading to the altar, there in the entrance, was the idol of jealousy.

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⁵ God said to me, "Son of man, look toward the north!" So I looked, and I saw at the entrance of the gate near the altar that idol that caused Yahweh to be disgusted and furious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:6**ULT**

⁶ So he said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing? These are great abominations that the house of Israel is doing here to make me go far from my own sanctuary. But you will turn and see even greater abominations."

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⁶ He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the Israelite people are doing? They are doing detestable things here, things that will cause me to abandon my temple. But you will see things that are even more detestable."

What did the Spirit say he was being forced to do because of the great abominations (wickedness) of the house of Israel?

The Spirit said he was being forced to go far from his own sanctuary.

Ezekiel 8:7**ULT**

⁷ Then he brought me to the doorway of the courtyard, and I looked, and there was a hole in the wall.

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⁷ Then he brought me to the entrance of the courtyard. I looked and saw a hole in the wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:8**ULT**

⁸ He said to me, "Son of man, dig into this wall." So I dug into the wall, and there was a door.

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⁸ He said to me, "Son of man, dig through the wall here." So I dug through the wall, and I saw a doorway inside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:9**ULT**

⁹ Then he said to me, "Go and see the wicked abominations that they are doing here."

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⁹ He said to me, "Go in and see the wicked and detestable things that they are doing here!"

After Ezekiel dug into the wall and saw a door, what did the Spirit tell Ezekiel to do?

The Spirit to Ezekiel to, "Go and see the wicked abominations that they are doing here."

Ezekiel 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So I went in and looked, and behold! There was every form of creeping thing and detestable beast! Every idol of the house of Israel was carved into the wall all around.

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¹⁰ So I went in through the doorway and looked, and I saw all over the walls of a big room, drawings of all kinds of creatures that crawl along the ground and other detestable animals, and drawings of all the idols that the people of Israel were worshiping.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ Seventy elders of the house of Israel were there, and Jaazaniah son of Shaphan was standing in their midst. They were standing in front of the images, and each man had his censer in his hand so that the smell of the cloud of incense went up.

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¹¹ In front of them stood seventy elders of Israel. Jaazaniah son of Shaphan, was standing among them. Each of them was holding a pan in which incense was burning, and fragrant smoke of burning incense was rising up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:12**ULT**

¹² He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark? Each one does this in the hidden chamber of his idol, for they say, 'Yahweh does not see us! Yahweh has forsaken the land.'"

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¹² God said to me, "Son of man, look at what the Israelite elders are doing here in the darkness, each of them standing in his rooms with the carved images, worshiping his own idols! They are saying, 'Yahweh does not see us; Yahweh has deserted this country.'"

What were the elders saying about Yahweh as they worshiped their idols?

The elders were saying that Yahweh does not see them and that Yahweh had forsaken the land.

Ezekiel 8:13**ULT**

¹³ Then he said to me, "Turn again and see the other great abominations that they are doing."

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¹³ He also said, "But you will see things that are even more detestable!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Next he brought me to the entrance of the gate of Yahweh's house that was on the north side, and behold! The women were sitting there mourning for Tammuz.

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¹⁴ Then he took me to the entrance at the outer north gate of the temple. I saw women sitting there, mourning for the death of the god of the people of Babylonia, Tammuz.

What did Ezekiel see the women doing at the gate on the north side of Yahweh's house?

The women were sitting there mourning for Tammuz.

Ezekiel 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So he said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Turn again and see even greater abominations than these."

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¹⁵ He said to me, "Son of man, do you see this? And you will see things that are more detestable than this!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He brought me into the inner courtyard of Yahweh's house, and behold! at the entrance of the temple of Yahweh between the portico and the altar, there were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh and their faces toward the east, and they were worshiping the sun.

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¹⁶ Then he took me into the inner courtyard inside the temple. There at the entrance of the temple, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men. Their backs were toward the temple, and their faces were toward the east; they were bowing down to worship the sun as it rose in the east.

What did Ezekiel see in the inner courtyard of Yahweh's house?

There were twenty-five men with their faces to the east worshipping Shamesh.

Ezekiel 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Is it a little thing for the house of Judah to do these abominations that they are doing here? For they have filled the land with violence and they have turned again to provoke me to anger, putting the branch to their noses.

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¹⁷ He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing? Do you think that it is not a serious thing that these men of Judah are doing, worshiping these detestable things here? But they are doing other terrible things. They are acting violently throughout their country, and continually provoking my anger. Look at them! They are insulting me by their actions of false worship!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So I will also act among them; my eye will not have compassion, and I will not spare them. Though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them."

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¹⁸ So I will show them that I am very angry. I will not pity them or act mercifully toward them. And even if they shout loudly to me to help them, I will not pay attention to them."

Because of the abominations of the house of Israel, what did the Spirit say he was going to do?

The Spirit said that he would act and not spare them, nor have compassion even though they cry with a loud voice.

Ezekiel 9

Ezekiel 9:1

ULT

¹ Then he cried in my hearing with a loud voice, and said, "Let the guards come up to the city, each with his weapon of destruction in his hand."

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¹ Then I heard Yahweh call out loudly, "You men who are going to punish this city, bring your tools of destruction here."

Who did the Spirit call to come up to the city? (vv1-2)

The Spirit called six men with weapons of destruction, and one man with a scribe's equipment.

Ezekiel 9:2

ULT

² Then behold! Six men came from the pathway of the upper gate that faces north, each with his weapon of slaughter in his hand. There was a man in their midst dressed in linen with a scribe's equipment at his side. So they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

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² Then I saw six men coming from the north gate of the temple. Each one was carrying a weapon. With them was a man wearing a white linen robe. He carried at his side a case containing things to write with. They all came in and stood beside the bronze altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 9:3

ULT

³ Then the glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherubim where it had been to the threshold of the house. He called to the man dressed in linen who had the scribe's equipment at his side.

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³ Then the glory that symbolized the presence of the God of Israel rose up from above the four winged creatures and moved to the entrance of the temple, and Yahweh called to the man wearing the linen robe,

From where did the glory of the God of Israel move, and to where did it go?

The glory of the God of Israel moved from the cherubim where it had been to the threshold of the house.

Ezekiel 9:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh said to him, "Pass through the midst of the city—the midst of Jerusalem—and make a mark on the foreheads of those who groan and sigh about all the abominations being performed in the midst of the city."

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⁴ and said to him, "Go throughout Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who are very sad because of the detestable things that are being done inside the city."

What did Yahweh tell the scribe to do?

Yahweh told the scribe to make a mark on the foreheads of the men who groaned and sighed about the abominations being performed in the city.

Ezekiel 9:5**ULT**

⁵ Then he spoke to the others within my hearing, "Pass through the city after him and kill. Do not let your eyes have compassion, and do not spare

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⁵ While I was listening, he said to the other six men, "Follow the man wearing the white robe, and kill people. Do not pity them or act mercifully toward them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 9:6**ULT**

⁶ either old man, young man, virgin, little children or women. Kill all of them! But do not approach anyone who has the mark on his head. Begin at my sanctuary!" So they began with the elders who were in front of the house.

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⁶ Slaughter old men, young men and women, older women and children; but do not harm any of those who have that mark on their forehead. Start at my temple." So they began by killing the elders who were worshiping idols in front of the temple.

What did Yahweh tell the six men with weapons of destruction to do?

Yahweh told the six men to kill all of the people except those with the mark on their heads.

Ezekiel 9:7**ULT**

⁷ He said to them, "Defile the house, and fill its courtyards with the dead. Proceed!" So they went out and attacked the city.

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⁷ Then Yahweh said to those men, "Pollute the temple by filling the courtyard with the corpses of those whom you kill! Start now!" So they went out and started killing people throughout the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 9:8**ULT**

⁸ As they were attacking it, I found myself alone and I fell on my face and cried out and said, "Ah, Lord Yahweh, will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in the outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?"

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⁸ While they were doing that, I was left alone. I prostrated myself on the ground and cried out, "Yahweh my Lord, are you going to get rid of all the other people of Israel who are still alive, while you are severely punishing the people of Jerusalem?"

What question did Ezekiel ask Yahweh as he saw the six men striking the city?

Ezekiel asked Yahweh if all the remnant of Israel would be destroyed by Yahweh's wrath.

Ezekiel 9:9**ULT**

⁹ He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great. The land is full of blood and the city full of perversions, since they say, 'Yahweh has forgotten the land,' and 'Yahweh does not see!'

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⁹ He replied, "The sins of the people are numerous and severe! There is murder everywhere in this country, and this city is full of people who act unjustly. They say, 'Yahweh has abandoned this country, and he does not see what we are doing.'

What was Yahweh's answer to Ezekiel's question? (vv9-10)

Yahweh answered that the iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah was great, and that he would not spare them.

Ezekiel 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So then, my eye will not look with compassion, and I will not spare them. I will instead bring it all on their heads."

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¹⁰ So I will not pity them or act mercifully toward them. I will do to them the evil things that they have done to other people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ Behold! The man dressed in linen who had the scribe's equipment by his side came back. He reported and said, "I have done all that you have commanded."

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¹¹ Then the man wearing the linen robe returned, saying, "I have done what you commanded me to do."

What did the scribe report?

The scribe reported that he had done all Yahweh had commanded him.

Ezekiel 10**Ezekiel 10:1****ULT**

¹ As I looked toward the dome that was over the heads of the cherubim; something appeared above them like a sapphire with the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

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¹ Then I saw what resembled a throne made of sapphire above the thing that resembled a dome that was above the heads of the four winged creatures.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:2**ULT**

² Then Yahweh spoke to the man dressed in linen and said, "Go between the wheels underneath the cherubim, and fill both your hands with fiery coals from between the cherubim and scatter them over the city." Then the man went in as I watched.

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² Yahweh said to the man wearing the linen robe, "Go between the wheels that are under the winged creatures. Pick up as many hot coals as you can, and scatter them over the city." And while I watched, the man wearing the white robe left.

What did Yahweh tell the man dressed in linen to do?

Yahweh told the man dressed in linen to fill both his hands with fiery coals and to scatter them over the city.

Ezekiel 10:3**ULT**

³ The cherubim stood on the right side of the house when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner courtyard.

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³ The four winged creatures were standing on the south side of the temple when the man wearing the white robe entered. Then a cloud filled the inner courtyard of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:4**ULT**

⁴ The glory of Yahweh rose up from the cherubim and stood over the threshold of the house. It filled the house with the cloud, and the courtyard was full of the brightness of Yahweh's glory.

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⁴ And the glory of Yahweh went up from directly over the winged creatures and stood over the doorway of the temple. It filled the entire temple with a cloud and everything in the courtyard was bright because of Yahweh's glorious presence.

What did the glory of Yahweh then do?

The glory of Yahweh then rose up and stood over the threshold of the house, filling the house with a cloud and the courtyard with brightness.

Ezekiel 10:5**ULT**

⁵ The sound of the cherubim's wings was heard as far as the outer courtyard, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.

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⁵ I also heard the sound made by the wings of the winged creatures in the courtyard outside the temple. It was very loud, like the voice of Almighty God when he speaks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:6**ULT**

⁶ It came about, when God commanded the man dressed in linen and said, "Take fire from between the wheels that are between the cherubim," the man went in and stood beside a wheel.

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⁶ When Yahweh commanded the man wearing the linen robe to take burning coals from among those winged creatures, the man went into the courtyard and stood beside one of the wheels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:7**ULT**

⁷ A cherub reached out his hand between the cherubim to the fire that was among the cherubim, and lifted it up and placed it into the hands of the one dressed in linen. The man took it and went back out.

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⁷ Then one of those winged creatures reached out his hand to the fire that was there among them. He picked up some of the coals and put them in the hands of the man wearing the linen robe, and that man took them and left.

How did the man dressed in linen receive the fire which was among the cherubim?

The man dressed in linen went in, and a cherub lifted up the fire and placed it into the hands of the man.

Ezekiel 10:8**ULT**

⁸ I saw on the cherubim something like a man's hand under their wings.

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⁸ Under the wings of the winged creatures was something that resembled a human's hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:9**ULT**

⁹ So I looked, and behold! Four wheels were beside the cherubim—one wheel beside each cherub—and the appearance of the wheels was like a beryl stone.

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⁹ Then I saw four wheels alongside the winged creatures. There was one wheel beside each of the winged creatures. The wheels shone like very valuable stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Their appearance was the same likeness for all four of them, like a wheel intersecting another wheel.

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¹⁰ The wheels were all alike: Each had one wheel inside another wheel.

What was the likeness of the wheels that were beside the cherubim?

The wheels that were beside the cherubim were like a wheel intersecting another wheel.

Ezekiel 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ When they moved, they went in any of their four directions, without turning as they went; but whatever direction the head faced, they followed after it without turning as they went.

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¹¹ Whenever they moved, they went straight in whatever direction one of the winged creatures faced. The wheels did not turn in another direction while the winged creatures flew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:12**ULT**

¹² Their whole body—including their backs, their hands, and their wings—was covered with eyes, and eyes covered the four wheels all around also.

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¹² Their bodies, including their backs and hands and wings, were covered with eyes. The wheels were also covered with eyes.

What covered the cherubim and the four wheels?

Eyes covered the cherubim and the four wheels.

Ezekiel 10:13**ULT**

¹³ As I listened, the wheels were called, “Whirling.”

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¹³ I heard someone call them ‘the whirling wheels.’

What was the name given to the four wheels?

The four wheels were called “Whirling”.

Ezekiel 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ They had four faces each; the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

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¹⁴ Each of the winged creatures had four faces. One face was like the face of a bull, one face was like the face of a human, one face was like the face of a lion, and one face was like the face of an eagle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the cherubim—these were the living creatures that I had seen by the Kebar Canal—rose up.

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¹⁵ Then the winged creatures rose up. They were the same living creatures that I had seen alongside the Kebar Canal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Whenever the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them, and whenever the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise up from the earth, the wheels did not turn. They still stayed beside them.

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¹⁶ When the winged creatures moved, the wheels moved with them. When the winged creatures spread their wings to fly over the ground, the wheels did not leave them but stayed beside them.

What did the wheels do as the cherubim moved? (vv16-17)

The wheels would go beside the cherubim when the cherubim moved.

Ezekiel 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ When the cherubim stood still, the wheels stood still, and when they rose up, the wheels rose up with them, for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

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¹⁷ When the winged creatures stopped, the wheels stopped. When the winged creatures started to fly, the wheels flew with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then the glory of Yahweh went out from over the threshold of the house and stood over the cherubim.

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¹⁸ Then the glory of Yahweh left the entrance of the temple and stopped above the winged creatures.

To where did the glory of Yahweh, the cherubim, and the wheels move? (vv18-19)

The glory of Yahweh, the cherubim, and the wheels moved to the eastern entrance of Yahweh's house.

Ezekiel 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The cherubim lifted up their wings and rose from the earth in my sight when they went out, and the wheels did the same beside them. They stood at the eastern entrance to Yahweh's house, and the glory of the God of Israel came upon them from above.

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¹⁹ While I watched, the winged creatures spread their wings and started to fly, and the wheels went with them. They stopped at the gate on the east side of the temple, and the glory of God, the one whom the Israelites had worshiped, was above them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ These were the living creatures that I had seen below the God of Israel by the Kebar Canal, so I knew that they were cherubim!

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²⁰ These were the same four living creatures that I had seen alongside the Kebar Canal, and I realized that they were the winged creatures.

Where had Ezekiel seen the same living creatures before? (vv20-22)

Ezekiel had seen the same living creatures before by the Chebar canal.

Ezekiel 10:21**ULT**

²¹ They had four faces each and four wings each, and the likeness of human hands under their wings,

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²¹ Each of them had four faces and four wings, and under their wings was what resembled a human's hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:22

ULT

²² and the likeness of their faces was like the faces that I had seen in the vision at the Kebar Canal, and each of them went straight ahead.

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²² Their faces were the same as the faces that I had seen at the Kebar Canal. Each of them flew straight ahead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11

Ezekiel 11:1

ULT

¹ Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the eastern gate of Yahweh's house, facing east, and behold, in the doorway of the gate there were twenty-five men. I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people, among them.

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¹ Then God's Spirit lifted me up and took me to the gate on the east side of the temple. There at the gate were twenty-five men. Among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur, and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, who were leaders of the people.

What did Ezekiel see when the Spirit brought him to the eastern gate of Yahweh's house?

Ezekiel saw twenty-five men, with the leaders of the people among them.

Ezekiel 11:2

ULT

² God said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity, and who decide wicked plans in this city.

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² Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, these are the new leaders in Jerusalem who are planning to do evil things and who are giving wicked advice to people in this city.

Of what did God say the twenty-five men were guilty?

God said the men were guilty of devising iniquity and deciding wicked plans in the city.

Ezekiel 11:3

ULT

³ They are saying, 'The time to build houses is not now; this city is the pot, and we are the meat.'

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³ They say, 'It is not the time to build houses yet, but just as pieces of meat are carefully stored in covered pots we will be protected from the bad things that will happen to others.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:4**ULT**

⁴ Therefore prophesy against them. Prophesy, son of man.”

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⁴ So, son of man, prophesy about the terrible things that will happen to them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the Spirit of Yahweh fell on me and he said for me to say: This is what Yahweh says, “That is what you are saying, house of Israel; for I know what goes through your mind.

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⁵ Then the Spirit of Yahweh came upon me and told me to say to the people, “This is what Yahweh says, ‘You Israelite people say those things, and I know what you are thinking.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:6**ULT**

⁶ You have multiplied the people you have killed in this city and filled its streets with them.

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⁶ You have killed many people in this city and filled the streets with their corpses.

With what had the twenty-five men filled the streets?

The twenty-five men had filled the streets with the people they had killed.

Ezekiel 11:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: The people you have killed, whose bodies you have laid in the midst of Jerusalem, are the meat, and this city is the pot. But you are going to be brought out from the midst of this city.

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⁷ Therefore this is what Yahweh the Lord says, 'The corpses of the people whom you have killed here are like the meat and Jerusalem is the cauldron, but I will expel you people from this city!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:8**ULT**

⁸ You have feared the sword, so I am bringing the sword upon you—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh.

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⁸ You are afraid of being killed by enemies' swords, so that is what I will cause to happen to you.

What did the twenty-five men fear, and what did Yahweh say he would bring?

The twenty-five men feared the sword, and Yahweh said he would bring the sword upon them.

Ezekiel 11:9**ULT**

⁹ I will bring you out of the midst of the city, and put you into the hands of foreigners, for I will bring judgment against you.

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⁹ I will expel you from this city and enable foreigners to capture you and punish you.

Into whose hands was Yahweh going to put the twenty-five men?

Yahweh was going to put the twenty-five men into the hands of foreigners.

Where were the twenty-five men to be judged and because of Yahweh's judgment upon them, what would the twenty-five men know? (vv9-10)

The twenty-five men were to be judged within the borders of Israel and because of Yahweh's judgment against them, the men would know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You will fall by the sword. I will judge you within the borders of Israel so you will know that I am Yahweh.

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¹⁰ They will kill you with their swords; you will be punished right here in Israel! Then people will realize that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ This city will not be your cooking pot, nor will you be the meat within her midst. I will judge you within the borders of Israel.

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¹¹ This city will not be a place where you will be protected like meat in a covered pot. I will punish you wherever you are in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:12**ULT**

¹² Then you will know that I am Yahweh, the one whose statutes you have not walked in and whose decrees you have not carried out. Instead, you have carried out the decrees of the nations that surround you."

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¹² Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have predicted that would happen, because you have not obeyed my commands and decrees; instead, you have imitated the wicked behavior of the people of the nearby nations."

What decrees had the twenty-five men carried out?

The twenty-five men had carried out the decrees of the nations surrounding them.

Ezekiel 11:13**ULT**

¹³ It came about that as I was prophesying, Pelatiah son of Benaiah, died. So I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice and said, "Alas, Lord Yahweh, will you completely destroy the remnant of Israel?"

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¹³ While I was prophesying that, Pelatiah son of Benaiah suddenly died. Then I prostrated myself on the ground and cried out loudly, "Yahweh my Lord, are you going to similarly get rid of all the Israelite people who are still alive?"

What was Ezekiel afraid that Yahweh would do to Israel?

Ezekiel was afraid that Yahweh would completely destroy the remnant of Israel.

Ezekiel 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹⁴ Then Yahweh gave me this message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ "Son of man, your brothers! Your brothers! The men of your clan and all the house of Israel! All of them are those of whom it is said by those living in Jerusalem, 'They are far away from Yahweh! This land was given to us as our possession.'

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¹⁵ "Son of man, the people who are still in Jerusalem are talking about your relatives, your clan, and all the rest of the Israelites who were exiled and saying, 'They are in Babylonia, far from Yahweh. They have left their property here in Israel, so their property now belongs to us!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Therefore say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Though I have removed them far off among the nations, and though I have scattered them among the lands, yet I have been a sanctuary for them for a little while in the lands where they have gone.'

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¹⁶ So tell them, "This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Although I caused them to be taken far away from Israel and scattered them among other nations, for a short time I have become a sanctuary for them in the countries to which they have been taken."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Therefore say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you from the lands where you were scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.'

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¹⁷ So also tell them, "This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Some day I will gather you from the nations to which you have been taken and bring you back to Israel, and you will live in your country again."

What promise did Yahweh give Israel despite his judgments upon them?

Yahweh promised to gather Israel from the peoples, and to assemble them in the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then they will go there and remove every detestable thing and every abomination from that place.

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¹⁸ When you return to your country, you will get rid of all the vile statues of gods and detestable idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them. I will take out the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

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¹⁹ I will give you Israelites one new heart and I will give you a new way of thinking when you return to Israel. You will not be stubborn, but will be obedient.

What did Yahweh promise to take from the people of Israel, and to give to them instead?

Yahweh promised to take from them their stone heart, and to give to them a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ so that they will walk in my statutes, they will carry out my decrees and do them. Then they will be my people, and I will be their God.

UST

²⁰ When I do that, you will carefully obey all my laws. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

How would the people of Israel then walk?

The people of Israel would then walk in Yahweh's statutes and decrees.

Ezekiel 11:21**ULT**

²¹ But to those who walk with affection toward their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their conduct on their own heads—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

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²¹ But as for those who are devoted to worshipping their vile statues and detestable idols, I will punish them as they deserve for the evil things that they have done." This is what Yahweh declared.

What did Yahweh say he would do for those who walk with affection towards their detestable things?

Yahweh said he would bring their conduct on their own heads.

Ezekiel 11:22**ULT**

²² The cherubim lifted up their wings and the wheels that were beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was high up over them.

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²² Then the winged creatures, with their wheels beside them, spread their wings and flew up into the air, and the dazzling brightness of Yahweh was above them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:23**ULT**

²³ Then the glory of Yahweh went up from within the midst of the city and stood on the mountain to the east of the city.

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²³ That light went up away from the city and stopped above the mountain to the east of the city.

From where did the glory of Yahweh leave and to where did the glory of Yahweh go?

The glory of Yahweh left the midst of the city and stood on the mountain east of the city.

Ezekiel 11:24**ULT**

²⁴ The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into Chaldea, to the exiles, in the vision from the Spirit of God, and the vision that I had seen went up from upon me.

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²⁴ In the vision that I had been seeing, God's Spirit lifted me up and brought me back to the exiles in Babylon. Then the vision ended,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:25

ULT

²⁵ Then I declared to the exiles all the things of Yahweh that I had seen.

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²⁵ and I told the exiles everything that Yahweh had shown me in the vision.

What did Ezekiel do when the Spirit brought him into Chaldea?

Ezekiel declared to the exiles all the things of Yahweh he had seen.

Ezekiel 12

Ezekiel 12:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:2

ULT

² "Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house, where they have eyes to see but they do not see; and where they have ears to hear but do not listen, because they are a rebellious house.

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² "Son of man, you are living among people who are very rebellious. They have eyes, but they do not see what I want them to see; they have ears, but they do not listen to what I want them to hear, because they are such a rebellious people.

Where did Yahweh say Ezekiel lived?

Yahweh said Ezekiel lived in the midst of a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 12:3

ULT

³ Therefore as for you, son of man, prepare your things for exile, and begin going out by day in their sight, for I will exile you in their sight from your place to another place. Perhaps they will begin to see, though they are a rebellious house.

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³ Therefore, son of man, pack your belongings as though you were going into exile. Then, during the daytime, while people are watching, prepare to go to another place. Even though the people are rebellious, perhaps they will understand what you are symbolizing.

What was Ezekiel to do in the sight of the people of Israel?

Ezekiel was to prepare for exile, going out in their sight to another place.

Ezekiel 12:4**ULT**

⁴ You will bring out your things for an exile in the day in their sight; go out in the evening in their sight in the way that anyone goes into exile.

UST

⁴ During the daytime, while they are watching, bring out the things that you want to take, and pack them. Then in the evening, while they are watching, do what those who are preparing to go into exile do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:5**ULT**

⁵ Dig a hole through the wall in their sight, and go out through it.

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⁵ Dig through the city wall and take your things through the hole.

How did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to go out?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to dig a hole through the wall and go out through it.

Ezekiel 12:6**ULT**

⁶ In their sight, lift up your things onto your shoulder, and bring them out in the darkness. Cover your face, for you must not see the land, since I have set you as a sign to the house of Israel."

UST

⁶ Put them in a sack on your shoulder while they are watching, and leave when it becomes dark. Cover your face so you cannot see the path. I want you to do this because I want you to warn the Israelite people."

According to Yahweh, what was the purpose of Ezekiel's exile?

Yahweh said that Ezekiel's exile was a sign to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 12:7**ULT**

⁷ So I did this, just as I was commanded. I brought out my things of exile in the daytime, and in the evening I dug a hole through the wall by hand. I brought my things out in the dark, and lifted them up on my shoulder in their sight.

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⁷ So I did what Yahweh told me to do. During the day I brought things out of my house as though I was packing to go into exile. Then in the evening I dug through the city wall. Then while people watched, I put my sack of belongings on my shoulder and left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:8**ULT**

⁸ Then the word of Yahweh came to me in the morning, saying,

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⁸ The next morning, Yahweh gave me this message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:9**ULT**

⁹ "Son of man, is the house of Israel, that rebellious house, not asking, 'What are you doing?'

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⁹ "Son of man, did the rebellious people of Israel not ask you, 'What are you doing?'

What question was the house of Israel asking Ezekiel as he came out of his house?

The house of Israel was asking, "What are you doing?"

Ezekiel 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: this prophetic action concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel in whose midst they are.'

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¹⁰ So go back and say to them, 'What I did is about the king in Jerusalem and all the other people of Israel who are there.'

Who did Ezekiel's prophetic action concern?

Ezekiel's prophetic action concerned the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ Say, 'I am a sign to you.' As I have done, so it will be done to them; they will go into exile and into captivity.

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¹¹ Tell them, 'What I did is a warning to you. What I did in front of you, they are going to have to do. They will be captured and forced to go to another country.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:12**ULT**

¹² The prince who is among them will lift up his things upon his shoulder in the dark, and will go out through the wall. They will dig through the wall and bring out their things. He will cover his face, so he will not see the land with his eyes.

UST

¹² Their king will put his belongings on his shoulder when it becomes dark and he will try to escape. His servants will dig a hole through the city wall, and he will take his belongings through it. He will cover his face so others will not recognize him and he will not be able to see the land.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the prince in Jerusalem? (vv12-13)

Yahweh said that the prince in Jerusalem would go out through the wall, but would be caught and taken to Babylon where he would die without sight.

Ezekiel 12:13**ULT**

¹³ I will spread out my net over him and he will be caught in my snare; then I will bring him to Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, but he will not see it. He will die there.

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¹³ But it will be as though I will spread a net for him to be captured; enemy soldiers will capture him, blind him, and take him to the city of Babylon where the Chaldean people live. But he will not be able to see it because he will be blind; and there he will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will also scatter in every direction all of those around him who were to assist him and his entire army, and I will send out a sword after them.

UST

¹⁴ I will scatter all those who have been around him—his advisors and his soldiers—in every direction; and I will cause his enemies to pursue them, with their swords ready to strike them.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the army of the prince in Jerusalem?

Yahweh said the army would be scattered, and he would send out a sword after them.

Ezekiel 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I scatter them among the nations and disperse them throughout the lands.

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¹⁵ Then, when I scatter them among many nations, they will know that I, Yahweh have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But I will spare a few men from among them from the sword, famine, and plague, so they may record all of their abominations in the lands where I take them, so they will know that I am Yahweh.”

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¹⁶ But I will spare some of them from being killed by the sword, or starving to death, or dying of disease so they can record that they have been doing disgusting things, and they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

What two reasons did Yahweh give for sparing a few men?

Yahweh said he would spare a few men so they could record the abominations of Israel, and so they would know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹⁷ Then Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:18**ULT**

¹⁸ “Son of man, eat your bread with trembling, and drink your water with shaking and worry.

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¹⁸ “Son of man, tremble while you eat your food, and shudder fearfully while you drink your water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then say to the people of the land, 'The Lord Yahweh says this concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel, "They will eat their bread with trembling and drink their water while shaking, since the land will be despoiled of its fullness because of the violence of all those who live there.

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¹⁹ Tell this to the Israelite people: 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says about those who are still living in Jerusalem and in other places in Israel. They also will be very anxious while they eat their food and drink their water, because their country will soon have everything taken away. That will happen because the people who live there continually act very violently.

How did Yahweh say the the people of the land of Israel would eat and drink?

Yahweh said the people would eat their bread with trembling and drink their water while shaking.

Ezekiel 12:20**ULT**

²⁰ So the cities that were inhabited will be desolate, and the land will become a wasteland; so you will know that I am Yahweh. ""

UST

²⁰ The towns where people live will be devastated, and the land will become barren. Then you people will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do."

What did Yahweh say would happen to the cities and the land?

Yahweh said the cities would be desolate and the land would be a wasteland.

Ezekiel 12:21**ULT**

²¹ Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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²¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:22**ULT**

²² “Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel that says, ‘The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?’

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²² “Son of man, the people in Israel have this proverb that says, ‘The days keep passing, and what the prophets predict never happens.’

What did the people of Israel think about prophetic visions?

The people thought that every prophetic vision was prolonged and failed.

Ezekiel 12:23**ULT**

²³ Therefore, say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: I will put an end to this proverb, and the people of Israel will no longer use it.’ Say to them, ‘The days have drawn near when every vision will be fulfilled.’

UST

²³ So say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: I am going to prove that what they say is not correct, and then they will never say it again in Israel.’ Tell them, ‘It will soon be the time when everything that the prophets predict will happen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:24**ULT**

²⁴ For there will no longer be any false visions or favorable divinations within the house of Israel.

UST

²⁴ No longer will prophets tell the Israelite people false visions, or tell people prophecies just to please them.

What did Yahweh say there would no longer be within the house of Israel?

Yahweh said there would no longer be any false visions or favorable divination within the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 12:25**ULT**

²⁵ For I am Yahweh! I speak, and I carry out the words that I speak. The matter will no longer be delayed. For I will speak this word in your days, rebellious house, and I will carry it out!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.”

UST

²⁵ Instead, I, Yahweh, will say what I want to tell the people, and what I predict will quickly happen. You rebellious people, I will cause to happen everything that I say will happen. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:26**ULT**

²⁶ Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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²⁶ Yahweh also gave me this message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:27**ULT**

²⁷ “Son of man! Behold, the house of Israel has said, ‘The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of far off times.’

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²⁷ “Son of man, the Israelite people are constantly saying about you, ‘The things that he sees in visions will not happen soon. They are about things that will happen many years from now, far in the future.’

When did the house of Israel think the prophetic vision of Ezekiel would be fulfilled?

The house of Israel had said, ‘The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of far off times.’

Ezekiel 12:28**ULT**

²⁸ Therefore say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: My words will not be delayed any longer, but the word that I have spoken will be done—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'

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²⁸ Therefore say to them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: I will no longer delay causing to happen any of the things that I have prophesied. Whatever I have predicted will soon happen.'

What did Yahweh say about the fulfillment of Ezekiel's vision.

Yahweh said his words would no longer be delayed but the word that Yahweh had spoken would be done.

Ezekiel 13**Ezekiel 13:1****ULT**

¹ Again, the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:2**ULT**

² "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets who are prophesying in Israel, and say to those who are prophesying out of their own imaginations, 'Listen to the word of Yahweh.

UST

² "Son of man, prophesy a warning against the prophets in Israel who are prophesying. Some of them are prophesying things that they themselves have imagined. Say to them, 'Listen to what Yahweh says!

From where were the false prophets of Israel getting their prophecies? (vv2-3)

The false prophets in Israel were getting their prophecies from their own minds and spirits.

Ezekiel 13:3**ULT**

³ The Lord Yahweh says this: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit, but who have seen nothing!

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³ He says, "Terrible things will happen to those wicked prophets who proclaim their own ideas and have not seen any visions from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:4**ULT**

⁴ Israel, your prophets have been like jackals in the wastelands.

UST

⁴ You Israelite people, your prophets are like jackals in the desert, they are scavengers feeding off of others' loss.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:5**ULT**

⁵ You have not gone to the breaks in the wall around the house of Israel in order to repair it, in order to resist in battle on the day of Yahweh.

UST

⁵ Because you were listening to them, you have not repaired breeches or strengthened your walls. That needs to be done so that the walls will be strong when I, Yahweh, send your enemies to attack you.

What had the false prophets failed to do?

The false prophets had failed to repair the breaks in the wall around the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 13:6**ULT**

⁶ The people have false visions and make false predictions, those who say, "Such and such is Yahweh's declaration." Yahweh has not sent them, but they nevertheless have made people hope that their messages would come true.

UST

⁶ The visions and prophecies of those prophets are false. They say, 'Yahweh told me this.' I have not sent them to you to be my prophets, but you expect that what they prophesy will truly happen!

What were the false prophets saying, even though Yahweh had not sent them? (vv6-7)

The false prophets were saying, "Such and such is Yahweh's declaration," even though Yahweh had not sent them.

Ezekiel 13:7**ULT**

⁷ Have you not had false visions and made false predictions, you who say, “Such and such is Yahweh’s declaration” when I myself have not spoken?”

UST

⁷ They say that they have seen visions, but those visions are false, and the things that they prophesy are lies. They say, ‘Yahweh told me this,’ but I have told them nothing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:8**ULT**

⁸ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, ‘Because you have had false visions and have told lies—therefore this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration against you:

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⁸ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Because you prophets have said what is false and because your visions are lies, I am opposed to you.

What declaration did Yahweh make against the false prophets of Israel? (vv8-9)

Yahweh declared that his hand was against the false prophets, and they would not be enrolled in the record of the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 13:9**ULT**

⁹ My hand will be against the prophets who have lying visions and who make false predictions. They will not be in the assembly of my people, or enrolled in the record of the house of Israel; they must not go to the land of Israel. For you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh!

UST

⁹ I will strike all you prophets who falsely say that you have seen visions and prophesy things that are lies. You will not have any place among my people, your names will not be listed in the records of the Israelite people, and you will never return to Israel. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Because of this, and because they led my people astray and said, "Peace!" when there is no peace, they are building a wall that they will paint with whitewash.'

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¹⁰ They deceive my people, saying "Things will go well for us" when things will not go well. It is like they want to make people think that there is a very strong wall when it is not strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ Say to those who are whitewashing the wall, 'It will fall down; there will be a downpour of rain, and I will send hailstones to make it fall down, and a windstorm wind to break it down.

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¹¹ So, tell those prophets who cover the wall with whitewash that the wall will surely fall down. It will rain very hard. I will send big hailstones to fall. Very strong winds will blow against it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:12**ULT**

¹² See, the wall will fall down. Have others not said to you, "Where is the whitewash that you put on it?"

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¹² When the wall falls down, the people will certainly say to those prophets, "The white paint certainly did not make the wall strong!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:13**ULT**

¹³ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: I will bring a windstorm in my rage, and there will be floods of rain in my wrath! Hailstones in my rage will completely destroy it.

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¹³ So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Because I am very angry with you, I will send enemy armies to destroy Jerusalem. It will be as though I will send a very strong wind and hailstones and very heavy rains to destroy you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For I will tear down the wall that you have covered with whitewash, and I will demolish it to the ground and lay bare its foundations. So it will fall, and you will be annihilated in the middle of it all. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.

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¹⁴ The false prophecies of your prophets are like a wall that they have covered with whitewash, but I will break it down, and shatter it down to the ground, with the result that people can see its foundations. When the wall collapses you also will be killed, and everyone will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What would the people know when Yahweh destroys the false prophets?

The people would know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For I will annihilate in my fury the wall and those who whitewashed it. I will say to you, "The wall exists no more, nor do the people who whitewashed it—

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¹⁵ In that way I will show that I am very angry with the wall and with those who covered it with whitewash. And I will say, "The wall is gone and those who whitewashed it have been killed."

What did Yahweh say he would do to the wall and those who whitewashed it?

Yahweh said he would annihilate the wall and those who whitewashed it.

Ezekiel 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ the prophets of Israel who prophesied about Jerusalem and who had visions of peace for her. But there is no peace!—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

¹⁶ Those are the prophets who prophesied that things would go well for the people in Jerusalem, when things would not go well for them.’

What were the false prophets prophesying to the people concerning Jerusalem?

The false prophets were prophesying peace for Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who prophesy out of their own minds, and prophesy against them.

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¹⁷ So you, son of man, show that you are angry with the women of Jerusalem who prophesy things that they themselves have imagined, and speak true prophesy against them.

What was the “son of man” told to do about the daughters of his people who prophesy out of their own minds?

The “son of man” was told to prophesy against them.

Ezekiel 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Woe to the women who sew magic charms onto every part of their hand and make veils for their heads of every size, used to hunt down people. Will you hunt down my people but save your own lives?’

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¹⁸ Tell them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Terrible things will happen to you women who fasten magic charms on your wrists and make veils of various sizes to put on your heads in order to deceive the people. You think that you will deceive others by telling them that you know what will happen in the future, and you will save your own lives.’

What were the magic charms and the veils the women made used for?

The magic charms and veils the women made were used to hunt down people.

Ezekiel 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and crumbs of bread, to kill people who should not die, and to preserve the lives of those who should not continue to live, because of your lies to my people who heard you.

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¹⁹ You dishonored me by telling lies in order to get from my people a few handfuls of barley and a few pieces of bread. My people listen to lies; and you women who are lying to them have caused people who did not deserve to die to be killed, and have spared those who should not continue to live.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: I am against the magic charms that you have used to ensnare the people's lives as if they were birds. Indeed, I will tear them from your arms; and the people whom you have trapped like birds—I will let them go free.

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²⁰ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to those women: 'I detest your magic charms by which you deceive people like other people trap birds. I will tear those charms off your wrists, and I will cause the people whom you have deceived to no longer be deceived by you.'

What did Yahweh say he would do for his people who are trapped? (vv20-21)

Yahweh said he would let his people who are trapped go free.

Ezekiel 13:21**ULT**

²¹ I will tear away your veils and rescue my people from your hand, so they will no longer be trapped in your hands. You will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

²¹ I will also tear off your veils and rescue my people from continuing to be deceived by you, and they will no longer be under your control. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:22**ULT**

²² Because you discourage the heart of the righteous person with lies, even though I did not desire his discouragement, and because you encourage instead the actions of the wicked person so that he will not turn from his way to save his life—

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²² You have discouraged righteous people by telling them lies when I did not do things to cause them to be sad. And you have encouraged wicked people to keep on doing their wicked behavior; if they had turned away from it, they would have continued to live.

What were the false prophets doing to the righteous and the wicked person?

The false prophets were discouraging the righteous and encouraging the wicked person.

Ezekiel 13:23**ULT**

²³ therefore you will no longer have false visions or continue to make predictions, for I will rescue my people out of your hand. You will know that I am Yahweh.”

UST

²³ Therefore, you will no longer falsely say that you have seen visions or tell people what will happen in the future in order to please them. I will rescue my people from being deceived by you. And then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

What did Yahweh say the false prophets would no longer have?

Yahweh said the false prophets would no longer have false visions or continue to make false predictions.

Ezekiel 14

Ezekiel 14:1

ULT

¹ Some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.

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¹ One day some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat down in front of me.

Who came to Ezekiel to inquire of him?

The elders of Israel came to Ezekiel to inquire of him.

Ezekiel 14:2

ULT

² Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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² Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:3

ULT

³ "Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts and have put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their own faces. Should I be inquired of at all by them?"

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³ "Son of man, these men worship idols, and they are allowing idols to induce them to sin. So should I answer them if they ask me for advice?"

Why did Yahweh question if he should be inquired of by these men?

Yahweh questioned because the elders had taken their idols into their hearts.

Ezekiel 14:4**ULT**

⁴ Therefore announce this to them and say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Every man of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart, or who puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and who then comes to a prophet—I, Yahweh, will answer him according to the number of his idols.'

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⁴ But say this to them: 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: When any Israelite person wants to worship idols that will induce him to sin, and goes to a prophet to get advice, I, Yahweh, will give him the same answer that they deserve to receive because they worship idols.'

How did Yahweh say he would answer those who take idols into their hearts?

Yahweh said he would answer those who take idols into their hearts according to the number of their idols.

Ezekiel 14:5**ULT**

⁵ I will do this so that I may take back the house of Israel in their hearts that have been driven far from me through their idols.'

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⁵ I will do this so the Israelite people, who have abandoned me in order to worship their idols, will sincerely worship me again.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:6**ULT**

⁶ Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Repent and turn away from your idols! Turn back your faces from all your abominations.'

UST

⁶ Therefore, say to the Israelite people, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Repent! Stop worshiping your idols, and stop all your other detestable behavior!'

What did Yahweh call the house of Israel to do?

Yahweh called the house of Israel to repent and turn away from its idols.

Ezekiel 14:7**ULT**

⁷ For every one from the house of Israel and every one of the foreigners staying in Israel who deserts me, who takes his idols into his heart and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his own face, and who then comes to a prophet to seek me—I, Yahweh, will answer him myself.

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⁷ When any of you Israelite people or any foreigner living among you turns away from me and starts worshiping idols that induce him to sin, and then goes to a prophet to find out what I want him to do, I myself will answer him.

What did Yahweh say he would do to every man who worships idols and then seeks to inquire from a prophet of Yahweh? (vv7-8)

Yahweh said he would make that man a sign and a proverb by cutting him off from the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 14:8**ULT**

⁸ So I will set my face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, for I will cut him off from the midst of my people, and you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

⁸ I will show that I detest him, and cause what happens to him to be a warning to others, and cause him to be someone whom people despise. I will not allow him to associate with my people. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:9**ULT**

⁹ If a prophet is deceived and speaks a message, then I, Yahweh, will deceive that prophet; I will reach out with my hand against him and destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

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⁹ And if a prophet is deceived and gives a false prophecy, even though I have allowed him to give that message, I will get rid of him and remove him from among my Israelite people.

What did Yahweh say he would do to every deceived prophet?

Yahweh said he would deceive that prophet and destroy him.

Ezekiel 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They will carry their own iniquity; the iniquity of the prophet will be the same as the iniquity of the one who inquires from him.

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¹⁰ Both the prophet and the one who asks him for advice will be guilty, and I will punish both of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ Because of this, the house of Israel will no longer wander away from following me nor defile themselves any longer through all their transgressions. They will be my people, and I will be their God—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.”

UST

¹¹ Then the Israelite people will no longer abandon me, and they will no longer become unacceptable to me because of their sins. They will be my people, and I will be their God. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say.”

What relationship did Yahweh say he wanted with the people of Israel?

Yahweh said he wanted the people to be his people, and for him to be their God.

Ezekiel 14:12**ULT**

¹² Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹² Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:13**ULT**

¹³ “Son of man, when a land sins against me by committing a sin so that I reach out with my hand against it and break the staff of its bread, and send out over it a famine and cut off both man and beast from the land;

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¹³ “You human, if the people of some country sin against me by abandoning me, and I punish them by cutting off their food supply and by sending a famine so that people and animals die,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ then even if these three men—Noah, Daniel, and Job—were in the land’s midst, they could only rescue their own lives by their righteousness—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.

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¹⁴ even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were there, they would save only themselves because of their being righteous. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

When Yahweh brought judgment, what would be all that even the most righteous in the land could do?

When Yahweh brought judgment, even the most righteous in the land could only deliver their own souls.

Who did Yahweh use as examples of some of the most righteous men in history?

Yahweh used as examples of some of the most righteous men in history Noah, Daniel, and Job.

Ezekiel 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ If I send evil beasts through the land and make it barren so that it becomes a wasteland where no man may pass through because of the beasts,

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¹⁵ Or, if I send wild animals throughout the country, and they attack and kill many of the people, so that travel in that country becomes very dangerous and no one travels through that country,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ then even if these same three men were in it—as I live, declares the Lord Yahweh—they would not be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters; only their own lives would be rescued, but the land would become a wasteland.

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¹⁶ as surely as I am alive, even if those three men were in that country, they could not save even their own sons or daughters from being killed. Only they three would be saved, and the country would become a wasteland. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

Who did Yahweh use as examples of some of the most righteous men in history?

Yahweh used as examples of some of the most righteous men in history Noah, Daniel, and Job.

When Yahweh brought judgment, who would the most righteous in the land not be able to deliver?

When Yahweh brought judgment, the most righteous in the land would not be able to deliver their sons or daughters.

Ezekiel 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Or if I bring a sword against that land and say, 'Sword, go through the land and cut off both man and beast from it',

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¹⁷ Or, if I bring enemy soldiers to kill the people and animals throughout that country with their swords,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ then even if these three men were in the midst of the land—as I live, declares the Lord Yahweh—they would not be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters; only their own lives would be rescued.

UST

¹⁸ as surely as I am alive, even if those three men were in that country, they would not be able to save even their own sons or daughters from being killed. They would save only themselves. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

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Ezekiel 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Or if I send a plague against this land and pour out my fury against it through bloodshed, in order to cut off both man and beast,

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¹⁹ Or, if I send a plague into that land and cause the people and the animals to die from the plague because I am very angry with those people,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ then even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were in that land—as I live, declares the Lord Yahweh—they would not be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters; only their own lives would be rescued by their righteousness.

UST

²⁰ as surely as I am alive, even if Noah, Daniel and Job were in that country, they would not be able to save even their sons and daughters. They would save only themselves because of their being righteous. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

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Ezekiel 14:21**ULT**

²¹ For the Lord Yahweh says this: I will certainly make things worse by sending my four punishments—famine, sword, wild animals, and plague—against Jerusalem to cut off both man and beast from her.

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²¹ So now this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I will cause four things to happen to the people of Jerusalem to punish them very severely. Some people and animals will be killed by swords, some will die from famines, others will be attacked and killed by wild animals, and others will die in plagues.

What four punishments did Yahweh say he would send to Jerusalem?

Yahweh said he would send the four punishments of famine, sword, wild animals, and plague.

Ezekiel 14:22**ULT**

²² Yet, behold! A remnant will be left in her, survivors who will go out with sons and daughters. Behold! They will go out to you, and you will see their ways and actions and be comforted concerning the punishment that I have sent to Jerusalem, and about everything else that I have sent against the land.

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²² But some of your people will remain alive, both adults and children. They will come to you, Ezekiel. And when you see their disgusting behavior and actions, you will realize that I had good reasons for causing the people of Jerusalem to experience those many great disasters that I have sent to them.

After Yahweh's judgment, who would be left?

After Yahweh's judgment, a remnant would be left who would go out with sons and daughters.

Ezekiel 14:23**ULT**

²³ The survivors will comfort you when you see their ways and their actions, so you will know all these things I have done against her, that I have not done them in vain!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST

²³ When you see those things that they do, you will know that there were very good reasons for me to do everything that I caused to happen to them. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare."

What would cause Ezekiel to be comforted?

When Ezekiel saw the ways and actions of the remnant of survivors, he would be comforted.

Ezekiel 15

Ezekiel 15:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 15:2

ULT

² "Son of man, how is a vine better than any tree with branches that is among the trees in a forest?

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² "Son of man, the wood of a grapevine is certainly not more useful than the branches of the trees in a forest.

What two things in the forest does Yahweh compare?

Yahweh compares the vine to any tree with branches.

Ezekiel 15:3

ULT

³ Do people take wood from a vine to make anything? Or do they make a peg from it to hang anything on it?

UST

³ No one even makes pegs from it to hang things on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 15:4**ULT**

⁴ See! If it is thrown into a fire as fuel, and if the fire has burned both of its ends and also the middle, is it good for anything?

UST

⁴ And after a branch of a grapevine is thrown into a fire and the fire burns both ends and chars the branch in the middle, after that will it be useful for anything?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 15:5**ULT**

⁵ See! When it was complete, it could not make anything; surely then, when the fire has burned, then it still will not make anything useful.

UST

⁵ No; if it was not useful for anything before it was burned, it certainly cannot be made into something useful after the fire has burned and charred it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 15:6**ULT**

⁶ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Unlike the trees in the forests, I have given the vine as fuel for fires; I will act in the same way toward the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

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⁶ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: The wood of grapevines is useful only for fuel in a fire. Similarly, the people who live in Jerusalem are useless.

What did the Lord Yahweh say he had given the vine for?

The Lord Yahweh said he had given the vine as fuel for fires.

How does Yahweh say the inhabitants of Jerusalem are like the vine?

Yahweh says the inhabitants of Jerusalem are like the vine in that both are given as fuel for fires.

Ezekiel 15:7**ULT**

⁷ For I will set my face against them. Though they come out from the fire, yet the fire will consume them; so you will know that I am Yahweh, when I set my face against them.

UST

⁷ I will reject them. It will be as though they have escaped from a fire, but there will still be a fire that will burn them up. And when I punish them, you people who remain alive will know that I, Yahweh, have done it.

What will all know when Yahweh destroys the inhabitants of Jerusalem with fire?

All will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 15:8**ULT**

⁸ Then I will make the land into an abandoned wasteland because they have committed sin—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST

⁸ I will cause your country to become a wasteland because your people have not been loyal to me. That is what I, Yahweh, the Lord, say."

Why will Yahweh make the land into an abandoned wasteland?

Yahweh will make the land into an abandoned wasteland because the inhabitants of Jerusalem have committed sin.

Ezekiel 16

Ezekiel 16:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:2

ULT

² "Son of man, inform Jerusalem about her abominations,

UST

² "Son of man, inform the people of Jerusalem about their detestable behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:3

ULT

³ and declare, 'The Lord Yahweh says this to Jerusalem: Your beginning and your birth took place in the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite, and your mother was a Hittite.

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³ Say to them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says to you people of Jerusalem: It is as though you are a woman whose father belonged to the Amor people group and your mother belonged to the Heth people group.

Where did Yahweh say Jerusalem had its beginning and birth?

Yahweh said Jerusalem had its beginning and birth in the land of Canaan.

Ezekiel 16:4**ULT**

⁴ On the day of your birth, your mother did not cut your navel, nor did she purify you in water or rub you down with salt, or wrap cloth around you.

UST

⁴ It is as though on the day that you were born, your umbilical cord was not cut, and your body was not washed in water or rubbed with salt and wrapped in strips of cloth, like Israelite babies always are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:5**ULT**

⁵ No eye had compassion for you to do any of these things for you, to be compassionate toward you. On the day that you were born, with loathing for your life, you were thrown out into the open field.

UST

⁵ No one pitied you or acted kindly toward you by doing those things for you. Instead, it was as though they hated you. As soon as you were born they threw you into a field to die.

What was done with Jerusalem on the day it was born?

Jerusalem was thrown out into the open field on the day it was born.

Ezekiel 16:6**ULT**

⁶ But I passed by you, and I saw you writhing in your own blood; so I said to you in your blood, "Live!" I said to you in your blood, "Live!" ^[1]

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⁶ Then it was as though I passed by and saw you lying in your own blood and kicking. And while you lay there kicking in your own blood, I said to you, "I want you to remain alive!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:7**ULT**

⁷ I made you grow like a plant in a field. You multiplied and became great, and you became the jewel of jewels. Your breasts became firm, and your hair grew thick, though you had been naked and bare.

UST

⁷ It was as though I caused you to grow up, like plants in the field grow; you grew up and became tall and became like the most precious jewel of all. You developed into a beautiful woman, but you were still completely naked.

What did Yahweh do for Jerusalem after its birth?

Yahweh made Jerusalem grow like a plant in a field after its birth.

Ezekiel 16:8**ULT**

⁸ I passed by you again, and I saw you. See! the time of love came for you, so I spread my robe over you and covered your nakedness. Then I swore to you and brought you into a covenant—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—and you became mine.

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⁸ When I saw you several years later, it was as though I spread the cloth of my robe over you to symbolize that I would marry you, with the result that you were no longer naked. I solemnly promised that I would marry you and made a marriage agreement with you, and you became my wife.' That is what Yahweh the Lord says.

What did Yahweh do for Jerusalem when it reached the age of maturity?

Yahweh spread his robe over Jerusalem, and brought it into covenant with him.

Ezekiel 16:9**ULT**

⁹ So I washed you with water and rinsed your blood off you, and I anointed you with oil.

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⁹ And then it was as though I bathed you and washed the blood from you and put ointment on your body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I dressed you in embroidered clothes and placed leather sandals on your feet. I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

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¹⁰ It was as though I put a fine linen robe on you and gave you expensive clothes. I put an embroidered dress on you and put leather sandals on your feet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ Next I adorned you with jewelry, and I put bracelets on your hands, and a chain around your neck.

UST

¹¹ It was as though I put bracelets on your arms and a necklace around your neck. Those things all had nice jewels fastened to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:12**ULT**

¹² I put a nose ring in your nostrils and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.

UST

¹² I put a gold ring in your nose and fastened earrings to your ears and put a beautiful crown on your head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:13**ULT**

¹³ So you were adorned with gold and silver, and you were dressed in fine linen, silk, and embroidered clothes; you ate fine flour, honey, and oil, and you were very beautiful, and you became a queen.

UST

¹³ So it was as though you wore gold and silver ornaments. You had clothes made from fine linen and other expensive fabrics, and an embroidered dress. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil. You were the most beautiful woman and I made you into a queen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect in the majesty that I had given to you—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹⁴ You were very beautiful, with the result that people in other nations heard about you, because they knew that I, Yahweh the Lord, am the one who had caused you to become very beautiful.

Why did Jerusalem's fame go out among the nations?

Jerusalem's fame went out among the nations because of its beauty.

Ezekiel 16:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But you trusted in your own beauty, and you acted like a prostitute because of your fame; you poured out your acts of prostitution on everyone who passed by, so that your beauty became his.

UST

¹⁵ But it was as though you forgot that I made you beautiful and started acting promiscuous with every man who came along, and they all enjoyed your beauty.

How did Jerusalem act after its fame went out among the nations? (vv15-16)

Jerusalem acted like a prostitute after its fame went out among the nations.

Ezekiel 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then you took your clothes and with them you made high places for yourself decorated in various colors, and there you acted like a prostitute. This should not have happened. Nor should such a thing exist.

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¹⁶ It was as though you took some of your clothes to make beautifully decorated the high places, and that is where you slept with those men. Those things should certainly never occur!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:17**ULT**

¹⁷ You took the fine jewels of the gold and silver that I gave you, and you made for yourself male figures, and you did with them as a prostitute would do.

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¹⁷ You took the fine gold and silver jewelry that I gave you, and you made male idols for yourself, in order to sleep with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:18**ULT**

¹⁸ You took your embroidered garments and covered them, and you set my oils and perfumes before them.

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¹⁸ You took some of your embroidered clothes to put on those idols, and you burned oil and incense in front of them to honor them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:19**ULT**

¹⁹ My bread I gave you—made with fine flour, oil, and honey—you set before them for a fragrant aroma, for this is what happened—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

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¹⁹ And the bread that was made from fine flour and the olive oil and honey that I gave to you to eat, you offered to be a fragrant sacrifice to those idols. I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that that is what happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then you took your sons and daughters whom you bore for me, and you sacrificed them to the images to be devoured as food. Are your acts of prostitution a small matter?

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²⁰ And you even took your sons and daughters who were supposed to be committed to me and sacrificed and killed them as though they were less important than your becoming a prostitute.

What did Jerusalem do with its sons and daughters born for Yahweh?

Jerusalem sacrificed its sons and daughters to the images.

Ezekiel 16:21**ULT**

²¹ You slaughtered my children to the idols and made them pass through the fire.

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²¹ You slaughtered those who were like my children, and offered them to be sacrifices to these false gods!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:22**ULT**

²² In all your abominations and your acts of prostitution you have not thought about the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare as you thrashed about in your blood.

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²² All during the time when you were acting like a prostitute and doing other detestable things, you did not think about the time when it was as though you were very young, naked, lying in your own blood and kicking in the field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:23**ULT**

²³ Woe! Woe to you!—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—therefore, in addition to all this wickedness,

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²³ So I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that terrible things will happen to you. In addition to all the other wicked things that you did,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:24**ULT**

²⁴ you built yourself a mound and made yourself a lofty shrine in every public place.

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²⁴ you built yourself a tall building in which you worship idols and you built a place to worship idols in every city square.

What did Jerusalem make in every public place?

Jerusalem made a shrine in every public place.

Ezekiel 16:25**ULT**

²⁵ You built your high place at the head of every road and made your beauty a disgrace, and you spread your legs to anyone who passed by, and you multiplied your acts of prostitution.

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²⁵ At the beginning of every street you built a tall building for the worship of idols, and showed people your beautiful body, offering it to sleep with every man who walked by, and so you were known as a prostitute and your fame for your immorality grew every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:26**ULT**

²⁶ You have acted like a prostitute with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and you committed many more acts of prostitution, provoking me to anger.

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²⁶ It was as though you had slept with men from Egypt who were eager to sleep with you, men who lived near Israel. You caused me to become very angry because you became more eager to sleep with more and more of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:27**ULT**

²⁷ See! I will strike you with my hand and cut off your food. I will hand your life over to your enemies, the daughters of the Philistines, who were ashamed of your obscene behavior.

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²⁷ So I punished you and caused your enemies to capture some of your country. I enabled your greedy enemies from Philistia to defeat you; and even they were shocked because of your disgraceful behavior.

What did Yahweh say he would cut off because of Jerusalem's prostitution?

Yahweh said he would cut off Jerusalem's food because of its prostitution.

Ezekiel 16:28**ULT**

²⁸ You have acted like a prostitute with the Assyrians because you could not be satisfied. You acted like a prostitute and still were not satisfied.

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²⁸ It was as though you slept with soldiers from Assyria, too, because you always wanted to sleep with more men. And after that, you still were not satisfied.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:29**ULT**

²⁹ You performed many more acts of prostitution in the land of the merchants of Chaldea, and even this did not satisfy you.

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²⁹ So you also slept with soldiers from Babylonia, a country full of merchants, but even that did not satisfy you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:30**ULT**

³⁰ How sick is your heart—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—that you would do all these things, deeds of a shameless prostitute?

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³⁰ I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that you are ruining your life! When you did all those things, you were acting like a prostitute who has no shame for all the things she does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:31**ULT**

³¹ You have built your mounds at the head of every street and made your lofty shrines in every public square. Yet you were not like a prostitute because you scoffed at taking payment.

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³¹ But when you built the houses on the hills to worship idols in every city square, you were not really like a prostitute because prostitutes charge money. You refused to take money for what you did!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:32**ULT**

³² You adulterous woman, you accept strangers instead of your husband.

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³² You are like a woman who commits adultery: You prefer to sleep with strangers rather than with your husband.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:33**ULT**

³³ People give payment to every prostitute, but you give your wages to all your lovers and bribe them to come to you from all around for your acts of prostitution.

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³³ Prostitutes are paid, but it is as though you give gifts to all your lovers; you bribe them to come to you from everywhere to sleep with you.

What did Yahweh say is the difference between Jerusalem and every prostitute? (vv33-34)

Yahweh said the difference is that prostitutes are paid for their acts, but Jerusalem pays its lovers and bribes them.

Ezekiel 16:34**ULT**

³⁴ So there is a difference between you and other women. No one offers payment for you to act as a prostitute. You are the very opposite. You gave them payment and none was given to you.

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³⁴ So although you act like you are a prostitute, you are actually the opposite of other prostitutes! Instead of them giving any money to you, you give men money to sleep with you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:35**ULT**

³⁵ Therefore, you prostitute, listen to the word of Yahweh.

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³⁵ Therefore, you people of Jerusalem, you, who are like a prostitute, listen to what Yahweh the Lord is saying about you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:36**ULT**

³⁶ The Lord Yahweh says this: Because you have poured out your lust and uncovered your nakedness through your acts of prostitution with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because you gave them your children's blood,

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³⁶ He says that what you have done is as though you have lusted for everyone around you and had slept with them and with the male idols you made, so that you even made your own children to be sacrifices to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:37**ULT**

³⁷ therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers that you have met, all those whom you loved and all those whom you hated, and I will gather them against you on every side. I will uncover your nakedness to them so they see all your nakedness.

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³⁷ So what I am going to do is as though I will gather those who you think have loved you and those whom you hated. I will gather them around you to attack you, and what I will do is as though I will strip your clothes off you, and they will see you when you are completely naked.

Who did Yahweh say he would gather against Jerusalem?

Yahweh said he would gather all of Jerusalem's lovers against her on every side.

Ezekiel 16:38**ULT**

³⁸ For I will punish you for adultery and the shedding of blood, and I will bring on you the bloodshed of my anger and passion.

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³⁸ I will punish you like women who commit adultery and who murder people are punished. I will get revenge on you and get rid of you because I am extremely angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:39**ULT**

³⁹ I will give you into their hands so they will throw down your vaulted chamber and break down your high places and they will strip you of your clothes and take all of your jewelry. They will leave you naked and bare.

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³⁹ I will allow your enemies who you thought loved you break apart your high places of idol worship and pagan altars. They will strip you naked and keep your clothes and jewelry, and abandon you with nothing to cover yourself with.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ Then they will bring up a crowd against you and stone you with stones, and they will cut you apart with their swords.

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⁴⁰ They will bring a mob to attack you, and that mob will throw stones at you and cut you to pieces with their swords.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:41**ULT**

⁴¹ They will burn your houses and will perform many acts of punishment on you in the sight of many women, for I will put a stop to your prostitution, and you will no longer pay your lovers.

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⁴¹ They will burn down your houses and punish you while many women are watching. I will let them do this so that you will learn a lesson for acting so adulterously and for paying people to sleep with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:42**ULT**

⁴² Then I will calm my fury against you; my anger will leave you, for I will be satisfied, and will no longer be angry.

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⁴² Then I will no longer be angry with you. I will stop being jealous because your punishment will satisfy me.

How will Yahweh's attitude toward Jerusalem change after it is punished?

After Jerusalem is punished, Yahweh will no longer be angry with Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 16:43**ULT**

⁴³ Because you did not call to mind the days of your youth and have made me shake with anger because of all these things, therefore, behold! I myself will bring down on your own head the punishment for what you have done—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration. Have you not added prostitution to all your other detestable practices?

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⁴³ You have forgotten the wonderful things that I did for you in previous years. You have caused me to become extremely angry because of all the evil things that you have done. In addition to all the other detestable things that you did, you committed many sexual sins. So I Yahweh the Lord declare that I will punish you for doing those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ Behold! Everyone who speaks proverbs concerning you will say, "As the mother is, so also is her daughter."

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⁴⁴ People who like to quote proverbs will quote this proverb about you: 'Daughters behave like their mothers behave.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ You are the daughter of your mother, who detested her husband and her children, and you are the sister of your sisters who detested their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hittite, and your father was an Amorite.

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⁴⁵ You are like your mother; it was as though she detested her husband and her children. You are like your sisters, who also despised their husbands and their children. It was as though your father belonged to the Amor people group and your mother belonged to the Heth people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ Your older sister was Samaria and her daughters were the ones living in the north, while your younger sister was the one living south of you, that is, Sodom and her daughters.

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⁴⁶ And it was as though your older sister was Samaria, and she and her daughters lived to the north of you, and it was as though your younger sister was Sodom, and her daughters lived to the south of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ You not only walked in their ways and copied their behavior and practices, but in all your ways you have been worse than they were.

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⁴⁷ You not only imitated all their detestable behavior, but you quickly became more sinful than they were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—your sister Sodom and her daughters, have not done as much evil as you and your daughters have done.

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⁴⁸ I, Yahweh the Lord, solemnly declare that as surely as I am alive, the people who lived in Sodom and other nearby cities never did the detestable things that you people in Jerusalem and other places in Judah have done.

Yahweh said that Jerusalem had done more evil than what other two places?

Yahweh said that Jerusalem had done more evil than Sodom and Samaria.

Ezekiel 16:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ Behold! This was the sin of your sister Sodom that she was arrogant in her leisure, careless and unconcerned about anything. She did not strengthen the hands of the poor and needy people.

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⁴⁹ These are the sins of the people who lived in Sodom, who were like your sister people among them: they were prideful and did not think they would ever be punished. They ignored poor and hurting people around them.

Who did Sodom refuse to help?

Sodom refused to help the poor and needy.

Ezekiel 16:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ She was arrogant and committed disgusting actions before me, so I took them away just as you have seen.

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⁵⁰ The people of Sodom and nearby cities were proud and did detestable things in my presence, so I got rid of them when I saw what they had been doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:51**ULT**

⁵¹ Neither did Samaria commit even half of your sins; instead, you have done many more disgusting things than they did, and you have shown that your sisters were better than you because of all the disgusting things that you do!

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⁵¹ Also, the people of Samaria did not commit half as many sins as you commit. You have done more disgusting things than they have done. You cause the people of Samaria to appear to be good, compared to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:52**ULT**

⁵² Especially you, show your own shame; in this way you have shown that your sisters were better than you, because of the sins you committed in all those disgusting ways. Your sisters now seem better than you. Especially you, show your own shame, for in this way you have shown that your sisters were better than you.

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⁵² Your sins are worse than their sins, so they seem to be less wicked than you are. So I will punish you more than I punished them. As a result, you will be ashamed and disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:53**ULT**

⁵³ For I will restore their fortunes—the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters, and the fortunes of Samaria and her daughters; but your fortunes will be among them.

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⁵³ However, some day I will cause the people of Sodom and Samaria and the cities near to them to prosper again. And I will cause you to prosper again, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:54**ULT**

⁵⁴ On account of these things you will show your shame; you will be humiliated because of everything that you have done, and in this way you will be a comfort to them.

UST

⁵⁴ You will be very ashamed of the wicked things that you have done, and that will cause the people of those cities to be encouraged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:55**ULT**

⁵⁵ So your sister Sodom and her daughters will be restored to their former condition, and Samaria and her daughters will be restored to their former estate. Then you and your daughters will be restored to your former condition.

UST

⁵⁵ The people of Sodom and Samaria will prosper again, and you and the people in nearby cities will prosper also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:56**ULT**

⁵⁶ Sodom your sister was not even mentioned by your mouth in the days when you were proud,

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⁵⁶ You sneered at the people of Sodom when you were proud,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:57**ULT**

⁵⁷ before your wickedness was revealed. But now you are an object of scorn to the daughters of Edom and to all the daughters of the Philistines around her. People all about despise you. ^[2]

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⁵⁷ before it was revealed that you were more wicked than she was. And now the people of Edom and the people of Philistia all insult you and despise you.

What did the people all around Jerusalem think about the city?

The people around Jerusalem despised it and made it an object of scorn.

Ezekiel 16:58**ULT**

⁵⁸ You will show your shame and your disgusting actions!—this is Yahweh's declaration!

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⁵⁸ And you are being punished for all your immoral behavior and other detestable things that you do. This is what Yahweh is saying to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:59**ULT**

⁵⁹ The Lord Yahweh says this: I will deal with you as you deserve, you who have despised your oath by breaking the covenant.

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⁵⁹ This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I will continue to punish you like you deserve to be punished, because by rejecting the agreement that I made with you, you have despised that solemn agreement that you promised to obey.

Yahweh said he would treat Jerusalem as he would treat anyone who did what?

Yahweh said he would treat Jerusalem as he would treat anyone who despised their oath and broke a covenant.

Ezekiel 16:60**ULT**

⁶⁰ But I myself will call to mind my covenant with you made in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

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⁶⁰ But I will not forget the agreement that I made with you long ago and I will make an agreement with you that will endure forever.

What did Yahweh say he would call to mind and establish?

Yahweh said he would call to mind his covenant with Jerusalem and establish an everlasting covenant with it.

Ezekiel 16:61**ULT**

⁶¹ Then you will call to mind your ways and be ashamed when you receive your older sisters and your younger sisters. I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.

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⁶¹ Then you will think about what you have done, and you will be ashamed about those things when you welcome the people of Sodom and Samaria, cities which are like your daughters, but they will not have the same agreement that I will make with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:62**ULT**

⁶² I myself will establish my covenant with you, and you will know that I am Yahweh.

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⁶² I will establish my agreement with you, and you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:63**ULT**

⁶³ Because of these things, you will call everything to mind and be ashamed, so you will no longer open your mouth to speak because of your shame, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.”

16:6 ^[1].

16:57 ^[2], some ancient copies and modern versions have , that is, Syria.

UST

⁶³ Then when I have forgiven you for all your sins, you will think about all the sins that you committed and you will be ashamed. You will never again boast about them, because you will be humiliated.” I, the Lord Yahweh, have said so! This is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.”

What will Jerusalem's reaction be when Yahweh forgives it for all it has done?

Jerusalem will be ashamed and will not longer speak because of its shame.

Ezekiel 17

Ezekiel 17:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:2

ULT

² "Son of man, present a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel.

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² "Son of man, tell this story as an illustration to the people of Israel.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to present and speak to the house of Israel?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to present a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 17:3

ULT

³ Say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: A large eagle with large wings and long pinions, full of feathers, and that was multicolored went to Lebanon and took hold of the top of a cedar tree.

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³ Say to them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: A huge eagle that had strong wings and long beautiful feathers of many colors flew to Lebanon. It grasped the top of a cedar tree

In the parable, where did the large eagle plant the tips of the cedar tree branches? (vv3-4)

The large eagle planted the tips of the cedar tree branches in the land of Canaan in a city of merchants.

Ezekiel 17:4**ULT**

⁴ It broke off the tips of the branches and took them to the land of Canaan; he planted it in a city of merchants.

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⁴ and broke it off. Then the eagle carried it away to Canaan, a country that had many merchants, and planted it in one of the cities there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:5**ULT**

⁵ He also took some seed of the land and planted it in fertile soil. He placed it beside a large body of water like a willow.

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⁵ Then that eagle took a seedling from your country and planted it in a fertile field. He planted it like people plant a willow tree, alongside a stream that had plenty of water.

In the parable, where did the large eagle plant the seed of the land, and how did it grow? (vv5-6)

The large eagle planted the seed beside a large body of water, and the vine produced branches and sent out shoots.

Ezekiel 17:6**ULT**

⁶ Then it sprouted and became a spreading vine low to the ground. Its branches turned toward him, and its roots grew under it. So it became a vine and produced branches and sent out shoots.

UST

⁶ It grew and became a low grapevine that spread along the ground. Its branches turned up toward the eagle, but its roots grew down into the ground. So it became a good vine and produced lots of branches and leaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:7**ULT**

⁷ But there was another great eagle with large wings and many feathers. Behold! This vine turned its roots toward the eagle, and it spread out its branches toward the eagle from the place it had been planted so it would be watered.

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⁷ But there was another huge eagle that had strong wings and beautiful feathers. And some of the roots of the vine grew toward that eagle, and its branches also turned toward it, hoping that the eagle would bring more water to it.

In the parable, what did the vine do when the other great eagle came?

The vine turned its roots towards the other great eagle.

Ezekiel 17:8**ULT**

⁸ It had been planted in good soil beside a large body of water so it would produce branches and sprout fruit, to become a magnificent vine.'

UST

⁸ That happened in spite of the fact that the vine had been planted in good soil, where there was plenty of water, with the result that it had produced branches and produced grapes and had become a very healthy vine.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:9**ULT**

⁹ Say to the people, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Will it prosper? Will it not be uprooted and stripped of its fruit so that it withers, and all its fresh growth will wither? No strong arm or many people will be needed to pull it out by its roots.

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⁹ Then after you have told that to the people, say to them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: That vine will certainly not remain healthy. It will be pulled up by its roots by the eagle that planted it, and all its fruit will be stripped off and its leaves will wither. And it will not need someone with strong arms or many people to pull it out by its roots.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the vine in the parable? (vv9-10)

Yahweh said that the vine would completely wither away in its plot.

Ezekiel 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So behold! After it has been planted, will it grow? Will it not wither when the eastern wind touches it? It will completely wither away in the garden plot where it sprouted.”

UST

¹⁰ Even if that vine is transplanted, it certainly will not continue to grow. When the hot wind from the east blows against it, it will completely wither, there where it was planted!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹¹ Then Yahweh gave this message to me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:12**ULT**

¹² “Speak to the rebellious house, ‘Do you not know what these things mean? Behold! The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and took her king and her princes and brought them to him in Babylon.

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¹² “Ask these rebellious Israelite people, ‘Do you know what this parable means?’ Tell them that it signifies that the king of Babylon went to Jerusalem with his army and captured the king of Judah and his officials, and took them back to Babylon.

What did the king of Babylon do with the king of Jerusalem?

The king of Babylon took the king of Jerusalem to Babylon.

Ezekiel 17:13**ULT**

¹³ Then he took a royal descendant, made a covenant with him, and brought him under an oath. He took away the powerful people of the land,

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¹³ Then he took one of the king's close relatives, appointed one of them as king, and made an agreement with him, forcing him to solemnly promise to remain loyal. The king of Babylon also took to Babylon the other important citizens of Judah,

What did the king of Babylon do with the royal descendant of the king of Jerusalem?

The king of Babylon made a covenant with the royal descendant of the king of Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ so the kingdom might become lowly and not lift itself up. By keeping his covenant the land will survive.

UST

¹⁴ in order that the kingdom of Judah would not be able to become powerful again. The king of Babylon intended that the kingdom of Judah would not continue to exist if the people did not obey that agreement that he made with the king of Babylon.

How did Yahweh say the land of Israel would survive?

Yahweh said the land of Israel would survive by the king of Jerusalem keeping his covenant with the king of Babylon.

Ezekiel 17:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But the king of Jerusalem rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt to acquire horses and an army. Will he succeed? Will the one doing these things escape? If he breaks the covenant, will he escape?

UST

¹⁵ The king of Judah rebelled against the king of Babylon by sending officials to Egypt to request from them horses and a large army to fight against the army of Babylonia. But the king of Judah will certainly not be successful. Rulers who rebel like that and refuse to obey solemn agreements will never escape.

How did the king of Jerusalem violate the covenant he made with the king of Babylon?

The king of Jerusalem rebelled and sent ambassadors to Egypt to acquire horses and an army.

Ezekiel 17:16**ULT**

¹⁶ As I live!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—he will surely die in the land of the king who made him king, the king whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke. He will die in the middle of Babylon.

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¹⁶ I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that as surely as I am alive, the king of Judah will die in Babylon, in the city where the king of Babylon appointed him to be the king of Judah. He will die because he despised the solemn agreement and refused to do what he promised to do.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the king of Jerusalem?

Yahweh said the king of Jerusalem would die in the middle of Babylon.

Ezekiel 17:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Pharaoh with his mighty army and a great company of men will not help him in battle, when ramps are constructed and siege walls are built up to cut off many lives.

UST

¹⁷ The king of Egypt with all his very huge army will not be able to help the king of Judah: The soldiers from Babylonia will build ramps up against the city walls and set up devices to batter the walls. They will enter Jerusalem and kill many of its people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For the king despised his oath by breaking the covenant. Behold, he reached out with his hand to make a promise and yet he did all these things. He will not escape.

UST

¹⁸ The king of Judah despised the solemn agreement by disregarding the treaty. Although he had solemnly promised to be under the control of the king of Babylon, he sent officials to request help from Egypt. Therefore he will not escape being punished by the king of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: As I live, was it not my oath that he despised and my covenant that he broke? So I will bring his punishment on his head!

UST

¹⁹ Therefore this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Just as surely as I am alive, I will cause the king of Judah to be punished for ignoring the solemn agreement that he made with the king of Babylon and then refusing to obey it, since this violates what I expect.

According to Yahweh, whose covenant did the king of Jerusalem actually break?

According to Yahweh, the king of Jerusalem actually broke his covenant with Yahweh.

Ezekiel 17:20**ULT**

²⁰ I will spread my net out over him, and he will be caught in my hunting net. Then I will bring him to Babylon and execute judgment on him there for his treason that he committed when he betrayed me!

UST

²⁰ It will be as though I will spread a net to capture him, and he will be caught in it. He will be captured and taken to Babylon and punished because he rebelled against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:21**ULT**

²¹ All of his refugees in his armies will fall by the sword, and the ones who remain will be scattered in every direction. Then you will know that I am Yahweh; I have declared this would happen."

UST

²¹ Most of his soldiers who try to escape will be killed by their enemies' swords, and those who survive will be scattered in all directions. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

What did Yahweh declare would happen to the armies of the king of Jerusalem?

Yahweh declared the armies of the king of Jerusalem would fall by the sword.

Ezekiel 17:22**ULT**

²² The Lord Yahweh says this, 'So I myself will take away the highest part of the cedar tree, and I will plant it away from its tender branches. I will break it off, and I myself will plant it on a high mountain.

UST

²² This is also what Yahweh the Lord says: "It will be as though I will take a shoot from the top of a very tall cedar tree and plant it in another place. I will plant it on a very high mountain.

What did Yahweh say he would do with the tender branches of the cedar tree?

Yahweh said he would plant the tender branches on a high mountain.

Ezekiel 17:23**ULT**

²³ I will plant it on the mountains of Israel so it will bear branches and produce fruit, and it will become a majestic cedar so that every winged bird will live under it. They will nest in the shade of its branches.

UST

²³ It will be as though I will plant it on a mountain in Israel, and it will grow and become a beautiful cedar tree. Many kinds of birds will make their nests in the tree, and they will have shade in its branches.

What will the tender branches that Yahweh plants become?

The tender branches Yahweh plants will become a majestic cedar where every winged bird will live.

Ezekiel 17:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then all the trees of the field will know that I am Yahweh. I bring down the high trees and I raise up the low trees. I wither the watered tree and I cause the dried tree to bloom. I am Yahweh, I have declared that this will happen; and I have done it."

UST

²⁴ And it will be as though all the trees in the field will know that I, Yahweh, get rid of tall trees and will make little ones grow. I cause big green trees to wither, and I cause dry trees to become green. I, Yahweh have said this, and I will certainly do what I have said that I will do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18

Ezekiel 18:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me again, saying,

UST

¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:2

ULT

² “What do you mean, you who use this proverb concerning the land of Israel and say, ‘Fathers eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are made blunt?’

UST

² “You people quote this proverb and say that it is about Israel: ‘Parents eat sour grapes, but it is their children who have a very sour taste in their mouths.’ This means that you think that you must suffer for the sins that your ancestors committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:3

ULT

³ As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—there will certainly no longer be any occasion for you to use this proverb in Israel.

UST

³ But I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that as surely as I am alive, you Israelite people will no longer say this proverb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:4**ULT**

⁴ Behold! Every life belongs to me—the life of the father as well as the life of the son, they belong to me! The soul who sins is the one who will die!

UST

⁴ Everyone who is alive belongs to me. That includes children and their parents; they all belong to me. And it is those who sin who will die because of their sins.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to every person who sins?

Yahweh declares that every person who sins will die.

Ezekiel 18:5**ULT**

⁵ What can be said about a man who is righteous and who carries out justice and righteousness—

UST

⁵ So suppose that there is a righteous person, one who always does what is fair and right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:6**ULT**

⁶ if he does not eat upon the mountains or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, and he does not defile his neighbor's wife, nor approached a woman during her monthly period, is he a righteous man?

UST

⁶ He does not eat meat sacrificed to idols on the hilltops; he does not request help from idols as the rest of Israel has been doing. He does not sleep with someone else's wife or with a woman during her monthly menstrual period.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:7**ULT**

⁷ What can be said about a man who does not oppress anyone, and he gives back to the debtor what was put up as security for a loan, and he does not commit theft but gives his food to the hungry and he covers the naked with clothes, is he a righteous man?

UST

⁷ He does not mistreat people; if a person borrows money from him and gives him something to guarantee that he will pay the money back, this man always gives it back to that person before the sun goes down. He does not rob people. He gives food to hungry people. He gives clothing to people who need clothes.

Who does a righteous man help?

A righteous man gives his food to the hungry and covers the naked with clothes.

Ezekiel 18:8**ULT**

⁸ What can be said about a man who does not charge too much interest for the money he loans, and he does not take too much profit for what he sells? It is said of him that he carries out justice and establishes faithfulness between people.

UST

⁸ When he lends money to people, he does not do it to make him pay interest. He does not do things that are evil. He always decides things fairly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:9**ULT**

⁹ If that man walks in my statutes and keeps my decrees to act faithfully, then the promise for this righteous man is this: He will surely live!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁹ He faithfully obeys all my laws. That man is truly righteous; he will remain alive. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, promise.

What does a righteous man walk in and keep?

A righteous man walks in Yahweh's laws and keeps Yahweh's decrees.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to a righteous man?

Yahweh declares a righteous man will live.

Ezekiel 18:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But suppose that he has a violent son who sheds blood and does any one of these things that were mentioned, ^[1]

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¹⁰ But suppose that man has a son who acts violently, who murders people and does any of these other things, even though his father has not done any of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:11**ULT**

¹¹ (though his father has not done any of these things). He eats upon the mountains and he defiles his neighbor's wife, what can be said about him?

UST

¹¹ He eats meat sacrificed to idols on the hilltops. He sleeps with other people's wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:12**ULT**

¹² This man oppresses the poor and needy, and he seizes and robs, and he does not return a pledge, and he lifts up his eyes to the idols and commits disgusting actions,

UST

¹² He mistreats poor and needy people. He robs people. If someone gives him something to guarantee that he will pay back money that he has borrowed, the unrighteous man never gives it back to him before the sun goes down. He seeks help from idols. He does other disgusting things.

If a righteous man has a son who oppresses the poor and needy, what does Yahweh declare will happen to him? (vv12-13)

Yahweh declares the unrighteous son will not live.

Ezekiel 18:13**ULT**

¹³ and he lends out money at too high interest and he makes too much profit on what he sells, should that man live? Surely he will not! He will certainly die and his blood will be on him because he has done all these detestable things.

UST

¹³ When he lends money, he charges interest. If you think that I will keep such a person alive, you are certainly wrong. Because he has done all those detestable things, I will certainly make him die, and it will be his own fault.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But behold! Suppose there is a man who bears a son, and his son sees all the sins that his father has committed, and though he sees them, he does not do those things.

UST

¹⁴ But suppose that man has a son who sees all the sins that his father commits, but he himself does not do those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ That son does not eat upon the mountains, and he does not lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, and he does not defile his neighbor's wife, what can be said about him?

UST

¹⁵ The son does not eat meat sacrificed to idols on the hilltops. He does not request help from idols. He does not sleep with other people's wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ That son does not oppress anyone, or seize a pledge, or take stolen things, but instead gives his food to the hungry and covers up the naked with clothes.

UST

¹⁶ He does not mistreat people. If he lends money to someone, he does not require that person to give him something to guarantee that he will pay the money back. He does not rob anyone. He gives food to those who need it. He gives clothes to those who need clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:17**ULT**

¹⁷ That son does not oppress anyone or take interest that is too high or make too much profit for a loan, but he carries out my decrees and walks according to my statutes; that son will not die for his father's sin: He will surely live!

UST

¹⁷ He does not commit sins, unlike his father, and does not charge interest when he lends money. He faithfully obeys all my laws. I will make sure that that person does not die for his father's sins; he will certainly stay alive.

If a son does not walk in his father's sins, will a son die for his father's sins?

If a son carries out Yahweh's decrees and walks according to Yahweh's statutes, then he will not die for his father's sin.

Ezekiel 18:18**ULT**

¹⁸ His father, since he oppressed others by extortion and robbed his brother, and did what is not good among his people—behold, he will die in his iniquity.

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¹⁸ But I will ensure that his father will die for the sins that he committed, because the father cheated and robbed people, and did other things that are evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But you say, 'Why does the son not bear the iniquity of his father?' Because the son carries out justice and righteousness and keeps all my statutes; he does them. He will surely live!

UST

¹⁹ If you ask, 'Why should the man's son not suffer for the evil things that his father did?', I will answer that the son has done what is fair and right and has obeyed all my laws, so he will surely remain alive.

Why does the righteous son not bear the iniquity of his father?

The righteous son does not bear the iniquity of the father because he carries out justice and righteousness.

Ezekiel 18:20**ULT**

²⁰ The one who sins, he is the one who will die. A son will not bear his father's iniquity, and a father will not bear his son's iniquity. The righteousness of the one who acts rightly will be on himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be on himself.

UST

²⁰ It is those who sin who will die because of their sins. I will not punish people because their parents have sinned, or because their children have sinned. I will reward people who live rightly, and I will punish the wicked people, those who live wrongly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:21**ULT**

²¹ But if the wicked turns away from all his sins that he has done, and keeps all my statutes and performs justice and righteousness, then he will certainly live and not die.

UST

²¹ But if a wicked person stops doing all the evil things that he did previously, and if he starts to obey faithfully all my laws, and if he does what is fair and right, he will surely remain alive; I will not kill him.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to a wicked person who turns away from all his sins? (vv21-22)

Yahweh declares that a wicked person who turns away from all his sins will certainly live.

Ezekiel 18:22**ULT**

²² All the transgressions that he has committed will not be called to mind against him. He will live by the righteousness that he practices.

UST

²² I will not punish him for the sins he committed previously. Because of the good things that he has done since that time, I will allow him to stay alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:23**ULT**

²³ Do I greatly rejoice over the death of the wicked—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—and not in his turning away from his way so that he may live?

UST

²³ I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that I certainly am not happy about wicked people dying. Instead, I am happy when they stop doing wicked things and remain alive as a result.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:24**ULT**

²⁴ But if the righteous person turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and practices abominations like all the abominations that the wicked person does, then will he live? All the righteousness that he had done will not be called to mind when he betrays me in his treason. So he will die in the sins that he committed.

UST

²⁴ But if a righteous person stops doing right things and starts to commit sins and does the same disgusting things that wicked people do, I will certainly not allow him to remain alive. I will not think about the righteous things that he did previously. Because he did not faithfully do what pleases me, and because of all the sins that he has committed, he will certainly die.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to a righteous person who turns and commits sins and practices wickedness?

Yahweh declares that a righteous person who turns and commits iniquity will die in the sins that he commits.

Ezekiel 18:25**ULT**

²⁵ But you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair!' Listen, house of Israel! Are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

UST

²⁵ But you say that I, Yahweh, do not act fairly. You Israelite people, listen to what I say: It is certainly not what I do that is unfair; it is what you continually do that is not fair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:26**ULT**

²⁶ When the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity and dies because of them, then he will die in the iniquity that he has done.

UST

²⁶ If a righteous person turns away from doing what is right and commits sins, he will die for committing those sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:27**ULT**

²⁷ But when a wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has done and performs justice and righteousness, then he will preserve his life.

UST

²⁷ But if a wicked person turns away from doing wicked things and does what is just and right, he will save himself from dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:28**ULT**

²⁸ For he has seen and turned away from all the transgressions that he had done. He will surely live, and he will not die.

UST

²⁸ Because he has thought about all the evil things that he did and has turned away from doing them, I will certainly allow him to live. I will not kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:29**ULT**

²⁹ But the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair!' How is my way not fair, house of Israel? It is your ways that are not fair.

UST

²⁹ But you, the Israelites, say that I do not act fairly. You people of Israel, I always act fairly. It is you who are acting wickedly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:30**ULT**

³⁰ Therefore I will judge each man among you according to his ways, house of Israel!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration. Repent and turn away from all your transgressions so that they will not be stumbling blocks of iniquity against you.

UST

³⁰ Therefore, you Israelite people, I, Yahweh the Lord, will judge each of you according to what you have done. Repent! Turn away from all your wicked behavior! Then I will not destroy you because of the wrong things you have done.

How does Yahweh say he will judge each man?

Yahweh says he will judge each man according to his ways.

What does Yahweh call the house of Israel to do?

Yahweh calls the house of Israel to repent and turn away from all its sins.

Ezekiel 18:31**ULT**

³¹ Throw away from yourselves all of the transgressions that you have committed; make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Why should you die, house of Israel?

UST

³¹ Stop doing wicked things; start thinking in a new way. You Israelite people, do you really want me to kill you because you have sinned?

What does Yahweh call the house of Israel to make for themselves?

Yahweh calls the house of Israel to make a new heart and a new spirit for themselves.

Ezekiel 18:32**ULT**

³² For I have no delight in the death of the one who dies—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—so repent and live!"
18:10 ^[1] .

UST

³² I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that I am not pleased if you die. So turn away from your sins and stay alive!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19

Ezekiel 19:1

ULT

¹ “Now you, take up a lamentation against the leaders of Israel

UST

¹ Yahweh said to me,

What was Ezekiel told to lift up?

Ezekiel was told to lift up a lamentation against the leaders of Israel.

Ezekiel 19:2

ULT

² and say, ‘Who was your mother? A lioness, she lived with a lion’s son; in the midst of young lions, she nurtured her cubs.

UST

² “Ezekiel, sing a sad funeral song which will be a parable about the leaders of Israel. Say to the Israelite people, ‘It is as though your mother had been a brave female lion who raised her cubs among other lions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19:3

ULT

³ She is the one who raised up one of her cubs to become a young lion, a lion who learned to tear apart his victims, and then he devoured men.

UST

³ She taught one of them to hunt for other animals to kill, and he even learned to kill and eat people.

In the parable of the lions, what did one of the cubs learn to do?

One of the cubs learned to tear his victims and devour men.

Ezekiel 19:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the nations heard about him. He was caught in their trap, and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.

UST

⁴ When people from other nations heard about him, they trapped him in a pit. Then they used hooks to drag him to Egypt.

When the nations heard about this cub, what did they do?

The nations trapped the cub and brought him to the land of Egypt.

Ezekiel 19:5**ULT**

⁵ Then she saw that although she had waited for his return, her expectation was now gone, so she took another of her cubs and raised him to become a young lion.

UST

⁵ His mother waited for him to return, but soon she stopped hoping for that to happen. So she raised another cub who also became very fierce.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19:6**ULT**

⁶ This young lion roamed about in the midst of lions. He was a young lion and learned to tear his victims; he devoured men.

UST

⁶ He hunted along with other lions for animals to kill, and he even learned to kill and eat people.

After the first cub was gone, what did the second young lion learn to do?

The second young lion learned to tear his victims and devour men.

Ezekiel 19:7**ULT**

⁷ He seized their widows and ruined their cities. The land and its fullness were abandoned because of the sound of his roaring. ^[1]

UST

⁷ He mistreated his victims' widows, and he destroyed cities. When he roared loudly, everyone was terrified and abandoned everything they owned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19:8**ULT**

⁸ But the nations came against him from the surrounding provinces; they spread their nets over him. He was caught in their trap.

UST

⁸ So people of other nations planned to kill him; and men came from many places to spread out a net for him. They caught him in it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19:9**ULT**

⁹ With hooks they put him in a cage and then they brought him to the king of Babylon. They brought him to the strongholds so that his voice would no longer be heard on the mountains of Israel.

UST

⁹ They pulled him with hooks in his flesh and put him into an iron cage, then they took him to the king of Babylon. There they locked him up so that the sound of his voice could never be heard echoing on the hills of Israel.'

What did the nations do with the second young lion?

The nations trapped the young lion and brought him to the king of Babylon.

Ezekiel 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Your mother was like a vine planted in your blood beside the water. ^[2] it was fruitful and full of branches because of the abundance of water.

UST

¹⁰ It is as though your mother were a grapevine fertilized in blood, and growing up beside a stream. There was plenty of water, so it had lots of branches and produced a lot of grapes.

What was Israel's mother once like?

Israel's mother was once like a fruitful vine planted beside the water.

Ezekiel 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ It had strong branches that were used for rulers' scepters, and its size was exalted above the branches, and its height was seen by the greatness of its foliage.

UST

¹¹ That grapevine grew and became taller than all the nearby trees; everyone could see that it was very strong and healthy. And those branches were good for making scepters that symbolize the power of a king.

For what were her strong branches to be used?

Her strong branches were to be used for ruler's scepters.

Ezekiel 19:12**ULT**

¹² But the vine was uprooted in fury and thrown down to the earth, and an eastern wind dried out its fruit. Its strong branches were broken off and withered and fire consumed them.

UST

¹² But Yahweh became very angry, so he pulled up the vine by its roots and threw it on the ground, where the very hot winds from the desert dried up all its fruit. The strong branches wilted and were burned in a fire.

What happened to the vine?

The vine was uprooted, thrown down, and dried out by an eastern wind.

Ezekiel 19:13**ULT**

¹³ So now it is planted in the wilderness, in a land of drought and thirst.

UST

¹³ Now Yahweh has planted that vine in a hot, dry desert.

Where is the vine?

The vine is in the wilderness.

Ezekiel 19:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For fire went out from her large branches and consumed its fruit. There is no strong branch on it, no scepter to rule.' This is a lamentation and will be sung as a lamentation."

19:7 ^[1], some ancient copies and many modern versions have .

19:10 ^[2], some ancient copies and many modern versions have .

UST

¹⁴ A fire started to burn its stem, and then started to burn the branches; it burned all the grapes. Now not even one strong branch remains; they will never become scepters for a king.' This funeral song must be sung very sadly."

What does the vine no longer have?

The vine no longer has strong branches or a scepter to rule.

Ezekiel 20

Ezekiel 20:1

ULT

¹ It came about in the seventh year, on the tenth day of the fifth month, that elders of Israel came to inquire of Yahweh and sat before me.

UST

¹ Almost seven years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the tenth day of the fifth month of that year, some Israelite elders came to me to ask if I had any message for them from Yahweh.

Who came to Ezekiel and why did they come?

The elders of Israel came to Ezekiel to inquire of Yahweh.

Ezekiel 20:2

ULT

² Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

² Then Yahweh gave me a message for them. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:3

ULT

³ “Son of man, declare to the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Have you come to inquire of me? As I live, I will not be inquired of by you!—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.’

UST

³ “Son of man, speak to the elders and tell them that the Lord Yahweh says this: ‘You say that you have come to ask if there is any message from me, but as surely as I am alive, I will not allow you to ask for any message from me.’

What was Yahweh’s response to those who came to Ezekiel?

Yahweh said that he would not be inquired of by the elders of Israel.

Ezekiel 20:4**ULT**

⁴ Will you judge them? Will you judge, son of man? Let them know about their fathers' abominations.

UST

⁴ If you are willing to warn them, remind them of the disgusting things that their ancestors did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:5**ULT**

⁵ Say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: On the day that I chose Israel and raised my hand to swear an oath to the descendants of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I raised my hand to swear an oath to them. I said, "I am Yahweh your God"—

UST

⁵ Then say to them, 'On the day that I chose you Israelite people to belong to me, I made a solemn oath to your ancestors while they were still in Egypt.' I said to them, 'I am Yahweh, your God.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:6**ULT**

⁶ on that day I raised my hand to swear an oath to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had carefully selected for them. It was flowing with milk and honey; it was the most beautiful ornament among all the lands.

UST

⁶ I will bring you out of Egypt and lead you to a land that I have chosen for you. It is the most fertile and beautiful land in the world.

What did Yahweh swear he would do for Israel when they were in the land of Egypt?

Yahweh swore that he would bring them into a land flowing with milk and honey.

Ezekiel 20:7**ULT**

⁷ I said to them, "Let each man throw away the detestable things from before his eyes and the idols of Egypt. Do not make yourselves unclean; I am Yahweh your God."

UST

⁷ Each of you must get rid of the disgusting idols that you love, and the idols which you learned to worship in Egypt, and with which you made it impossible for me to accept you. I, Yahweh your God, am saying this to you.'

What command did Yahweh give the people of Israel in the land of Egypt?

Yahweh commanded the people to throw away their idols of Egypt.

Ezekiel 20:8**ULT**

⁸ But they rebelled against me and were unwilling to listen to me. Each man did not throw away the detestable things from before his eyes nor forsake the idols of Egypt, so I determined to pour out my fury upon them to satisfy my wrath among them in the middle of the land of Egypt.

UST

⁸ But they rebelled against me. They would not pay attention to me. They did not get rid of the disgusting idols they loved; they did not reject the idols that they saw in Egypt. So because I was angry with them, I said that I would punish them in Egypt.

How did the people of Israel respond to Yahweh's command?

The people rebelled against Yahweh and were unwilling to listen.

Ezekiel 20:9**ULT**

⁹ I acted for my name's sake so it would not be profaned in the eyes of the nations among whom they were staying. I made myself known to them, in their eyes, by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

UST

⁹ But for the sake of my own reputation, I decided to do something for your people so that the other people groups would not laugh at me and say I had no power. I decided that they would see me bring my people out of Egypt.

Why did Yahweh say he acted to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt?

Yahweh said he acted for his name's sake so that it would not be profaned in the eyes of the nations.

Ezekiel 20:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So I sent them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.

UST

¹⁰ Therefore I led your people out of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then I gave them my statutes and made my decrees known to them, by which a man will live if he obeys them.

UST

¹¹ I gave them all my laws and decrees, in order that they would obey them, and as a result they would live for a long time.

What did Yahweh tell the people they would be able to do if they obeyed his decrees?

Yahweh told the people they would be able to live if they obeyed his decrees.

What did Yahweh give the people of Israel in the wilderness? (vv11-12)

Yahweh gave the people his statutes, decrees, and Sabbaths.

Ezekiel 20:12**ULT**

¹² I also gave them my Sabbaths as a sign between myself and them, for them to know that I am Yahweh who makes them holy.

UST

¹² Also, I established the Sabbath days to be a reminder between me and them, so they would know that I am Yahweh, the one who sets them apart for my honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:13**ULT**

¹³ But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They did not walk in my statutes; instead, they rejected my decrees, by which a man will live if he obeys them. They greatly profaned my Sabbaths, so I said I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness in order to end them.

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¹³ But the Israelite people rebelled against me in the wilderness also. They did not obey my commands; they rejected them, even though they would have lived a long time if they had obeyed them, and they treated the Sabbath days like any other day. So I said that I would destroy them in the wilderness, because that would show that I was very angry with them.

How did the people of Israel respond to what Yahweh gave them in the wilderness?

The people rebelled against Yahweh and rejected his decrees.

What did Yahweh tell the people they would be able to do if they obeyed his decrees?

Yahweh told the people they would be able to live if they obeyed his decrees.

Ezekiel 20:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But I acted for my name's sake so it would not be profaned in the eyes of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out of Egypt.

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¹⁴ But again, so that the other people groups would not laugh at me, I decided to do something in order to show those people groups that I was still as powerful as when they had seen me bring my people out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So I myself also raised my hand to swear an oath to them in the wilderness not to bring them into the land that I had been going to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey, which was the most beautiful ornament among all the lands.

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¹⁵ I solemnly swore to your people in the wilderness that I would not take them into the land that I had promised to give them, a land that was the most fertile and beautiful land in the world.

What did Yahweh then swear he would not do for the people of Israel because they rejected his decrees?

Yahweh then swore he would not bring them into the land he was going to give them.

Ezekiel 20:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I swore this because they had rejected my decrees and did not walk in my statutes, and they profaned my Sabbaths, since their hearts walked after their idols.

UST

¹⁶ I made this oath, because they had rejected and disobeyed all my laws, and because they were treating the Sabbath days like any other day. And they insisted on worshiping their idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But my eye spared them from their destruction and I did not annihilate them in the wilderness.

UST

¹⁷ But I still pitied them, so I did not destroy them in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:18**ULT**

¹⁸ I said to their children in the wilderness, "Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, or keep their rules, or defile yourselves with their idols.

UST

¹⁸ I said to their children, the next generation, 'Do not do the things that your parents always do. Do not worship their idols and so make it impossible for me to accept you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I am Yahweh your God, walk in my statutes; keep my decrees and obey them.

UST

¹⁹ I am Yahweh your God. Carefully obey my laws and commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:20**ULT**

²⁰ Keep my Sabbaths holy so that they will be a sign between me and you, so that you will know that I am Yahweh your God."

UST

²⁰ Respect my Sabbath days, in order that by doing that, it will remind you that you belong to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:21**ULT**

²¹ But their sons and daughters rebelled against me. They did not walk in my statutes or keep my decrees, by which a man might live if he obeys them. They profaned my Sabbaths, so I determined to pour out my fury upon them to satisfy my wrath against them in the wilderness.

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²¹ But their children also rebelled against me. They did not take care to obey my laws, even though anyone who obeys them will live for a long time; and they also treated the Sabbath days like any other day. So again I said that I would kill them all in the wilderness, and in this way I would stop being angry.

How did the sons and daughters of Israel respond when Yahweh commanded them to walk in his decrees?

The sons and daughters of Israel rebelled against Yahweh and did not keep his decrees.

What did Yahweh tell the people they would be able to do if they obeyed his decrees?

Yahweh told the people they would be able to live if they obeyed his decrees.

Ezekiel 20:22**ULT**

²² But I turned my hand away and acted for my name's sake, so it would not be profaned in the eyes of the nations in whose sight I had brought out the Israelites.

UST

²² But I did not do that. I decided once more to do something so that the other people groups, those that had seen me bring your people out of Egypt, would not laugh and say that I had lost my power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:23**ULT**

²³ I myself also lifted up my hand to swear to them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

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²³ So I swore to them in the wilderness that I would scatter them among many people groups,

What did Yahweh then swear to do to the sons and daughters of Israel?

Yahweh then swore to scatter them among the nations.

Ezekiel 20:24**ULT**

²⁴ I decided to do this since they had not obeyed my decrees, and since they had rejected my statutes and profaned my Sabbaths. Their eyes were longing after their fathers' idols.

UST

²⁴ because they had rejected and disobeyed all my laws, and because they were treating the Sabbath days like any other day—and because they were eager to worship the idols that their parents had worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then I also gave them statutes that were not good, and decrees by which they could not live.

UST

²⁵ So I also allowed them to obey laws that were not good, laws that would not help them live a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:26**ULT**

²⁶ I declared them to be unclean through their gifts—they made a sacrifice of every firstborn of the womb and caused them to pass through the fire—that I might fill them with horror so they will know that I am Yahweh!

UST

²⁶ I allowed them to do things that made it impossible for me to accept them: I allowed them to sacrifice their firstborn children in fire. I allowed them to do that in order that they would be horrified at themselves, and in order that they would know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:27**ULT**

²⁷ Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: In this also your fathers blasphemed me when they were unfaithful to me.'

UST

²⁷ Therefore, son of man, speak to the Israelite people. Say this to them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says to you: This is one way that your ancestors dishonored me by turning away from me.'

How did the fathers of Israel blaspheme and betray Yahweh? (vv27-29)

The fathers of Israel blasphemed and betrayed Yahweh by offering sacrifices to idols on the high places.

Ezekiel 20:28**ULT**

²⁸ When I brought them into the land that I had sworn to give them, and then whenever they saw any high hill and leafy tree, they offered their sacrifices, they provoked me by their offerings, and there they also burned their fragrant incense and poured out their drink offerings.

UST

²⁸ After I brought them into the land that I had sworn to give them, every time that they saw a high hill or a big green tree, they offered sacrifices to idols there. They made offerings to them, and that caused me to become angry. They presented to those idols their fragrant incense, and they poured out wine offerings to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:29**ULT**

²⁹ Then I said to them, "What is this high place where you bring offerings there?" So the name is called Bamah to this day.'

UST

²⁹ Then I asked them, 'What is this hilltop place where you go to worship idols?' So they are still called Bamah, which means 'hilltop.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:30**ULT**

³⁰ Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Why do you make yourselves unclean with the ways of your fathers? So why do you act like prostitutes, searching for disgusting things?

UST

³⁰ Therefore, say this to the Israelite people: 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Why do you imitate your ancestors in acting in ways that make me unable to accept you? You act like prostitutes, leaving their husbands for other men. In the same way, you have left me to worship disgusting idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:31**ULT**

³¹ When you offer up your gifts—when you cause your sons to pass through the fire—to this day you defile yourselves with all your idols. So why should I let you seek me, house of Israel? As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—I will not allow you to seek me.

UST

³¹ When you sacrifice your children in the fire, you make me unable to accept you. It is the same as when you bow down to your idols. You Israelite people, should I allow you to ask me to direct you in any matter? I, Yahweh the Lord, say that as surely as I am alive, I will not answer if you ask me.'

What were the people of Israel doing with their sons?

The people of Israel were causing their sons to pass through the fire.

Ezekiel 20:32**ULT**

³² The thought that is forming in your mind will never happen. You say, "Let us be like the other nations, like the clans in the other lands who worship wood and stone."

UST

³² You say, 'We want to be like the other people groups in the world. We want to worship idols made of wood and stone like they do.' But what you want will never happen.'

What thought was in the minds of the people of Israel?

The people of Israel were thinking they wanted to be like the other nations, worshipping wood and stone.

Ezekiel 20:33**ULT**

³³ As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—I will certainly reign over you with a mighty hand, a raised arm, and fury that will be poured out on you.

UST

³³ I, Yahweh your Lord, say that as surely as I am alive, I will use my great power to rule over you, and to show that I am angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:34**ULT**

³⁴ I will bring you out from the other peoples and will gather you out of the countries among whom you have been scattered. I will do this with a mighty hand and with fury poured out.

UST

³⁴ With my great power I will gather you from the places to which I scattered you.

What did Yahweh say he would do to the people of Israel in order to judge them face to face? (vv34-35)

Yahweh said he would gather the people of Israel out of the countries where they were scattered into the wilderness of the peoples.

Ezekiel 20:35**ULT**

³⁵ Then I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will judge you face to face.

UST

³⁵ I will bring you to a wilderness that is surrounded by other nations. There, while I am looking at you, I will judge you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:36**ULT**

³⁶ As I judged your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so also I will judge you—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

³⁶ I will punish you, as I punished your ancestors in the wilderness near Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:37**ULT**

³⁷ I will cause you to pass under my rod, and I will make you obey the requirements of the covenant.

UST

³⁷ I will make you submit to me; I will force you to obey the covenant that I made with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:38**ULT**

³⁸ I will purge from among you the rebels and those who revolt against me. I will send them out from the land where they are staying as foreigners, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

³⁸ I will destroy the people among you who rebel against me. Although I will bring them out of Babylonia, where they are now living, they will not enter Israel. Then you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What did Yahweh say he would purge from among the people of Israel?

Yahweh said he would purge the rebellious and transgressing ones from among the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 20:39**ULT**

³⁹ So to you, house of Israel, the Lord Yahweh says this: Each of you should go to his own idols. Worship them if you will refuse to listen to me, but you must no longer profane my holy name with your gifts and your idols.

UST

³⁹ As for you Israelite people, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Go and worship your idols now, each of you. But afterwards, you will surely pay attention to me and no longer dishonor me by taking gifts to your idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ For on my holy mountain, on the mountain peak of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—all of the house of Israel will worship me there in the land. I will be pleased to require your offerings there, and also the firstfruits of your tribute with all your holy things.

UST

⁴⁰ I, Yahweh your Lord, declare that there on my sacred hill, Zion, that high hill in Israel, you will bring gifts to me, and I will accept them. I will require you to bring to me gifts and offerings there, and your sacrifices that you will set apart for me.

After Yahweh gathered the house of Israel on his holy mountain, how would Israel treat Yahweh? (vv40-41)

After Yahweh gathered the house of Israel on his holy mountain, Israel would treat Yahweh as holy in the sight of the nations.

Ezekiel 20:41**ULT**

⁴¹ I will accept you like fragrant incense when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered. I will show myself as holy among you for the nations to see.

UST

⁴¹ When I bring you out from the other nations to which you have been scattered, I will accept you as though you were fragrant incense. I will show the people of other nations that I have set myself apart as holy, that I might be honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:42**ULT**

⁴² Then, when I bring you to the land of Israel, to the land that I have lifted up my hand to swear to give to your fathers, you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

⁴² Then, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the land that I swore to give to your ancestors, you will know that I, Yahweh, have done it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:43**ULT**

⁴³ There you will call to mind your conduct and all of your deeds by which you defiled yourselves, and you will despise yourselves in your own eyes for all your evil deeds that you have done.

UST

⁴³ And there in Israel you will remember how you conducted your lives previously, the actions that caused you to become unacceptable to me, and you will hate yourselves for all the evil things that you have done.

What would the house of Israel think of themselves as they called to mind their past evil ways?

The house of Israel would hate themselves for all the evil actions they committed.

Ezekiel 20:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ So you will know that I am Yahweh when I do this to you because of my name's sake, and not because of your evil deeds, and not because of your corrupt deeds, house of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.”

UST

⁴⁴ When I act toward you Israelite people to protect my reputation, and not because of your evil deeds and corrupt behavior, you Israelite people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do. That is what Yahweh the Lord declares.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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⁴⁵ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ "Son of man, set your face toward the southern lands, and speak against the south; prophesy against the forest of the Negev.

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⁴⁶ "Son of man, turn toward the south. Preach about what will happen to that dry land, to the forest there.

What declaration did Yahweh make against the forest of the Negev? (vv46-47)

Yahweh declared that he would kindle a fire that would burn every face from south to north.

Ezekiel 20:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ Say to the forest of the Negev, 'This is Yahweh's declaration—the Lord Yahweh says this: See, I will set a fire among you. It will devour every fresh tree and every dried tree among you. The fiery flame will not be quenched; every face from the south to the north will be burned.

UST

⁴⁷ Say to the forest in the southern wilderness of Israel: Listen to this message that Yahweh the Lord is saying about you: I am about to start a fire in your midst, and it will burn up all your trees, both the green trees and the withered trees. Nothing will extinguish the blazing flames. And the fire will scorch the faces of everyone who lives in that area, from the south to the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ Then all flesh will see that I am Yahweh when I light the fire, and it will not be quenched.”

UST

⁴⁸ Everyone will see that it is I, Yahweh, who have lit this fire, and no one will be able to put it out.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ Then I said, “Alas! Lord Yahweh, they are saying of me, ‘Is he not a mere teller of parables?’”

UST

⁴⁹ Then I said, “Yahweh, my Lord, when I tell things like this to people, they do not believe me. They say about me, ‘He is only telling parables.’”

What were the people of Israel saying about Ezekiel?

The people of Israel were saying Ezekiel was a mere teller of parables.

Ezekiel 21

Ezekiel 21:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:2

ULT

² "Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and speak against the sanctuaries; prophesy against the land of Israel.

UST

² "Son of man, turn toward the south. Set yourself against them. Preach against the south and prophesy against the forest in the southern Judean wilderness.

Against whom did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to speak?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to speak against the sanctuaries; against the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 21:3

ULT

³ Say to the land of Israel, 'Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you! I will draw my sword from its sheath and cut off both the righteous person and the wicked person from you!

UST

³ Say to them, 'This is what Yahweh says: I am opposed to you, and it will be as though I pull my sword from its sheath to kill both the righteous and the wicked people among you!

Who did Yahweh say he would cut off from the land of Israel?

Yahweh said he would cut off both the righteous and wicked person from the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 21:4**ULT**

⁴ In order for me to cut off both the righteous and the wicked from you, my sword will go out from its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north.

UST

⁴ So what I will do to you will be as though I pull my sword from its sheath and strike you. I will kill everyone, including righteous people and wicked people. I will get rid of everyone, from the south to the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:5**ULT**

⁵ Then all flesh will know that I, Yahweh, have drawn my sword from its sheath. It will no longer hold back!

UST

⁵ Then everyone will know that it is as though I, Yahweh, have struck people with my sword, and I will not put it back in its sheath again.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:6**ULT**

⁶ As for you, son of man, groan as your loins break! In bitterness groan before their eyes!

UST

⁶ Therefore, Son of man, groan! Groan in front of the Israelite people very sadly and sorrowfully.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do before the eyes of the people?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to groan before the eyes of the people.

Ezekiel 21:7**ULT**

⁷ Then it will happen that they will ask you, ‘For what reason are you groaning?’ Then you will say, ‘Because of the news that is coming, for every heart will faint away, and every hand will falter! Every spirit will grow faint, and every knee will flow like water. Behold! It is coming and it will be like this!—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.’”

UST

⁷ And when they ask you, ‘Why are you groaning?’ tell them that it is because of the news that they soon will hear. Everyone will be very fearful, and their hands will tremble uncontrollably, while their knees become as weak as water. A great disaster will soon occur. This is what Yahweh the Lord is promising.”

Why did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to act this way before the eyes of the people?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to act this way to show what it would be like for them when Yahweh brought the sword against them.

Ezekiel 21:8**ULT**

⁸ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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⁸ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:9**ULT**

⁹ “Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘The Lord says this: “Say: A sword! A sword! It will be sharpened and polished!’”

UST

⁹ “Son of man, prophesy and say to them, ‘This is what the Lord says: I will sharpen my sword and polish it.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ It will be sharpened in order to engage in great slaughter! It will be polished in order to be like lightning! Should we rejoice in my son's scepter? The coming sword hates every such rod!

UST

¹⁰ It will be sharp in order that I can slaughter many people with it; I will polish it so that it will flash like lightning. The people of Judah will not celebrate about their king's scepter, because it will not resist the sword that is coming against it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ So the sword will be given to be polished, and then to be grasped by the hand! The sword is sharpened and it is polished and it is to be given into the hand of the one who kills!""

UST

¹¹ So I will polish the sword, and the right person will then hold it in his hand. Now it is sharp; now it shines, ready for the killer to use!

Who was the sharpened and polished sword to be given to?

The polished and sharpened sword were to be given into the hand of a killer.

Ezekiel 21:12**ULT**

¹² Call for help and lament, son of man! For that sword has come against my people! It is against all the leaders of Israel. They are thrown against the sword with my people. Therefore, slap your thigh!

UST

¹² So, Son of man, cry and wail, because I will use my sword to kill my people, including the leaders of Israel. That sword will kill them and all the others of my people; my sword will kill them all, so beat your chests to show that you are sad.

On whom would that sword come?

That sword would come on Yahweh's people and the leaders of Israel.

Ezekiel 21:13**ULT**

¹³ For there is a trial, but what if the scepter does not last?—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹³ I am about to test my people, and what will happen if the scepter cannot resist? That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Now you, son of man, prophesy and hit your two hands together, for the sword will attack even a third time! A sword for the ones to be slaughtered! It is a sword for the many to be slaughtered, piercing them everywhere!

UST

¹⁴ So, Son of man, prophesy; clap your hands to show that you are very sad about what is going to happen. My sword will strike my people again and again; it is a sword for slaughtering many people, while I attack them from every side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:15**ULT**

¹⁵ In order to melt their hearts and to multiply their fallen, I have set the sword for slaughter at all their gates. Ah! It is made like lightning, it is grasped for slaughter.

UST

¹⁵ In order that people will be very much afraid and that many people will die, I have placed soldiers at every city gate, ready to slaughter people. My sword will flash like lightning, as the soldiers slaughter the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:16**ULT**

¹⁶ You, sword! Strike to the right! Strike to the left! Go wherever your face is turned.

UST

¹⁶ I will tell my sword to slash to the right and then to the left, and to turn in every direction until no one remains alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For I will also hit my two hands together, and then I will bring my fury to rest! I, Yahweh, declare it!"

UST

¹⁷ Then I will clap my hands triumphantly; and then I will no longer be angry. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What would come to rest after the great slaughter?

After the great slaughter, Yahweh's fury would come to rest.

Ezekiel 21:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The word of Yahweh came to me again, saying,

UST

¹⁸ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:19**ULT**

¹⁹ "Now you, son of man, assign two roads for the sword of the king of Babylon to come. The two roads will start in the same land, and a signpost will mark one of them as leading to a city.

UST

¹⁹ "Son of man, draw on a map two roads for the king of Babylonia to march on with his army. When they depart from their own country, they will come to a signpost where a single road divides into those two roads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:20**ULT**

²⁰ Mark one road for the Babylonian army to come to Rabbah, the city of the Ammonites. Mark the other to lead the army to Judah and the city of Jerusalem, which is fortified.

UST

²⁰ If they take one of those roads, they will attack the city of Rabbah, the capital of the Ammon people group. If they take the other road, they will come to Judah and Jerusalem, a city with walls around it.

What were the destinations of the two roads assigned for the king of Babylon?

The two destinations were Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Judah and Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 21:21**ULT**

²¹ For the king of Babylon will stop at the crossroads, at the junction, in order to practice divination. He will shake some arrows and ask direction from some idols and he will examine a liver.

UST

²¹ When the army of Babylon comes to where the road divides, the army will stop, while the king performs magic rituals to decide which road to go on. He will throw arrows; then he will consult his idols about which road to go on, and he will examine the liver of a sheep.

How would the king of Babylon determine which road to take?

The king of Babylon would obtain a prophetic message from divination to determine which road to take.

Ezekiel 21:22**ULT**

²² In his right hand will be an omen about Jerusalem, to set battering rams against it, to open his mouth to order the slaughter, to sound a war cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to build a ramp, and to erect siege towers.

UST

²² With his right hand he will pick up the arrow marked with the name of Jerusalem. He will then command his soldiers to go to Jerusalem. When they arrive there, they will set up rams to batter down the walls, and then the king will give the command for them to slaughter the people. They will shout the battlecry, and they will set up the rams against the city gates. They will build a dirt ramp against the walls around the city, and set walls against the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:23**ULT**

²³ It will seem to be a useless omen in the eyes of the ones in Jerusalem, those who had sworn an oath to the Babylonians! But the king will accuse them of violating their treaty in order to besiege them!

UST

²³ The people in Jerusalem who had promised to be loyal to the king of Babylonia will think that those magic rituals must be wrong. They will think that his army should not be attacking them. But he will remind them of the disloyalty of which they are guilty, and he will say that they have violated their agreement with him.

Of what would the king of Babylon accuse Israel in order to attack them?

The king of Babylon would accuse Israel of violating their treaty in order to attack them.

Ezekiel 21:24**ULT**

²⁴ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Because you have made your guilt to be remembered, making your transgressions to be revealed, so that in all your actions your sins will be seen— because you have done this you will be taken in hand.

UST

²⁴ Therefore, tell the Israelite people that this is what Yahweh the Lord says: 'You people have allowed everyone to see that you are openly rebelling against the king of Babylonia, and by doing that you have shown that everything that you do is sinful. Therefore he will capture you and take you to Babylonia.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:25**ULT**

²⁵ As for you, profane and wicked ruler of Israel, whose day of punishment has come, and whose time of committing iniquity has ended,

UST

²⁵ Also, say to the king of Judah, 'You very wicked king of Israel, it is your time to die. It is the time for Yahweh to punish you.'

What did Yahweh tell the wicked ruler of Israel to do, and why? (vv25-27)

Yahweh told the wicked ruler of Israel to remove his turban and crown, because the crown would no longer exist.

Ezekiel 21:26**ULT**

²⁶ the Lord Yahweh says this to you: Remove the turban and take off the crown! Things will no longer be the same! Exalt the lowly and humble the exalted!

UST

²⁶ And this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to you about your king in Jerusalem, 'Take off the king's turban and his crown, because now things will be different than they were before. I will give power to those who had none, and I will disgrace those who had power.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:27**ULT**

²⁷ A ruin! A ruin! I will make it a ruin! It will not be restored until the one comes who is assigned to execute judgment.

UST

²⁷ I will cause the Babylonians to destroy everything. No one will be king of Judah again, not until the man comes who deserves to be king. Then I will make him become king.'

When did Yahweh say he would restore the crown in Israel?

Yahweh said he would restore the crown in Israel when one came who had a right to it.

Ezekiel 21:28**ULT**

²⁸ So you, son of man, prophesy and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this to the people of Ammon concerning their coming disgrace: A sword, a sword is drawn! It is sharpened for the slaughter in order to devour, so it will be like lightning!

UST

²⁸ And, Son of man, prophesy and say that this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say about the Ammon people group, and about how I will disgrace them: 'My soldiers have swords and they have pulled out those swords to slaughter many people. They have polished them in order to kill people, and to flash like lightning.'

What do the prophets of Ammon do for the people of Ammon? (vv28-29)

Ammon's prophets see empty visions for the people of Ammon, while they perform rituals to come up with lies for the people of Ammon.

Ezekiel 21:29**ULT**

²⁹ While prophets see empty visions for you, while they perform rituals to come up with lies for you, this sword will lie on the necks of the wicked who are about to be killed, whose day of punishment has come and whose time of iniquity is about to end.

UST

²⁹ Your Ammonite prophets have given you false visions about what will happen to you, and they have held useless ceremonies that give you false messages. So swords will strike the necks of those wicked people. The day when I punish them has come, because they have not been loyal to me.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:30**ULT**

³⁰ Return the sword to its sheath. In the place of your creation, in the land of your origin, I will judge you!

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³⁰ But later the soldiers of Babylon will have to put their swords back into their sheaths, because the time for them to slaughter their enemies will end. I will judge these Babylonians in the country where they were born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:31**ULT**

³¹ I will pour out my indignation on you! I will fan the fire of my rage against you and put you into the hand of cruel men, craftsmen of destruction!

UST

³¹ I will pour out my punishment on them. Because I am very angry with them, my breath on them will scorch them like a fire. I will allow brutal men to capture them, men who are experts at killing people.

Who was the Lord Yahweh going to give the people of Ammon over to?

The Lord Yahweh was going to give the Ammonites into the hand of cruel men, craftsmen of destruction.

Ezekiel 21:32

ULT

³² You will become fuel for the fire! Your blood will be in the midst of the land. You will not be remembered, for I, Yahweh have declared this!”

UST

³² They will be like fuel that is burned in a fire. Their blood will flow in their own land. No one will remember them anymore. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22

Ezekiel 22:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:2

ULT

² "Now you, son of man, will you judge? Will you judge the city of blood? Make her know all her abominations.

UST

² "Son of man, are you ready to condemn the people of Jerusalem? It is a city full of murderers. Remind them of all the detestable things that they have done.

What name does Yahweh give the city of Jerusalem that he is judging? (vv2-3)

Yahweh calls the city of Jerusalem the city of blood.

Ezekiel 22:3

ULT

³ You must say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: This is a city that pours out blood in her midst so that her time may come; a city that makes idols to make herself unclean.

UST

³ Then say, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: By murdering people and by defiling yourselves, by making idols, you people of this city have brought on yourselves the time when I will destroy you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:4**ULT**

⁴ You have become guilty by the blood that you have poured out, and you have become unclean by the idols that you have made. You have drawn your days to a close, and the end of your years has come. Therefore I will make you a reproach to the nations and a laughingstock to all the lands.

UST

⁴ You have become guilty by murdering innocent people. You have made it impossible for me to accept you, by making idols for yourselves. You are bringing your time to an end. Therefore I will cause the other people groups to laugh at you and mock you.

What two sins does Yahweh name that have made the city guilty?

The city is guilty of the blood it has poured out, and is made unclean by the idols it has made.

Ezekiel 22:5**ULT**

⁵ Both those who are near and those who are far away from you will mock you—you unclean city—with the reputation known everywhere as being full of confusion.

UST

⁵ People in countries that are near you and people who live far from you will make fun of you, because your city is full of confusion, and because you have made it impossible for me, your own God, to accept you.

What reputation will the city have after Yahweh judges it?

The reputation known everywhere will be that it is a city of confusion.

Ezekiel 22:6**ULT**

⁶ Behold! The rulers of Israel, each one by his own power, have come to you to pour out blood.

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⁶ Think about how each of your Israelite kings have used his power to murder people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:7**ULT**

⁷ They have dishonored fathers and mothers within you, and they have performed oppression on the foreigners in your midst. They have mistreated the orphans and the widows within you.

UST

⁷ Your people do not respect their parents; they have oppressed foreigners; they mistreat orphans and widows.

Which three groups of people have been mistreated by the rulers of Israel?

Fathers and mothers have been dishonored, foreigners have been oppressed, and orphans and widows have been mistreated.

Ezekiel 22:8**ULT**

⁸ You have despised my holy things and have profaned my Sabbaths.

UST

⁸ You despise my sacred places and practices, and you treat the Sabbath days like any other day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:9**ULT**

⁹ Slanderous men have come within you in order to pour out blood, and they eat on the mountains. They perform wickedness in your midst.

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⁹ Among you are men who tell lies in order to cause others to be executed. There are those who go to the hilltops and eat food offered to idols, and they openly perform evil acts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Within you men uncover the nakedness of their father. Within you they have violated unclean women during their menstrual period.

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¹⁰ There are men who sleep with their father's wife, and men who sleep with women during their monthly menstrual periods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ Men who commit abominations with their neighbors' wives, and men who make their own daughters-in-law shamefully unclean; men who abuse their own sisters—daughters of their own fathers—all these are done within you.

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¹¹ There are men who sleep with someone else's wife. Some of your men sleep with their daughters-in-law or with their own sisters or half-sisters.

What three sexual sins are being committed by men in the city?

Men are committing sins with their neighbor's wife, are making their daughters-in-law unclean, and are abusing their sisters.

Ezekiel 22:12**ULT**

¹² These men take bribes within you in order to pour out blood and you have taken interest and gained too much profit, and you have damaged your neighbors through oppression, and you have forgotten me—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹² There are among you men who accept bribes in order to cause someone to be executed. You charge interest when you lend people money. You become rich by forcing people to give you money. And you have forgotten me, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:13**ULT**

¹³ See! With my hand I have struck the dishonest gain that you have made, and the bloodshed that is done in the midst of you.

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¹³ So I will shake my fist at your unfair profits and at the murderers who live among you.

What does Yahweh declare he is going to do to the people because of their sins?

Yahweh declares he is going to scatter the people among the nations.

Ezekiel 22:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Will your heart stand, will your hands be strong on the days when I myself will deal with you? I, Yahweh, am declaring this, and I will do it.

UST

¹⁴ When I finish punishing you, you will no longer be courageous. I, Yahweh, have said what I will do to you, and I will do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you through the lands. In this way, I will purge your uncleanness from you.

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¹⁵ I will scatter you among many people groups, and I will make you stop your sinful behavior.

What does Yahweh declare he is going to do to the people because of their sins?

Yahweh declares he is going to scatter the people among the nations.

Ezekiel 22:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So you will become unclean in the eyes of the nations. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.” [1]

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¹⁶ When the people of other nations see that you have been humiliated, you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

What will the people know after Yahweh strikes them?

The people will know the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Next the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹⁷ Yahweh then said to me,

In his parable, to what does Yahweh liken the house of Israel?

In his parable, Yahweh likens the house of Israel to dross.

Ezekiel 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ “Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me. All of them are the leftovers of bronze and tin, and iron and lead in the midst of you. They will be like the dross of silver in your furnace.

UST

¹⁸ “Son of man, your Israelite people have become useless to me. They are like dross to me. They are like the useless copper, tin, iron, and lead that remains after silver is melted in a very hot furnace

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, 'Because all of you have become like dross, therefore, behold! I am about to gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

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¹⁹ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Because you have all become like dross, I will gather you in Jerusalem.

Where does Yahweh say he will gather the dross?

Yahweh says he will gather the dross into the midst of Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ As men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead and tin and put it inside a furnace to melt it, and they blow the fire on it in order to melt it, so I will gather you in my anger and my wrath, and I will put you there and melt you.

UST

²⁰ People put ore containing silver, copper, iron, lead, and tin in a very hot furnace and melt them in a blazing fire to burn up the impurities. Similarly, I will gather you together inside Jerusalem, and because I am very angry with you, what I will do will be as though I am melting you.

What will Yahweh do to the dross as he pours out his fury? (vv20-22)

Yahweh will pour out the dross and melt it down as he pours out his fury.

Ezekiel 22:21**ULT**

²¹ I will gather you and blow on you the fire of my wrath, and you will be melted in the midst of it.

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²¹ It will be as though I am blowing on you with a hot breath that shows that I am very angry, and it will be as though you will melt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:22**ULT**

²² As silver is melted in a furnace, you will be melted in it, and you will know that I, Yahweh, have poured out my wrath on you!"

UST

²² as though you will melt like silver melts in a furnace, and then you will know that I, Yahweh, have punished you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:23**ULT**

²³ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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²³ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:24**ULT**

²⁴ "Son of man, say to her, 'You are a land that has not been cleansed. There is no rain on the day of wrath!

UST

²⁴ "Son of man, say to the Israelite people, 'You are disgusting to Yahweh, completely unacceptable to him. So Yahweh is angry with you. There will be no rain in your country.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:25**ULT**

²⁵ There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing apart a victim. They consume life and take precious wealth; they make many widows within her! ^[2]

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²⁵ Their leaders are like lions that tear apart the animals that they have killed. The leaders destroy their people. They steal treasures and other valuable things from people, and they murder many men and make their wives into widows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:26**ULT**

²⁶ Her priests do violence to my law, and they profane my holy things. They do not distinguish between holy things and profane things, and do not teach the difference between the unclean and the clean. They hide their eyes from my Sabbaths so that I am profaned in their midst.

UST

²⁶ Their priests disobey my laws and dishonor my sacred things by saying that there is no difference between things that are sacred and those that are not sacred, and by ignoring my laws about resting on the Sabbath days. As a result, they no longer honor me.

What are the priests of the land failing to distinguish and failing to teach?

The priests are failing to distinguish between holy and profane things, and failing to teach the difference between the unclean and the clean.

Ezekiel 22:27**ULT**

²⁷ Her princes within her are like wolves tearing apart their victims. They pour out blood and destroy life, to make a profit dishonestly.

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²⁷ Their officials are like wolves that tear apart the animals that they have killed. They murder people in order to get their money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:28**ULT**

²⁸ Her prophets have painted them over with whitewash; they see false visions and predict falsehoods to them. They say "The Lord Yahweh says this" when Yahweh has not spoken.

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²⁸ Their prophets try to cover up those sins by saying they have received visions from God. They say, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says,' when I have said nothing to them.

What are the prophets of the land doing?

The prophets of the land are painting with whitewash, seeing false visions and making false predictions.

Ezekiel 22:29**ULT**

²⁹ The people of the land have oppressed through extortion and plundered through robbery, and they mistreat the poor and needy, and oppress the foreigner without justice.

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²⁹ The Israelite people force others to give them money, and they rob people. They oppress poor people, and they mistreat foreigners among them by not treating them fairly in the courts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:30**ULT**

³⁰ So I searched for a man from them who would build up a wall and who would stand before me in its breach for the land so I would not destroy it, but I found no one.

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³⁰ I looked among them to find a man who would pray for the people and cause them to repent so that I would not need to destroy them. But I did not find anyone.

What did Yahweh look for and not find?

Yahweh looked for a man who would build up a wall and stand before him in its breach for the land, but he did not find one.

Ezekiel 22:31**ULT**

³¹ So I will pour out my indignation upon them. I will finish them with the fire of my indignation and set their way on their own heads—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.”

22:16 ^[1], some ancient copies have .

22:25 ^[2], some ancient copies have .

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³¹ So because I am very angry with them, I will severely punish them for all the wicked things that they have done. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23

Ezekiel 23:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:2

ULT

² "Son of man, there were two women, daughters of the same mother.

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² "Son of man, listen to this parable about Jerusalem and Samaria. Once there were two women, daughters of the same mother.

In Yahweh's parable, what do the two daughters do in Egypt? (vv2-3)

The two daughters act as prostitutes in Egypt.

Ezekiel 23:3

ULT

³ They acted as prostitutes in Egypt in the time of their youth. They acted as prostitutes there. Their breasts were squeezed and their virgin nipples were fondled there.

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³ They lived in Egypt. And from the time that they were young women, they became prostitutes. In that land, men fondled their breasts and caressed their young bosoms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:4**ULT**

⁴ Their names were Oholah—the older sister—and Oholibah—her younger sister. Then they became mine and bore sons and daughters. Their names mean this: Oholah means Samaria, and Oholibah means Jerusalem.

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⁴ The older sister was Oholah, and her younger sister was Oholibah. It was as though they later became my wives. Later they gave birth to sons and daughters. Oholah represents Samaria, and Oholibah represents Jerusalem.

What does the older daughter represent and what does the younger daughter represent?

The older daughter represents Samaria and the younger daughter represents Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 23:5**ULT**

⁵ But Oholah acted as a prostitute even when she was mine; she lusted for her lovers, for the Assyrians who were dominant,

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⁵ Oholah acted like a prostitute while she was still my wife. She desired to sleep with those whom she loved—soldiers from Assyria.

What did the older daughter do even though she was Yahweh's? (vv5-7)

The older daughter gave herself as a prostitute to Assyria's men.

Ezekiel 23:6**ULT**

⁶ the governor who wore blue, and for his officials, who were strong and handsome, all of them men riding on horses.

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⁶ Some of them were army officers and commanders. They wore beautiful purple uniforms. They were all handsome young men who rode horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:7**ULT**

⁷ So she gave herself as a prostitute to them, to all the best of Assyria's men, and she made herself unclean with everyone she lusted for—and with all their idols.

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⁷ She acted like a prostitute toward all the important Assyrian officials. I could no longer accept her as belonging to me, because she was worshiping all the idols of the men she wanted to sleep with.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:8**ULT**

⁸ For she had not left her prostitute behavior behind in Egypt, when they had lain with her when she had been a young girl, when they caressed her virgin bosom and poured out their lust upon her.

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⁸ When she was a young woman in Egypt, she started being a prostitute, and she allowed young men to caress her breasts and have sex with her. When she became older, she did not quit acting like a prostitute.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:9**ULT**

⁹ Therefore I gave her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians for whom she lusted.

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⁹ So I allowed the Assyrian soldiers, whom she wanted to sleep with, to capture her.

**What did the older daughter's lovers do to her when Yahweh gave her over to them?
(vv9-10)**

The older daughter's lovers stripped her naked, took her sons and daughters, and killed her.

Ezekiel 23:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They uncovered her nakedness, took her sons and daughters, killed her with the sword, and she became notorious among other women, so they executed judgment on her.

UST

¹⁰ They stripped all her clothes off her. They took away her sons and daughters. And then they killed her with a sword. Other women started talking about how she was disgraced, and about how she deserved to suffer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:11**ULT**

¹¹ Her sister Oholibah saw this, but she lusted even more passionately and acted like a prostitute even more than her sister.

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¹¹ Her younger sister Oholibah saw those things that happened to Oholah, but she was also a prostitute, and she desired to sleep with men even more than her older sister had desired.

What did the younger daughter do when she saw what happened to the older daughter?

The younger daughter acted like a prostitute even more than her sister.

Ezekiel 23:12**ULT**

¹² She lusted for the Assyrians, the governors and the dominating officials who dressed impressively, who were men riding horses. All of them were strong, handsome men.

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¹² Oholibah also wanted to sleep with the Assyrian soldiers. Some of them were army officers and commanders. They all wore beautiful uniforms. They were all handsome young men. And they rode horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:13**ULT**

¹³ I saw that she had made herself unclean. It was the same for both sisters.

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¹³ I saw what she did that caused me to be unable to accept her, just like her older sister.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then she increased her prostitution even more. She saw men carved on walls, figures of Chaldeans painted in red,

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¹⁴ But she did even worse things. She saw drawings of men from Babylonia on the walls, painted in red.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:15**ULT**

¹⁵ wearing belts around their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads. All of them had the appearance of officers of chariot troops, the likeness of sons of Babylonia, whose native land is Chaldea.

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¹⁵ The men in the drawings had belts around their waists and long turbans on their heads. They all resembled officers from Babylonia who rode in chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:16**ULT**

¹⁶ As soon as her eyes saw them, she lusted for them, so she sent out messengers to them in Chaldea.

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¹⁶ As soon as she saw those drawings, she wanted to sleep with those men, and she sent messages to them in Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then the Babylonians came to her and to her bed of lust, and they made her unclean with their promiscuousness. By what she had done she was made unclean, so she turned herself away from them in disgust.

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¹⁷ Then the soldiers from Babylonia came to her, lay in bed with her, and slept with her. Then she became disgusted with them and turned away from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When she displayed her acts of prostitution and uncovered her nakedness, I turned away from her, just as I had turned away in disgust from her sister.

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¹⁸ But when she continued to openly act like a prostitute and to show herself naked to others, I became disgusted with her and rejected her, as I had rejected her older sister.

Because of their prostitution, how did Yahweh's attitude change toward the two sisters?

Because of their prostitution, Yahweh turned away his soul from the two sisters.

Ezekiel 23:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then she increased her prostitution as she remembered the days of her youth, when she was a prostitute in the land of Egypt.

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¹⁹ But she became even more immoral, as she remembered when she was a young woman learning to be a prostitute in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:20**ULT**

²⁰ So she lusted for her lovers, whose private parts were like those of donkeys, and whose reproductive emissions were like those of horses.

UST

²⁰ There she wanted to sleep with those who loved her, whose private parts were very long, like those of donkeys, and whose reproductive emissions were huge, like those of horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:21**ULT**

²¹ This is how you committed shameful acts of your youth, when the Egyptians fondled your nipples and squeezed your young breasts.

UST

²¹ So she desired to be immoral like she was when she was young, when men in Egypt caressed her bosom and fondled her young breasts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:22**ULT**

²² Therefore, Oholibah, the Lord Yahweh says this, 'Behold! I will turn your lovers against you. Those from whom you turned away, I will bring them against you from every side:

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²² Oholibah represents you people of Jerusalem. Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord say: Those soldiers who loved you but from whom you turned away because you became disgusted with them—I will make them angry with you. I will make them come and attack you from every side—

What did Yahweh say he would do to the younger sister because of her prostitution?

Yahweh said he would turn her lovers against her.

Ezekiel 23:23**ULT**

²³ the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them, strong, handsome men, governors and commanders, all of them are officers and men of reputation, all of them riding on horses.

UST

²³ soldiers from Babylon and all the other places in Babylonia, and their allies from the regions of Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, and all the army of Assyria. Yes, all of them are handsome young men, army officers and commanders, officers who have great fame, all riding on horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:24**ULT**

²⁴ They will come against you with weapons, and with chariots and wagons, and with a great crowd of people. They will set large shields, small shields, and helmets against you all around. I will give them the opportunity to punish you, and they will punish you with their actions.

UST

²⁴ Their huge army will attack you with weapons, riding in chariots and pulling wagons that will carry the army supplies. They will surround you, carrying large and small shields, and wearing helmets. I will allow them to capture you and punish you in the way that they always punish their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:25**ULT**

²⁵ For I will set my jealous anger on you, and they will deal with you in fury. They will cut off your noses and your ears, and your survivors will fall by the sword. They will take away your sons and your daughters, and your survivors will be devoured by fire.

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²⁵ Because I am very angry with you, I will cause them to act furiously toward you. They will cut off your noses and your ears. Then, those who are still alive, they will kill with their swords. They will take away your sons and daughters, and it will be like a fire that burns up your descendants.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the younger sister and her descendants?

The younger sister will have her nose and ears cut off, and her descendants will be devoured by fire.

Ezekiel 23:26**ULT**

²⁶ They will strip you of your clothes and take away all of your jewelry.

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²⁶ They will strip off your clothes and your fine jewelry, and they will take them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:27**ULT**

²⁷ So I will remove your shameful behavior from you and your acts of prostitution from the land of Egypt. You will not lift up your eyes toward them with longing, and you will think of Egypt no longer.'

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²⁷ In that way, I will stop all the immoral behavior that began when you became a prostitute in Egypt. You will no longer desire to do those things; you will no longer think about what you did in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:28**ULT**

²⁸ For the Lord Yahweh says this, 'Behold! I will give you into the hand of the ones you hate, back into the hand of the ones from whom you had turned away.

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²⁸ This is what I, Yahweh the Lord say: Those whom you hate, those with whom you became disgusted and from whom you turned away—I am about to allow them to capture you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:29**ULT**

²⁹ They will deal with you hatefully; they will take all your possessions and abandon you naked and bare, and your nakedness will be uncovered just as when you engaged in promiscuity and prostitutions.

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²⁹ They will be cruel; they will take away everything that you own. They will leave you completely naked, and everyone will see that you truly are a prostitute.

What will be revealed when the younger sister is given into the hand of the ones she hates?

The naked shame of the younger sister's prostitution will be revealed.

Ezekiel 23:30**ULT**

³⁰ These things will be done to you in your acting like a prostitute, lusting after nations by which you became unclean with their idols.

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³⁰ It is because of what you have done that you will be punished in that way; you have been an immoral prostitute; you have slept with men of other nations, and you have made it impossible for me to accept you, because you have worshiped their idols.

Because of their prostitution, what does Yahweh put into the hands of the younger and older sister? (vv30-31)

Because of their prostitution, Yahweh puts a cup of punishment into the hands of the younger and older sister.

Ezekiel 23:31**ULT**

³¹ You have walked in the way of your sister, so I will put her cup of punishment into your hand.'

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³¹ You have behaved like the people of Samaria, who are like your older sister. So I will cause you to be punished as they were punished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:32**ULT**

³² The Lord Yahweh says this, 'You will drink your sister's cup that is deep and large. You will become a laughingstock and a subject for derision—this cup contains a great amount.'

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³² This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You will suffer when you drink from a cup that is deep and large. It will be as though you will drink from the same cup that the people of Samaria drank from. And it is because you will drink what it is in that cup, many people will scorn you and make fun of you, because when you drink from the cup it will make you drunk and then you will be overcome with sadness.

What will the younger sister become to those around her?

The younger sister will become a laughingstock and a subject for making to those around her.

Ezekiel 23:33**ULT**

³³ You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, the cup of horror and devastation; the cup of your sister Samaria.

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³³ When you become very drunk, you will become very sad, because drinking what is in that cup will cause you to be ruined; everyone will leave you. This is what happened to the people of Samaria, who are like your sister.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:34**ULT**

³⁴ You will drink it and drain it empty; then you will shatter it and tear your breasts with the pieces. For I have declared it—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'

UST

³⁴ You will drink all the liquid that is in that cup; then you will break that cup into pieces and use those pieces to cut your breasts because you will be very sad. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:35**ULT**

³⁵ Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this, "Because you have forgotten me and thrown me away behind your back, so also you will bear the consequences of your shameful behavior and acts of sexual immorality."

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³⁵ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Because you have forgotten me and rejected me, I must punish you for your immoral behavior and for being a prostitute."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:36**ULT**

³⁶ Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? So present to them their disgusting actions,

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³⁶ Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, judge the people of those two cities represented by Oholah and Oholibah. You must remind them of their detestable behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:37**ULT**

³⁷ since they have committed adultery, and since there is blood on their hands. They have committed adultery with their idols, and they have even caused their sons to pass through the fire, as food for their idols.

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³⁷ It is as though they have committed adultery and have murdered people. They have been unfaithful to me by worshiping idols. They have even sacrificed their own children, who belonged to me, in fire.

What were the two sisters doing with their sons born for Yahweh?

The two sisters were passing their sons born for Yahweh through the fire to be consumed.

Ezekiel 23:38**ULT**

³⁸ Then they continue to do this to me: They make my sanctuary unclean, and on the same day they defile my Sabbaths.

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³⁸ They have done other disgraceful things: they have caused my temple to be an unacceptable place for worship, and they treat the Sabbath days like any other day.

What did the two sisters do on the same day they slaughtered their children? (vv38-39)

On the same day they slaughtered their children, the two sisters came to Yahweh's sanctuary to defile it.

Ezekiel 23:39**ULT**

³⁹ For when they had slaughtered their children for their idols, then they came to my sanctuary on the same day to defile it! So behold! This is what they have done in the middle of my house.

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³⁹ On the same day that they sacrificed their children to their idols, they entered my temple, which caused it to be an unacceptable place for worshiping me. They did these things in my own house!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ You sent out for men who came from far away, to whom messengers had been sent—now behold. They indeed came, those for whom you bathed, painted your eyes, and adorned yourself with jewelry.

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⁴⁰ They sent messages to men in countries far away. And as those men were coming, the two sisters bathed themselves for them, painted their eyebrows, and put on jewelry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:41**ULT**

⁴¹ There you sat on a beautiful bed and at a table arranged before it where you placed my incense and my oil.

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⁴¹ They sat on a beautiful couch, with a table in front of it on which they had put incense and olive oil that belonged to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:42**ULT**

⁴² So the sound of a noisy crowd was around her; including all kinds of men, even Sabeans were brought in from the wilderness, and they put bracelets on their hands and beautiful crowns on their heads.

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⁴² Soon there was a noisy crowd around them. Among the crowd there were drunkards who had come from the desert of Arabia. They put bracelets on the arms of the two sisters, and they put beautiful crowns on their heads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:43**ULT**

⁴³ Then I said of her who was worn out by adultery, 'Now they will be sexually immoral with her, and she with them.'

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⁴³ Then I said about the woman who had become exhausted by sleeping with many men, 'Now those men will act toward her as though she were a prostitute, because that is all that she is.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ They went in to her, as men go in to a prostitute. In this way they went in to Oholah and Oholibah, immoral women.

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⁴⁴ So they slept with those two women, Oholah and Oholibah, as men sleep with prostitutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ But righteous men will pass judgment and punish them as adulteresses, and they will punish them with the sentence for those who shed blood, because they are adulteresses and blood is on their hands.

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⁴⁵ But righteous men will condemn them to be punished, as women who commit adultery and who murder others are punished, because those women commit adultery and they murder others.

What does Yahweh say righteous men will do to the prostitutes?

Yahweh says righteous men will condemn the prostitutes to punishment for adultery.

Ezekiel 23:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ So the Lord Yahweh says this: I will raise up a company against them and give them up to be terrorized and plundered.

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⁴⁶ So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Bring a mob to attack Samaria and Jerusalem, and allow that mob to cause the people of those cities to be terrified; allow the mob to rob them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ Then that company will stone them with stones and cut them down with their swords. They will kill their sons and daughters and burn down their houses.

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⁴⁷ The mob will throw stones at them to kill them; they will cut them into pieces with their swords, they will kill their sons and daughters, and they will burn down their houses.

What will the company do that Yahweh raises up against the prostitutes?

The company that Yahweh raises up will stone the prostitutes with stones and cut them down with their swords.

Ezekiel 23:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ For I will remove shameful behavior from the land and discipline all the women so they will no longer act like prostitutes.

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⁴⁸ In that way I will cause them to stop their immoral behavior. This will warn other women to not imitate what you people of Jerusalem are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ So they will set your shameful behavior against you. You will bear the guilt of your sins with your idols, and in this way you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh."

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⁴⁹ I will punish you people of Jerusalem for your immoral behavior and for worshiping idols. Then you will know that I, Yahweh the Lord, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

What will the prostitutes know when they bear the guilt of their sins with their idols?

When they bear the guilt of their sins with their idols, the prostitutes will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 24

Ezekiel 24:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, and on the tenth day of the month, saying,

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¹ Almost nine years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the tenth day of the tenth month of that year, Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:2

ULT

² "Son of man, write for yourself the name of this day, this exact day, for this exact day the king of Babylon has besieged Jerusalem.

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² "Son of man, write down what day of the month this is. On this day the army of the king of Babylon has surrounded Jerusalem.

What did Yahweh say was happening on the exact day he spoke to Ezekiel?

Yahweh said that the king of Babylon was attacking Jerusalem on that exact day.

Ezekiel 24:3

ULT

³ So speak a proverb against this rebellious house, a parable. Say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Place the cooking pot. Place it and pour water into it.

UST

³ Tell those rebellious Israelite people in Babylon a parable. Say this to them: This is what Yahweh the Lord says: 'Pour water into the cooking pot and put the pot on the fire.

In Yahweh's parable, what does Yahweh tell the people of Jerusalem to do? (vv3-5)

Yahweh tells them to pour water into the cooking pot, fill it with the best bones, and boil it thoroughly.

Ezekiel 24:4**ULT**

⁴ Gather pieces of food within it, every good piece—the thigh and shoulder— and fill it with the best bones.

UST

⁴ Put into the pot some pieces of meat from one of your best sheep; put in the leg and shoulder, which are the best pieces. Then fill the rest of the pot with the best bones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:5**ULT**

⁵ Take the best of the flock and pile up the bones under it. Bring it to a boil and cook the bones in it.

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⁵ Pile wood on the fire, and cook the bones and the meat in the boiling water.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:6**ULT**

⁶ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Woe to the city of blood, a cooking pot that has rust in it and that rust will not come out of it. Take piece after piece from it, but do not cast lots for it.

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⁶ Do that because this is what Yahweh the Lord says: 'Terrible things will happen to Jerusalem; it is city that is full of murderers, a city that is like a corroded copper pot, and the corrosion cannot be removed. Take the pieces of meat out of the pot, but do not choose which pieces to take out.

What is wrong with the cooking pot of Jerusalem that will not come out of it?

The cooking pot of Jerusalem has rust in it that will not come out of it.

Ezekiel 24:7**ULT**

⁷ For her blood is in the midst of her. She has set it on the smooth rock; she has not poured it out on the ground to cover it with dust,

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⁷ The blood of the people who were murdered in Jerusalem is still there; they were murdered on the bare rocks, not on the soil, where their blood could be covered.

What has Jerusalem done to exact vengeance from Yahweh? (vv7-8)

Jerusalem has not covered the blood that is in her midst.

Ezekiel 24:8**ULT**

⁸ so it brings fury up to exact vengeance. I placed her blood on the smooth rock so it could not be covered.

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⁸ But I am the one who caused the blood of those who were murdered to be smeared on the bare rock, where their blood could not be covered; I did that in order that I could see it and then be angry and get revenge.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:9**ULT**

⁹ Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: Woe to the city of blood. I will also enlarge the pile of wood.

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⁹ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: 'Terrible things will happen to that city that is full of murderers! It will be as though I also will pile high the wood in the fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Stack up the wood and kindle the fire. Cook the meat well and mix in the spices and let the bones be charred.

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¹⁰ So heap on the wood and light the fire! Cook the meat well, and mix some spices with it; cook it until the bones are black.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then set the pot on its coals empty, in order to heat and scorch its bronze, so its uncleanness within it will be melted, its corrosion consumed.'

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¹¹ Then set the empty pot on the coals of the fire until the pot becomes very hot and the copper glows, so that the corrosion will disappear.

Why set the empty pot on the fire?

Set the empty pot on the fire in order to heat and scorch its bronze, so its uncleanness within it will be melted, its corrosion consumed!

Ezekiel 24:12**ULT**

¹² She has become weary because of toil, but her corrosion has not gone out of her by the fire.

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¹² It is as though I tried to get rid of that corrosion, but I was not able to do it, not even by putting that pot on the fire.

What has not been removed from Jerusalem by the fire?

The corrosion of Jerusalem has not been removed by the fire.

Ezekiel 24:13**ULT**

¹³ Your shameful behavior is in your uncleanness. Because I tried to cleanse you but still you would not be cleansed from your uncleanness, you will not be cleansed anymore until I have satisfied my fury upon you.

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¹³ The corrosion in the pot represents your immoral behavior. I tried to cleanse you from your wicked behavior, but you did not allow me to do that. So you will not be cleansed from the guilt of your sin until I have punished you and I am no longer angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I, Yahweh, have declared it, and I will do it. I will not relent nor will I rest from it. As your ways were, and as your activities, they will judge you!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

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¹⁴ I, Yahweh, have said that I will surely punish you. And it is time for me to do that. I will not change my mind; I will not refrain from punishing you, and I will not pity you. I will judge you and punish you as you deserve to be punished for your sinful behavior. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said it."

According to Yahweh, by what will the people of Jerusalem be judged?

The people of Jerusalem will be judged by their ways and their activities.

Ezekiel 24:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹⁵ One day Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:16**ULT**

¹⁶ “Son of man! Behold, I am taking the desire of your eyes from you with a plague, but you must not mourn nor weep, and your tears must not flow.

UST

¹⁶ “Son of man, I am going to suddenly take from you your wife by means of a disease, your wife, whom you love very much. But when she dies, do not show that you are sad or lament or cry.

What did Yahweh say he was taking from Ezekiel? (vv16-17)

Yahweh said he was taking Ezekiel's wife from him.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel not to do? (vv16-17)

Yahweh told Ezekiel not to mourn or weep for having lost his wife.

Ezekiel 24:17**ULT**

¹⁷ You must groan silently. Do not conduct a funeral for the dead. Tie your turban on you and place your sandals on your feet, but do not veil your facial hair or eat the bread of men who mourn for having lost their wives.”

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¹⁷ Groan quietly; do not cry openly for her. Keep your turban wrapped around your head, and instead of being barefoot, keep your sandals on your feet. Do not cover the lower part of your face to show that you are sad. And do not eat the kind of food that people who are mourning usually eat.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So I spoke to the people in the morning, and my wife died in the evening. In the morning I did what I had been commanded to do.

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¹⁸ So one morning I talked to the people as usual, and that evening my wife suddenly died. The next morning I did what Yahweh had told me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The people asked me, "Will you not tell us what these things mean, the things that you are doing?"

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¹⁹ Then the people asked me, "What do the things that you are doing signify to us?"

What did Yahweh say was the meaning of the events which happened to Ezekiel? (vv19-21)

Yahweh said that the desire of the people's eyes was defiling the sanctuary, so their sons and daughters would fall by the sword.

Ezekiel 24:20**ULT**

²⁰ So I said to them, "The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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²⁰ I answered them, "This is what Yahweh told me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:21**ULT**

²¹ 'Say to the house of Israel, the Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I will desecrate my sanctuary—the pride of your power, the delight of your eyes, and the yearning of your soul, and your sons and your daughters whom you left behind will fall by the sword.

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²¹ 'Tell the Israelite people that I am about to destroy the temple, the building that you are very proud of, the building that you delight to look at. Your children whom you left in Jerusalem when you were forced to come to Babylon—your enemies will kill them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:22**ULT**

²² Then you will do exactly as I have done: you will not veil your facial hair, nor eat the bread of mourning men!

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²² When that happens, you will do as I have done: You will not cover the lower part of your faces, or eat the kinds of food that people who are mourning usually eat.

What would the people of Jerusalem do when they suffered their loss? (vv22-23)

The people would do exactly as Ezekiel did, and not mourn or weep.

Ezekiel 24:23**ULT**

²³ Instead, your turbans will be on your heads, and your sandals on your feet; you will not mourn nor weep, for you will melt away in your iniquities, and each man will groan for his brother.

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²³ You will keep your turbans wrapped around your heads and keep your sandals on your feet. You will not mourn or cry, but your bodies will become very thin and slowly die; I will not forgive your sins at all. And you will groan for each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:24**ULT**

²⁴ So Ezekiel will be a sign for you, as everything that he has done you will do when this comes. Then you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh!"

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²⁴ Ezekiel will be a warning to you, and you must do what he has done. When that happens, you will know that I, Yahweh the Lord have the power to do what I say that I will do."

As what did Ezekiel serve for the people of Jerusalem?

Ezekiel served as a sign for the people of Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 24:25**ULT**

²⁵ “But you, son of man, on the day that I capture their temple, which is their joy, their pride, and what they see and desire—and when I take away their sons and daughters—

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²⁵ Then Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, soon I will destroy their sacred temple, which they rejoice about and which they respect and delight to look at, and I will get rid of their sons and daughters also.

What did Yahweh say would happen on the day the temple was captured? (vv25-26)

Yahweh said that on the day the temple was captured, a refugee would come to Ezekiel to give him the news.

Ezekiel 24:26**ULT**

²⁶ on that day, a refugee will come to you to give you the news!

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²⁶ On that day, someone will escape from Jerusalem and come and tell you what has happened there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:27**ULT**

²⁷ On that day your mouth will be opened up to that refugee and you will speak—you will no longer be silent. You will be a sign for them so that they will know that I am Yahweh.”

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²⁷ When that happens, you will be able to speak again without constraint. You two will talk together. You will be a warning to the people; and they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

On the day the temple was captured, what would the people of Jerusalem know?

On the day the temple was captured, the people of Jerusalem would know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 25

Ezekiel 25:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Some time later, Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:2

ULT

² "Son of man, set your face against the people of Ammon and prophesy against them.

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² "Son of man, turn toward where the Ammon people group lives, and prophesy about the terrible things that will happen to them.

Who did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy against?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy against the people of Ammon.

Ezekiel 25:3

ULT

³ Say to the people of Ammon, 'Hear the word of the Lord Yahweh. This is what the Lord Yahweh says: Because you said, "Aha!" over my sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into exile,

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³ Say about them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: You shouted joyfully when my temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, and when the country of Israel was ruined, and when the people of Judah were exiled to Babylon.

What did the people of Ammon do when the sanctuary was profaned and the house of Judah went into exile?

When the sanctuary was profaned and the house of Judah went into exile, the people of Ammon said, "Aha!"

Ezekiel 25:4**ULT**

⁴ therefore, behold, I am giving you to a people in the east as their possession. They will set up camp against you and set up their tents among you. They will eat your fruit and they will drink your milk.

UST

⁴ Therefore, I am going to allow an army of the people in the east to come and conquer you. They will set up their tents in your country and live there. They will eat the fruit from your fruit trees and drink the milk from your cattle.

What will Yahweh do to the people of Ammon because of what they said when the house of Judah went into exile?

Yahweh will give the people of Ammon to a people in the east.

Ezekiel 25:5**ULT**

⁵ I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels and the people of Ammon a field for flocks. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.

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⁵ I will cause your capital city of Rabbah to become a pasture for camels, and the rest of Ammon, where your people are now living, to become only a resting place for sheep. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:6**ULT**

⁶ For the Lord Yahweh says this: You have clapped your hands and stamped your feet, and rejoiced with all the contempt within you against the land of Israel.

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⁶ This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You clapped your hands joyfully and stomped your feet, and laughed because you despised the people in the land of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore, behold! I will strike you with my hand and give you as plunder to the nations. I will cut you off from the peoples and make you perish from among the countries! I will destroy you, and you will know that I am Yahweh.'

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⁷ Therefore, I will use my power against you, and I will enable other nations to conquer you and take you away like any other possessions of yours. I will destroy you completely, and you will no longer be one of the nations. When that happens, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

What will Yahweh do to Ammon that will cause them to know that Yahweh is Lord?

Yahweh will cut Ammon off from the other peoples and destroy them.

Ezekiel 25:8**ULT**

⁸ The Lord Yahweh says this, 'Because Moab and Seir say, "Behold! The house of Judah is like every other nation."

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⁸ This is also what the Lord Yahweh says: The people of Moab south of Ammon and the people of Seir south of Moab despised Israel and said, "The people of Israel have become as unimportant as all the other nations!"

What did Moab and Seir say when the house of Judah went into exile?

When the house of Judah went into exile, Moab and Seir said that the house of Judah was like every other nation.

Ezekiel 25:9**ULT**

⁹ Therefore, behold! I will open the slopes of Moab, starting at his cities on the border—the splendor of Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim—

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⁹ Therefore I will destroy the cities that protect the borders of Moab, starting at Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim, the finest cities in Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ to the people of the east who have been against the people of Ammon. I will give them up as a possession so that the people of Ammon will not be remembered among the nations.

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¹⁰ I will enable people from the east to conquer Moab and also to conquer Ammon. As the result, just as I will cause Ammon to be no longer remembered by other nations,

What will no longer be remembered among the nations?

The people of Ammon will no longer be remembered among the nations.

Ezekiel 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ So I will perform judgments against Moab, and they will know that I am Yahweh.'

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¹¹ I will also punish the people of Moab. When that happens, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:12**ULT**

¹² The Lord Yahweh says this, 'Edom has taken vengeance against the house of Judah and has committed wrong in doing so.

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¹² This is also what Yahweh the Lord says: "You people of Edom are guilty of getting revenge on the people of Judah.

What had Edom done against the house of Judah?

Edom had exacted vengeance against the house of Judah.

Ezekiel 25:13**ULT**

¹³ Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: I will strike Edom with my hand and destroy every person and animal there. I will make them a ruined, abandoned place, from Teman to Dedan. They will fall by the sword.

UST

¹³ Therefore this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I will use my power against the people of Edom and will get rid of their men and their animals. I will ruin the land from the region of Teman in central Edom to the region of Dedan in the south of Edom, and their enemies will kill many of their men.

What will Yahweh do to Edom because of what Edom did to the house of Judah?

Yahweh will destroy every person and animal in Edom.

Ezekiel 25:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they will do to Edom according to my anger and my fury, and they will know my vengeance—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'

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¹⁴ The Israelite people will use their power to get revenge on the people of Edom. They will show the people of Edom that I have been angry with them and that I will punish them. I will get revenge on the people of Edom. Then they will know that I, Yahweh the Lord, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The Lord Yahweh says this, 'The Philistines have taken vengeance with malice and from within themselves they tried to destroy Judah again and again.

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¹⁵ This is also what Yahweh the Lord says: "The Philistia people group wanted very much for a long time to get revenge on the people of Judah. They very maliciously wanted to destroy Judah.

What had the Philistines done against the house of Judah?

The Philistines had taken vengeance with disdain against the house of Judah.

Ezekiel 25:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So this is what the Lord Yahweh says: Behold! I will reach out with my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Kerethites and destroy the remnant who are along the seacoast.

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¹⁶ Therefore this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I am about to use my power against the Philistia people. I will get rid of the Kereth people group and all those who live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

What will Yahweh do to the Philistines because of what the Philistines did to the house of Judah?

Yahweh will destroy the Philistines.

Ezekiel 25:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For I will take great vengeance against them with furious acts of punishment, so they will know that I am Yahweh, when I take my vengeance on them.”

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¹⁷ I will get great revenge on them and show that I am angry with them by the way I punish them. And when I get revenge on them, they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26

Ezekiel 26:1

ULT

¹ So it was in the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ It was almost eleven years after the Babylonians had taken the Israelites to their land, on the first day of the month, Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:2

ULT

² "Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, 'Aha! The gates of the people are broken! She has turned to me; I will be filled up because she is ruined.'

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² "Son of man, the people of the city of Tyre shouted joyfully and they said about Jerusalem, 'Jerusalem, the city from which traders went to many nations, is now destroyed. Now people from all over the world will come to us to buy and sell things. We will prosper because Jerusalem has now been ruined!'

What were the people of Tyre saying against Jerusalem?

The people of Tyre were saying they would be filled up as Jerusalem was ruined.

Ezekiel 26:3

ULT

³ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, 'Behold! I am against you, Tyre, and I will raise up many nations against you like the sea raises its waves.'

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³ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: 'I am now your enemy, you people of Tyre. I will cause the armies of many nations to come and attack your city, as the waves of the sea beat against the shores.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:4**ULT**

⁴ They will destroy the walls of Tyre and tear down her towers. I will sweep her dust away and make her like a bare rock.

UST

⁴ Their soldiers will destroy the walls around Tyre and tear down your towers. The city will be completely destroyed. Then they will scrape away the rubble and cause the city to become a bare rock.

What did Yahweh say he would do to Tyre?

Yahweh said he would raise up many nations against Tyre, who would destroy its walls and towers.

Ezekiel 26:5**ULT**

⁵ She will become a place for nets to dry out in the midst of the sea, since I have declared it—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—and she will become plunder for the nations.

UST

⁵ Out in the sea, the part of your city that is on an island will become a place where men spread their fishing nets to dry them. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have predicted it: People from many nations will carry off everything of value in your city.

What did Yahweh say would be done at the place Tyre once stood?

Yahweh said that nets would be dried out at the place Tyre once stood.

Ezekiel 26:6**ULT**

⁶ Her daughters who are in the fields will be slaughtered by the swords, and they will know that I am Yahweh.'

UST

⁶ The people in small villages on the coast near Tyre—your enemies will kill them with their swords. Then people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:7**ULT**

⁷ For this is what Yahweh says: Behold, from the north I am bringing Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, against Tyre, with horses and chariots, and with horsemen and a great many people.

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⁷ This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say is going to happen: From the north, I am going to bring the most powerful king in the world, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, with his army to attack Tyre. They will bring horses and chariots, and men who ride the horses and men who drive the chariots; it will be a huge army.

Who did Yahweh say he was bringing against Tyre?

Yahweh said he was bringing Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, against Tyre.

Ezekiel 26:8**ULT**

⁸ He will kill your daughters in the field. He will set up a siege work and build a ramp against your walls and raise up shields against you.

UST

⁸ In the battles in the small villages on the coast, their soldiers will kill many people with their swords. Then they will build up walls outside the city of Tyre. They will build a dirt ramp up to the top of the wall, and they will all hold up shields to protect themselves from arrows being shot from the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:9**ULT**

⁹ He will place his battering rams to hit against your walls, and his tools will tear down your towers.

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⁹ The king will direct the soldiers who operate the rams to batter the wall, and those who will use iron bars to tear down the towers in the wall.

How did Yahweh say the walls of Tyre would be broken down?

Yahweh said the walls of Tyre would be broken down with Nebuchadnezzar's battering rams.

Ezekiel 26:10**ULT**

¹⁰ His horses will be so many that their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake with the sound of horsemen, wagons, and chariots. When he enters your gates, he will enter as men come into a city whose walls have been broken down.

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¹⁰ The king will have a huge number of horses, and the stamping of their hooves will raise dust to cover the whole city. It will be as though the walls tremble because of the noise made by the horses, the supply wagons, and the chariots when they enter the city where the enemy has broken down the walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:11**ULT**

¹¹ The hooves of his horses will trample all of your streets. He will kill your people with the sword and your mighty stone pillars will fall to the ground.

UST

¹¹ The horses will trample all of the streets of the city with their hooves. The soldiers will kill the people with their swords; they will cause the monuments that celebrated their strength to collapse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:12**ULT**

¹² They will plunder your riches and loot your merchandise. They will tear down your walls and destroy your luxurious homes. Your stones, your timber, and the rubble they will throw into the waters.

UST

¹² They will take away all the people's valuable possessions and steal the things that the merchants sell. They will tear down the walls of the houses and destroy their fine houses. Then they will throw into the sea the stones from the walls of those houses and the timber and the rubble.

Where did Yahweh say the stone and wood of Tyre's houses would be laid?

Yahweh said the stone and wood of Tyre's houses would be laid in the midst of the waters.

Ezekiel 26:13**ULT**

¹³ I will stop the noise of your songs. The sound of your harps will be heard no more.

UST

¹³ No longer will the people sing noisy songs or play their harps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will make you a bare rock, you will become a place where nets are spread out to dry. You will never be built again, for I, Lord Yahweh have spoken—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹⁴ They will cause the city to become a bare rock and only a place where men spread their fishing nets. And the city will never be rebuilt.” Those things will certainly happen because the Lord Yahweh has declared that they will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The Lord Yahweh says this to Tyre, ‘Will not the islands quake with the sound of your downfall, and with the groans of the wounded when the terrible slaughter is in your midst?’

UST

¹⁵ This is also what the Lord Yahweh says about the people of Tyre: When the people in Tyre groan because the enemy has wounded them, when many people die, and when the enemy destroys the city, the people living along the coast will tremble because they are afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then all the princes of the sea will step down from their thrones and remove their robes and cast off their embroidered garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling, they will sit on the ground and tremble every moment, and they will be appalled because of you.

UST

¹⁶ Then all the kings in the cities along the coast will step down from their thrones and lay aside their robes and their embroidered clothes. They will be terrified, and they will sit on the ground, trembling. They will be shocked because of what has happened to the city of Tyre.

What will the chiefs of the sea do when the terrible slaughter occurs in Tyre?

The chiefs of the sea will come down from their thrones, lay aside their robes, strip off their colorful clothing, and sit on the ground trembling.

Ezekiel 26:17**ULT**

¹⁷ They will lift up a lament for you and say to you, How you, who were inhabited by sailors, have been destroyed. The famous city that was so strong—it is now gone from the sea. The ones living in her once spread a terror about themselves upon everyone who lived near them.

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¹⁷ Then they will sing a sad song about the city, like this: 'The famous city, in which many men who sailed on the seas lived, is now no more! The people of that city had great power as they sailed, but now they are at the bottom of the sea; they terrified all the people living near them.'

Where do the chiefs of the sea lament that the famous city of Tyre is now?

The chiefs of the sea lament that the famous city of Tyre is now in the sea.

Ezekiel 26:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Now the coasts tremble on the day of your downfall. The islands in the sea are terrified, because you are no longer in your place.'

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¹⁸ But now everyone living along the coast is terrified because the enemy has destroyed the great city. It is as though the land along the coast itself were trembling; the people on the islands in the sea are terrified because that city exists no more.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For the Lord Yahweh says this: When I make you a desolate city, like the other cities that are not inhabited, when I raise up the deeps against you, and when the great waters cover you,

UST

¹⁹ This is also what the Lord Yahweh says: 'When I cause everyone to leave the city of Tyre, like people have left other cities in which no one lives any longer, and when I cause the huge waves of the sea to cover the city,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:20**ULT**

²⁰ then I will bring you down to the people of ancient times, like the others who have gone down into the pit; for I will make you live in the lowest realms of the earth as in ruins of ancient times. Because of this you will not come back and stand in the land of the living. ^[1]

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²⁰ then I will bring the people of that city down to be with everyone else who is dead, those who died long ago. I will cause them to live in the place below the earth that is like old ruins, with those who have gone down to that pit previously, and they will never return to the earth, to where people are alive.

To where did Yahweh say the people of Tyre would be brought down?

Yahweh said the people of Tyre would be brought down into the pit.

Ezekiel 26:21**ULT**

²¹ I will place disaster on you, and you will be no more forever. Then you will be sought, but you will never be found ever again—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

26:20 ^[1] is supplied by an ancient version. The Hebrew has , which does not seem to fit the context here.

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²¹ I will cause them to die in a horrible way, and that will be the end of them. People will search for that city, but it will no longer exist." This is what the Lord Yahweh declares will happen.

According to Yahweh, when would Tyre be found again?

According to Yahweh, Tyre would never be found ever again.

Ezekiel 27

Ezekiel 27:1

ULT

¹ Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh said this to me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:2

ULT

² "Now you, son of man, begin a lamentation concerning Tyre,

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² "Son of man, sing a funeral song about Tyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:3

ULT

³ and say to Tyre, who lives within the gates of the sea, merchants of peoples to many islands, the Lord Yahweh says this to you: Tyre, you have said, 'I am perfect in beauty.'

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³ The city of Tyre is on an island at the edge of the sea, and their merchants traded with people groups who live along many seacoasts. This is what Yahweh the Lord says that you should tell them: You people of Tyre said that your city was very beautiful.

For what trade were the people of Tyre famous?

The people of Tyre were famous for being merchants of peoples to many islands.

What had Tyre said about itself?

Tyre had said about itself that it was perfect in beauty.

Ezekiel 27:4**ULT**

⁴ Your borders are in the heart of the seas; your builders have perfected your beauty.

UST

⁴ You controlled what people bought and sold—the people who lived along the sea. Those who built your city made it very beautiful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:5**ULT**

⁵ They have made all your planks with cypress from Senir; they took a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.

UST

⁵ You and your city were like a huge ship that you built from fir trees on Mount Hermon. Then you took cedar wood from Lebanon to make a mast for the ship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:6**ULT**

⁶ They made your oars from the oaks of Bashan; they made your decks out of cypress wood from Cyprus, and they overlaid them with ivory.

UST

⁶ You carved oars from oak trees from the region of Bashan. You made the deck from cypress wood from the island of Cyprus, and you covered the decks with ivory.

Of what were the ship decks of Tyre made?

The ship decks of Tyre were made with cypress wood overlaid with ivory.

Ezekiel 27:7**ULT**

⁷ Your sails were made from colorful linen from Egypt that served as your banner; the colors of blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah are used for the awning on your boat.

UST

⁷ You made the sails from fine embroidered linen from Egypt; those sails were like flags that people could see far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:8**ULT**

⁸ Those who were living in Sidon and Arvad were your rowers; the sages of Tyre were within you; they were your pilots.

UST

⁸ Men from the cities of Sidon and Arvad pulled your oars; the men who steered the ship were experienced sailors from Tyre.

Who were the ship pilots of Tyre?

The ship pilots were the sages of Tyre.

Ezekiel 27:9**ULT**

⁹ Highly experienced craftsmen from Byblos filled your seams; all the ships of the sea and their sailors among you were carrying your merchandise for trade.

UST

⁹ Experienced craftsmen from Gebal were on board. They caulked the seams of your ships. Sailors from many countries came in their ships to buy and sell goods with you.

What were the ships of Tyre carrying?

The ships of Tyre were carrying merchandise for trade.

Ezekiel 27:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Persia, Lydia, and Libya were in your army, your men of war: they hung shield and helmet within you; they showed your splendor.

UST

¹⁰ Men who came from the far away lands of Persia, Lud, and Put were soldiers in your army. They hung their shields and helmets on the walls of your city; this caused many people to admire your city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:11**ULT**

¹¹ The men of Arvad and Helek in your army were on your walls surrounding you, and the people of Gammad were in your towers. They hung up their shields on your walls all around you! They completed your beauty.

UST

¹¹ Men from the cities of Arvad and Helek were watchmen on your city walls; men from the city of Gammad were in your towers. They also hung their shields on your walls; they also made your city very beautiful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:12**ULT**

¹² Tarshish was a trading partner with you because of your abundant wealth of goods to sell: Silver, iron, tin, and lead. They bought and sold your wares!

UST

¹² Because of the many things that you had to trade, men from Tarshish sent merchants who brought silver, iron, tin, and lead to trade for things that you had.

Why was Tarshish a client of Tyre?

Tarshish was a client of Tyre because of the multitude of every kind of wealth.

Ezekiel 27:13**ULT**

¹³ Javan, Tubal, and Meshech—they traded slaves and in items made of bronze. They handled your merchandise.

UST

¹³ Merchants from the regions of Greece, Tubal, and Meshech brought slaves and things made from bronze to trade for things that you had.

In what was Tyre dealing with Javan, Tubal, and Meshech?

Tyre was dealing in men's lives and in items of bronze.

Ezekiel 27:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Beth Togarmah provided horses, stallions, and mules as your merchandise.

UST

¹⁴ Men from Beth Togarmah brought work horses, war horses, and mules to trade for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The men of Rhodes were your traders on many coasts. Merchandise was in your hand; they sent back horn, ivory, and ebony as tribute!

UST

¹⁵ Merchants came to you from the island of Rhodes. People from many nations by the sea traded with you; they brought ivory and valuable black ebony wood to trade for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Aram was a dealer in your many products; they provided emeralds, purple, colored cloth, fine fabric, pearls, and rubies as your merchandise.

UST

¹⁶ Because you had very many things to trade, people from the land of Aram brought to you valuable turquoise stones, purple cloth, embroidered cloth, fine linen cloth, and jewelry made from coral and rubies to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Judah and the land of Israel were trading with you. They provided wheat from Minnith, cakes, honey, oil, and balsam as your merchandise.

UST

¹⁷ Men from Judah and Israel brought wheat from the city of Minnith in Ammon, and cakes, honey, olive oil, and ointment to trade for your things.

With what items did Judah and the land of Israel trade with Tyre?

Judah and the land of Israel traded with wheat, millet, honey, oil, and balsam.

Ezekiel 27:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Damascus was a trader of all your products, of all your enormous wealth, and of the wine of Helbon and the wool of Zahar.

UST

¹⁸ Because you had very many things to sell, men from the city of Damascus brought wine from the town of Helbon and white wool from the area of Zahar to trade for many things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Dan and Javan from Izal provided you with merchandise of wrought iron, cinnamon, and calamus. This became merchandise for you.

UST

¹⁹ Men from the tribe of Dan and Greek men from the area of Izal brought things made of iron, cassia spice, and fragrant calamus seeds to trade for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:20**ULT**

²⁰ Dedan was your dealer in fine saddle blankets.

UST

²⁰ Merchants came from Dedan in southern Edom bringing saddle blankets to trade for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:21**ULT**

²¹ Arabia and all the chiefs of Kedar were traders with you; they provided you with lambs, rams and goats.

UST

²¹ Men from Arabia and all the rulers of the region of Kedar sent merchants to trade lambs and rams and male goats for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:22**ULT**

²² The traders of Sheba and Raamah came to sell you the best of every spice and in all kinds of precious gems; they traded gold for your merchandise.

UST

²² Merchants from Sheba and Raamah in Arabia brought many kinds of very good spices and jewels and gold to exchange for things that you had.

With what items did Sheba trade with Tyre?

Sheba traded with spices, precious gems, and gold.

Ezekiel 27:23**ULT**

²³ Haran, Kanneh, and Eden were traders with you, along with Sheba, Ashur, and Kilmad.

UST

²³ Men came from Haran, Kanneh, Eden, Sheba, Ashur and Kilmad in Mesopotamia with their goods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:24**ULT**

²⁴ These were your dealers in ornate robes of violet cloths with woven colors, and in blankets of multicolored, embroidered, and well-woven cloth in your marketplaces.

UST

²⁴ They brought beautiful things to trade with you: Blue cloth, embroidered cloth, and rugs of many colors that were rolled up and tied with ropes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:25**ULT**

²⁵ The ships of Tarshish were the transporters of your merchandise! So you were filled up, heavily laden with cargo in the heart of the seas!

UST

²⁵ Cargo ships from Tarshish carried all those things that you sold; the warehouses on your island were full of all those things and brought you great honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:26**ULT**

²⁶ Your rowers have brought you into vast seas; the eastern wind has broken you in the middle of them.

UST

²⁶ The men who row your ships took the ships full of cargo out onto the large seas. But now the strong east wind has wrecked those ships.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:27**ULT**

²⁷ Your wealth, merchandise, and trade goods; your sailors and pilots, and ship builders; your traders of merchandise and all the men of war who are in you, and all your crew—they will sink into the depths of the sea on the day of your destruction.

UST

²⁷ Everything in the ships has been lost— all the valuable cargo and many of the sailors and ship pilots, the ship workers and merchants and soldiers. On the day that the ships were wrecked, all their crews sank to the bottom of the sea.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the wealth of Tyre on the day of its destruction?

Yahweh said the wealth of Tyre would fall into the depths of the sea on the day of its destruction.

Ezekiel 27:28**ULT**

²⁸ Cities at the sea will tremble at the sound of your pilots' cry;

UST

²⁸ The people in cities along the coast trembled when they heard your ship pilots cry out.

What will the cities at the sea do when they hear the sound of their pilot's cry?

The cities at the sea will tremble at the sound of their pilot's cry.

Ezekiel 27:29**ULT**

²⁹ All those who handle oars will come down from their ships; mariners and all the pilots on the sea will stand on the land.

UST

²⁹ All the men who pulled the oars will leave the ships; the sailors and pilots will come to the shore and stand on the beach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then they will make you listen to their voice and will wail bitterly; they will cast dust up on their heads. They will roll about in ashes.

UST

³⁰ They will cry aloud because of what has happened to you, and they weep bitterly. They will throw earth on their heads and roll around in ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:31**ULT**

³¹ They will shave their heads bald for you and bind themselves with sackcloth, and they will weep bitterly over you and they will cry out.

UST

³¹ They shave their heads to show that they are very sad because of what has happened to you, and they put on rough sackcloth to mourn. They weep for you very bitterly and mourn for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:32**ULT**

³² They will lift up their wails of lamentation for you and sing dirges over you, Who is like Tyre, who has now been brought to silence in the middle of the sea?

UST

³² While they wail and mourn because of what has happened to you they sing this sad funeral song: 'There was certainly never a city like Tyre, which now is silent, covered by the waves of the sea.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:33**ULT**

³³ When your merchandise went ashore from the sea, it satisfied many peoples; you enriched the kings of the earth with your great wealth and merchandise!

UST

³³ The goods that your merchants traded were things that pleased the people of many countries. Kings in very distant places became rich from the money they made by buying and selling with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:34**ULT**

³⁴ But when you were shattered by the seas, by deep waters, your merchandise and all your crew sank!

UST

³⁴ But now your city is like a ship wrecked in the sea; and everything in it is broken, and it is now at the bottom of the sea. All of your cargo and your sailors have sunk to the bottom of the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:35**ULT**

³⁵ All the inhabitants of the coasts were appalled at you, and their kings shuddered in horror! Their faces trembled!

UST

³⁵ All the people who live along the seacoast are appalled because of what has happened to you. Their kings are very horrified; they shake with fear as they watch.

What would the kings of the coasts do when they saw Tyre's destruction?

The kings of the coasts would shudder in horror and tremble when they saw Tyre's destruction.

Ezekiel 27:36**ULT**

³⁶ The merchants of the people hiss at you; you have become a horror, and you will be no more forever."

UST

³⁶ The merchants of the other nations shake their heads because it is difficult for them to believe what has happened; now your city has disappeared, and it will not exist anymore."

When did Yahweh say Tyre would again exist?

Yahweh said Tyre would never again exist.

Ezekiel 28

Ezekiel 28:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Then Yahweh gave me another message. He said:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:2

ULT

² "Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Your heart is arrogant! You have said, "I am a god! I will sit in the seat of the gods in the heart of the seas!" Even though you are a man and not a god, you make your heart like the heart of a god;

UST

² "Son of man, give to the king of Tyre this message from me, Yahweh the Lord: 'You have very proudly claimed that you are a god, and that you are untouchable, since you sit on a throne in a city on an island in the sea! You boast that you are a god, but you are in reality only a man, not a god.'

What did the ruler of Tyre say about himself?

The ruler of Tyre said about himself, "I am a god!"

Ezekiel 28:3

ULT

³ you think that you are wiser than Daniel, and that no secret amazes you!

UST

³ You think that you are wiser than Daniel was, and you think that you can understand every secret.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:4**ULT**

⁴ You have made yourself wealthy with wisdom and skill, and obtained gold and silver in your treasuries!

UST

⁴ Because you were wise and shrewd in business, you have become very rich; you have acquired much gold and silver for your treasuries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:5**ULT**

⁵ By great wisdom and by your trading, you have multiplied your wealth, so your heart is arrogant because of your wealth.

UST

⁵ Yes, it is true that by buying and selling wisely, you have become very rich; and because you are rich, you have become very proud.

Why was the heart of the ruler of Tyre arrogant?

The ruler's heart was arrogant because of his wealth.

Ezekiel 28:6**ULT**

⁶ Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: Because you have made your heart like the heart of a god,

UST

⁶ Therefore, Yahweh the Lord says that because you think that you are as wise as a god,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:7**ULT**

⁷ I will therefore bring foreigners against you, terrifying men from other nations. They will bring their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they will profane your splendor.

UST

⁷ he will bring a foreign army to attack your country, an army that causes other nations to be terrified. They will pull out their swords to strike you, you who think that you have marvelous wisdom, and they will ruin all your beautiful things and make them ugly.

What did Yahweh say he would do to the ruler of Tyre because of his arrogance?

Yahweh said he would bring foreigners against the ruler of Tyre.

Ezekiel 28:8**ULT**

⁸ They will send you down to the pit, and you will die the death of those who die in the heart of the seas.

UST

⁸ They will bring you down to your grave; you will die violently like those who died in the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:9**ULT**

⁹ Will you truly say, "I am a god" to the face of one who kills you? You are a man and not God, and you will be in the hand of the one who pierces you.

UST

⁹ Then you will certainly not tell those who are killing you that you are a god, because they will know that you are not a god; you are only a man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You will die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners, for I have declared it—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.”

UST

¹⁰ You will die like other people die, those who are unacceptable to God, those whom foreigners kill. That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it.”

How did Yahweh say the ruler of Tyre would die?

The ruler of Tyre would die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners.

Ezekiel 28:11**ULT**

¹¹ The word of Yahweh came again to me, saying,

UST

¹¹ Yahweh also gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:12**ULT**

¹² “Son of man, lift up a lament for the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

UST

¹² “Son of man, sing a sad song about the king of Tyre. Tell him that Yahweh the Lord says this to him: ‘You were completely perfect, extremely wise and handsome.

What did Yahweh say the king of Tyre once was?

Yahweh said the king of Tyre was once the model of perfection, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Ezekiel 28:13**ULT**

¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone covered you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made from gold. It was on the day you were created that they were prepared.

UST

¹³ You had a wonderful life, because you were in my beautiful garden in Eden. Your clothes were decorated with many kinds of very valuable stones— ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl stones. Those stones were set in gold mountings which I prepared for you on the day that I created you.

According to Yahweh, where was the king of Tyre when he was created?

The king of Tyre was in Eden, the garden of God.

Ezekiel 28:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I placed you on the holy mountain of God as the cherub I anointed to guard mankind. You were in the midst of the fiery stones where you walked about.

UST

¹⁴ I appointed you to be a strong angel to guard the people. I placed you on my holy mountain, and you walked among fiery stones.

Where did Yahweh place the king of Tyre, and what responsibility did the king of Tyre have?

The king of Tyre was on the holy mountain of God as the cherub anointed to guard mankind.

Ezekiel 28:15**ULT**

¹⁵ You had integrity in your ways from the day you were created until injustice was found within you.

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¹⁵ You were completely good in all that you did from the day that you were created, until you started to do wicked things.

What was later found within the king of Tyre?

Injustice was later found within the king of Tyre.

Ezekiel 28:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Through your great trade you were filled with violence, and so you sinned. So I threw you out of the mountain of God, as one who was defiled, and I destroyed you, guardian cherub, and drove you from among the fiery stones.

UST

¹⁶ Then you became busy buying and selling things, you started to act violently, and you sinned. So I disgraced you. You, the angel who was supposed to guard the people—I forced you to leave my own mountain; I forced you to leave those fiery stones.

Because of the sin of the king of Tyre, what did Yahweh do to him?

Yahweh threw the king of Tyre down as defiled from the mountain of God and destroyed him.

Ezekiel 28:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Your heart was arrogant with your beauty; you ruined your wisdom because of your splendor. I have sent you down to the earth. I have placed you before kings so they may see you.

UST

¹⁷ You were extremely proud because you were very handsome. Because you loved beautiful things, you did things that wise people do not do. So I threw you to the ground, and allowed other kings who saw you to laugh at you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Because of your many sins and your dishonest trade, you have defiled your holy places. So I have made fire come out from you; it will consume you. I will turn you into ashes on the earth in the sight of all who look at you.

UST

¹⁸ By committing many sins and by buying and selling things dishonestly, you caused the places where people worshiped me to become unacceptable to me. So I will make a fire that will burn your city down. Your city will be burned completely, and the people who watch it will see that what is left of the city will only be ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:19**ULT**

¹⁹ All the ones who knew you among the peoples will shudder at you; they will be horrified, and you will be no more forever.”

UST

¹⁹ All the people who knew what your city was like previously will be appalled. Now your city will disappear, and it will not exist anymore.”

What will the ones who knew the king of Tyre do when they see his destruction?

The ones who knew the king of Tyre will shudder at him and will be horrified.

Ezekiel 28:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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²⁰ Then Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:21**ULT**

²¹ “Son of man, set your face against Sidon and prophesy against her.

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²¹ “Son of man, turn toward the city of Sidon, and announce the terrible things that will happen to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:22**ULT**

²² Say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Sidon! For I will be glorified in your midst so your people will know that I am Yahweh when I execute justice within you. I will be shown to be holy in you.'

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²² Give the people of Sidon this message from Yahweh the Lord. Tell them: 'I am your enemy, you people of Sidon. By what I do to you, I will show you how great I am, and you will know that it is Yahweh who punishes you and judges you with justice. You will know that I am different from you, and that I will be honored by what I do to you!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:23**ULT**

²³ I will send out a plague in you and blood in your streets, and the slain will fall in your midst. When the sword comes against you from all around, then you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

²³ I will send a plague on you, and I will send enemies to come and kill you in your streets. They will attack you from every direction, and they will slaughter your people inside the walls of your city. Then everyone will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.'

What did Yahweh say he was sending out to Sidon?

Yahweh said he was sending out a plague and blood in the streets of Sidon.

Ezekiel 28:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then there will no longer be pricking briars and painful thorns for the house of Israel from all those around her who despise her people, so they will know that I am the Lord Yahweh!'

UST

²⁴ No longer will people who live near the people of Israel hurt them as painful briars and sharp thorns hurt people. And then the Israelites will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

According to Yahweh, what were the peoples around Israel like for the house of Israel?

The peoples around Israel were like pricking briars and painful thorns.

Ezekiel 28:25**ULT**

²⁵ The Lord Yahweh says this, 'When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they were scattered, and when I am set apart among them, so the nations may see, then they will make their homes in the land I will give to my servant Jacob.

UST

²⁵ And this is also what Yahweh the Lord says: "I will gather them from distant countries where I have scattered them. And the other people groups will see that I am set apart and honored, when the house of Israel makes their homes in the land I gave my servant Jacob!

After Yahweh executes justice on the ones who despise Israel, what will happen to Israel? (vv25-26)

Israel will live securely, build houses, and plant vineyards in the land Yahweh will give to his servant Jacob.

Ezekiel 28:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then they will live securely within her and build houses, plant vineyards, and live securely when I execute justice on all the ones who now despise them from all around; so they will know that I am Yahweh their God!"

UST

²⁶ My people will live safely in Israel; they will build houses and plant vineyards. And when I punish the nearby people groups that despised them, my people will know that it is I, Yahweh their God, who has done this."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29

Ezekiel 29:1

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¹ In the tenth year, in the tenth month on the twelfth day of the month, the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Almost ten years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the twelfth day of the tenth month of that year, Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:2

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² "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh, the king of Egypt; prophesy against him and against all of Egypt.

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² "Son of man, turn toward Egypt and proclaim the terrible things that will happen to the king of Egypt and all his people.

Who did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy against?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy against Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

Ezekiel 29:3

ULT

³ Declare and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Pharaoh, king of Egypt. You, the great sea monster that lurks in the midst of the river, that says, "My river is my own. I have made it for myself."

UST

³ Give the king this message from me, for I am Yahweh the Lord: 'Know this, Pharaoh, king of Egypt that I, Yahweh, am your enemy. You are like a great monster that lies in the streams of the Nile River. You are so bold to say that the Nile River is yours, and that you made it for yourself.

What animal does Yahweh say the king of Egypt is like?

Yahweh says the king of Egypt is like a great sea creature that lies in the midst of the river.

Ezekiel 29:4**ULT**

⁴ For I will place hooks in your jaw, and the fish of your Nile will cling to your scales; I will lift you up from the middle of your river along with all the fish of the river that cling to your scales.

UST

⁴ But it will be as though I will put hooks in your jaws and drag you out onto the land, with fish sticking to your scales.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:5**ULT**

⁵ I will throw you down into the wilderness, you and all the fish from your river. You will fall on the open field; you will not be gathered nor lifted up. I will give you as food to the living things of the earth and to the birds of the heavens.

UST

⁵ I will leave you and all those fish to die in the desert; you will fall to the ground, and no one will pick up your corpse to bury you, because I declare that your body will be food for the wild animals and birds.

Where does Yahweh say he is going to throw the king of Egypt?

Yahweh says he is going to throw the king of Egypt down into the wilderness.

Ezekiel 29:6**ULT**

⁶ Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am Yahweh, because they have been a reed stalk to the house of Israel.

UST

⁶ When that happens, all the people of Egypt will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do. The Israelite people have trusted that you would help them. But you have been like a reed pole in their hands.

What plant does Yahweh say Egypt is like to the house of Israel?

Yahweh says Egypt is like a reed stalk to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 29:7**ULT**

⁷ When they took hold of you in their hand, you broke and tore open their shoulder; and when they leaned on you, you were broken, and you caused their legs to be unsteady.

UST

⁷ And when they leaned on that pole, it broke and tore open their shoulders. When they leaned on you, you were like a pole that broke in their hand, and as a result you caused their legs to be wrenched and that made it impossible for them to stand.'

What had Egypt done when the house of Israel leaned on Egypt?

Egypt shattered Israel's legs and made their hip shake when Israel leaned on Egypt.

Ezekiel 29:8**ULT**

⁸ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I will bring a sword against you. I will cut off both man and beast from you.

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⁸ Therefore Yahweh the Lord says, 'I will bring Egypt's enemies to attack them with their swords; they will kill Egypt's people and animals.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:9**ULT**

⁹ So the land of Egypt will become desolate and a ruin. Then they will know that I am Yahweh, because the sea monster had said, "The river is mine, for I have made it."

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⁹ Egypt will become an empty desert. Then the people of Egypt will know that it is I, Yahweh, who has the power to do what he says he will do, and that he will punish the people of Egypt for saying that the Nile River is theirs because they made it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Therefore, behold! I am against you and against your river, so I will give the land of Egypt over to desolation and waste, and you will become a wasteland from the Migdol to Syene and the borders of Cush.

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¹⁰ I am against you and your streams, and I will ruin Egypt and make it into an empty desert, from the city of Migdol in the north to Syene in the south, as far south as the border of Cush.

To what does Yahweh say the land of Egypt will be given over?

Yahweh says the land of Egypt will be given over to desolation and waste.

Ezekiel 29:11**ULT**

¹¹ No man's foot will pass through it, and no wild animal's foot will pass through it. It will not be inhabited for forty years.

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¹¹ For forty years no one will walk through that area, and no one will live there.

For how long does Yahweh say the land of Egypt will not be inhabited? (vv11-12)

Yahweh says the land of Egypt will not be inhabited for forty years.

Ezekiel 29:12**ULT**

¹² For I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of uninhabited lands, and its cities in the midst of wasted cities will become a desolation for forty years; then I will scatter Egypt among the nations, and I will disperse them through the lands.

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¹² Egypt will be barren, and it will be surrounded by other abandoned nations. The cities of Egypt will be empty and without people for forty years, and the surrounding lands will be the same. I will scatter the people of Egypt to countries far away.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:13**ULT**

¹³ For the Lord Yahweh says this: At the end of forty years I will gather Egypt from the peoples among whom they were scattered.

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¹³ But Yahweh the Lord also says this: 'At the end of forty years, I will enable the people of Egypt to return home again.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of Egypt and bring them back to the region of Pathros, to the land of their origin. Then they will be a lowly kingdom there.

UST

¹⁴ I will bring back the people of Egypt whom their enemies had captured, and I will allow them to live again in the region of Pathros in the south, where they lived previously. But Egypt will continue to be a very unimportant kingdom.

What does Yahweh say Egypt will be after they return from being scattered?

Yahweh says Egypt will be a lowly kingdom after they return from being scattered.

Ezekiel 29:15**ULT**

¹⁵ It will be the lowliest of the kingdoms, and it will not be lifted up any more among the nations. I will diminish them so they will no longer rule over nations.

UST

¹⁵ It will be the least important of all the nations; it will never again be greater than the nearby countries. I will cause Egypt to be very weak, and they will never again rule over other nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The Egyptians will no longer be a reason for confidence for the house of Israel. Instead, they will be a reminder of the iniquity that Israel committed when they turned to Egypt for help. Then they will know that I am the Lord Yahweh.”

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¹⁶ When that happens, the leaders of Israel will no longer think of asking Egypt to help them. When I punish Egypt, the Israelites will be reminded that they previously sinned by trusting that Egypt could help them. And the people of Israel will know that Yahweh the Lord has the power to do what he says he will do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then it came about in the twenty-seventh year on the first day of the first month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹⁷ Almost twenty-seven years after we Israelites prisoners had been taken to Babylonia, on the first day of the new year, Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:18**ULT**

¹⁸ “Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon stationed his army to do hard work against Tyre. Every head was rubbed until it was made bald, and every shoulder was made raw. Yet he and his army received no payment from Tyre for the hard work that he carried out against it.

UST

¹⁸ “Son of man, the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon fought very hard against Tyre, with the result that their heads were rubbed bare under their helmets, and their shoulders became raw. But Nebuchadnezzar and his army did not get any valuable things from Tyre to reward them for their hard work in that campaign.

What wages did Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon receive for all the hard work he did against Tyre?

Nebuchadnezzar received no wages for all the hard work he did against Tyre.

Ezekiel 29:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, 'Behold! I am giving the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and he will take away its wealth, plunder its possessions, and carry off all he finds there; that will be his army's wages.

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¹⁹ Therefore, Yahweh the Lord says that he will enable King Nebuchadnezzar's army to conquer Egypt. They will carry away from there all the valuable things, in order that the king can give them to his soldiers.

What will Yahweh give Nebuchadnezzar in return for all the hard work he did against Tyre? (vv19-20)

Yahweh will give Nebuchadnezzar the land of Egypt as the wages for all the hard work he did against Tyre.

Ezekiel 29:20**ULT**

²⁰ I have given him the land of Egypt as the wages for the work they did for me—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh says that he will enable them to conquer Egypt as payment for what they did to Tyre, because Nebuchadnezzar and his army were working for him, doing what he wanted them to do, which was to destroy Tyre."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:21**ULT**

²¹ On that day I will make a horn sprout up for the house of Israel, and I make you speak in their midst, so that they will know that I am Yahweh."

UST

²¹ Yahweh said to me, "Some day I will make Israel become a mighty nation. When that happens, I will make them listen to what you tell them. Then they will know that all this has happened because I, Yahweh, will have done this."

On that day, what will Yahweh make Ezekiel do?

On that day, Yahweh will make Ezekiel speak in the midst of the house of Israel.

On that day, what will the house of Israel know?

On that day, the house of Israel will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 30**Ezekiel 30:1****ULT**

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:2**ULT**

² "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Wail, "Woe is the coming day."

UST

² "Son of man, prophesy about what will happen to Egypt. Say that this is what I, the Lord Yahweh, say: 'Weep and wail, because terrible things will happen one day that is coming.'

According to Yahweh, what kind of day and time is the coming day of Yahweh? (vv2-3)

The coming day of Yahweh is a day of clouds, a time of doom for nations.

Ezekiel 30:3**ULT**

³ The day is near. The day is near for Yahweh. It will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for nations.

UST

³ That day is near, the day when I, Yahweh, will punish people; it will be like a day of full of storm clouds and disaster for many nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:4**ULT**

⁴ Then a sword will come against Egypt, and there will be anguish in Cush when the killed people fall in Egypt — when they take her wealth, and when her foundations are ruined.

UST

⁴ An enemy army will come to attack Egypt with their swords, and there will be great distress for the people in Cush. The enemy army will kill many people in Egypt; they will take away everything of value, and they will even tear the buildings down to their foundations.

On the day of Yahweh, what will happen to Egypt, Cush, Libya, Lydia, and the people belonging to the covenant? (vv4-5)

On the day of Yahweh, they will all fall by the sword.

Ezekiel 30:5**ULT**

⁵ Cush and Put, Lydia and all Arabia, and Libya, together with the people belonging to the covenant—they will all fall by the sword.

UST

⁵ Soldiers of Cush, Libya, Lydia, and all the foreigners in the land of Egypt, together with the Jews living in Egypt—they will all die because of war.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:6**ULT**

⁶ Yahweh says this: So the ones who support Egypt will fall, and the pride of her strength will go down. From Migdol to Syene their soldiers will fall by the sword—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁶ This is what Yahweh says: 'This army will defeat Egypt's allies, and the power that the people of Egypt are so proud of will end. From the city of Migdol in the north to the city of Syene in the south, they will kill the soldiers of Egypt's allies. This is what Yahweh the Lord declares.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:7**ULT**

⁷ They will be appalled in the midst of the abandoned lands, and their cities will be among all the ruined cities.

UST

⁷ Egypt's allies' soldiers will be shocked, and her allies' cities will be destroyed, surrounded by ruined cities in nearby nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:8**ULT**

⁸ Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I set fire in Egypt, and when all of her helpers are destroyed.

UST

⁸ Then, when I cause everything in Egypt to be burned down, and when I cause their enemies to defeat all their allies, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What will the people know when Egypt and her helpers are destroyed?

The people will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 30:9**ULT**

⁹ In that day messengers will go out from before me in ships to terrorize a secure Cush, and there will be anguish among them on the day of Egypt's doom. For behold! It is coming.

UST

⁹ At that time, I will send messengers to go swiftly up the Nile River in boats to terrify the people of Cush, who still think they are safe. They will be horrified when they hear that Egypt has been destroyed. This will soon happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The Lord Yahweh says this: I will make an end of the multitudes of Egypt by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon.

UST

¹⁰ This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: By the power of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon I will destroy very many people in Egypt.

Who's hand will Yahweh use to destroy the land of Egypt?

Yahweh will use the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, to destroy the land of Egypt.

Ezekiel 30:11**ULT**

¹¹ He and his army with him, the terror of nations, will be brought to destroy the land; they will draw out their swords against Egypt and fill the land with those who have been killed.

UST

¹¹ Nebuchadnezzar and his army, whose soldiers have no pity on anyone, will come to destroy Egypt. They will pull out their swords and fill Egypt with the corpses of those whom they have killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:12**ULT**

¹² I will make the rivers into dry ground, and I will sell the land into the hand of wicked men. I will make the land and its fullness desolate by the hand of strangers—I, Yahweh, have spoken.

UST

¹² I will cause the streams of the Nile River to become dry, and I will sell the nation of Egypt to evil men. By the power of foreigners I will ruin the land and everything that is in it. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:13**ULT**

¹³ The Lord Yahweh says this: I will destroy idols, and I will bring an end to the worthless idols of Memphis. There will no longer be a prince in the land of Egypt, and I will put terror on the land of Egypt.

UST

¹³ This is also what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I will cause the enemy to destroy the idols in the city of Memphis. No longer will there be a king in Egypt, and I will terrify everyone in the land of Egypt.

To what will Yahweh bring an end in Memphis?

Yahweh will destroy and bring an end to the worthless idols of Memphis.

Ezekiel 30:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then I will make Pathros desolate and set fire in Zoan, and I will execute acts of judgment on Thebes.

UST

¹⁴ I will cause all people to leave the region of Pathros in southern Egypt. I will start fires in the city of Zoan in northeast Egypt and punish the people in the city of Thebes in southern Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For I will pour out my fury on Pelusium, the stronghold of Egypt, and cut off the multitude of Thebes.

UST

¹⁵ I will punish the soldiers in the fortress of Pelusium in northern Egypt, and I will destroy the people in Thebes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then I will set fire in Egypt; Pelusium will be in great agony, Thebes will be broken up, and Memphis will face enemies every day.

UST

¹⁶ I will burn Egypt with fire; the people in Pelusium will suffer severe pain. Enemies will conquer Thebes, and the enemies of Memphis will attack the people who live there every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The young men in Heliopolis and Bubastis will fall by the sword, and their cities will go into captivity.

UST

¹⁷ The enemy will kill many young men in the cities of Heliopolis and Bubastis in northern Egypt, and the people who are left will have to go to Babylon.

**What will happen to the survivors in the Egyptian cities when Yahweh brings destruction?
(vv17-18)**

The survivors will walk into captivity when Yahweh brings destruction.

Ezekiel 30:18**ULT**

¹⁸ In Tahpanhes, the day will hold back its light when I break the yoke of Egypt there, and the pride of her strength will be finished. There will be a cloud covering her, and her daughters will walk into captivity.

UST

¹⁸ It will be a dark day of destruction at the city of Tahpanhes in northeast Egypt when I cause the power of Egypt to end; that country will no longer be strong. It will be as though a dark cloud will cover Egypt, because the people of its villages will go to Babylon as prisoners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I will execute acts of judgment in Egypt, so they will know that I am Yahweh.”

UST

¹⁹ That is how I will punish Egypt, and people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then it came about in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

²⁰ Almost eleven years after the Babylonians took us Israelites to their country, Yahweh gave me another message on the seventh day of the first month of that year. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:21**ULT**

²¹ “Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Behold! It has not been bound up, or set to heal with a bandage, so that it will become strong enough to grasp a sword.

UST

²¹ “Son of man, I have enabled the army of Nebuchadnezzar to defeat the army of the king of Egypt. It is as though I have broken one of the arms of the king of Egypt, and it has not been bandaged in order that it could be healed, and it has not been put in splints in order that after it heals the arm will be strong enough to hold a sword.

What did Yahweh say he had done to Pharaoh’s arm, and what would Pharaoh now not be able to do?

Yahweh said he had broken the arm of Pharaoh, so it was not strong enough to grasp a sword.

Ezekiel 30:22**ULT**

²² Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, 'Behold, I am against Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. For I will break his arm, both the strong one and the broken one, and I will make the sword fall from his hand.

UST

²² Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I am the enemy of the king of Egypt. I will completely destroy Egypt's power; it is as though now I will break both of the king's arms, the good one and the broken one, and cause the sword to fall from his hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:23**ULT**

²³ Then I will scatter Egypt among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

UST

²³ I will scatter the people of Egypt among the nations.

After Egypt is destroyed, what will Yahweh do to Egypt among the nations?

Yahweh will scatter and disperse Egypt among the nations.

Ezekiel 30:24**ULT**

²⁴ I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and place my sword in his hand so that I might destroy Pharaoh's arms. He will groan before the king of Babylon with the groans of a dying man.

UST

²⁴ It is as though I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put a sword in his hand, and as though I will break the arms of the king of Egypt, and he will groan in front of the king of Babylon like a soldier who is wounded and about to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:25**ULT**

²⁵ For I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, while Pharaoh's arms will fall. Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon; for he will attack the land of Egypt with it.

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²⁵ I will cause the king of Babylon to become stronger and stronger, and the king of Egypt to become completely weak. When that happens, when I make the Babylonian army strong, they will use that power to attack Egypt.

Whose arms will Yahweh strengthen?

Yahweh will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon.

What will happen to arms of Pharaoh?

Pharaoh's arms will fall.

Ezekiel 30:26**ULT**

²⁶ So I will scatter Egypt among the nations and disperse them through the lands. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."

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²⁶ I will scatter the people of Egypt among the nations. And when that happens, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31

Ezekiel 31:1

ULT

¹ Then it came about in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Almost eleven years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, Yahweh gave me another message, on the first day of the third month of that year. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:2

ULT

² "Son of man, say to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and to his multitudes around him, 'In your greatness, who are you like?

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² "Son of man, say to the king of Egypt and to the immense numbers of his people, 'You think that there is no country whose power is as great as the power of your country.

To whom did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy to Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

Ezekiel 31:3

ULT

³ Behold! Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, giving shade to the forest, and the tallest in height, and the branches formed its treetop.

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³ You think that your country is as great as Assyria was. Well, Assyria was like a tall cedar tree in Lebanon; it had big beautiful branches that provided shade for other trees in the forest. It was very tall; and the branches of the tallest trees made a treetop that was a roof over the forest.

To what kind of plant did Yahweh liken Assyria?

Yahweh likened Assyria to a great cedar in Lebanon.

Ezekiel 31:4**ULT**

⁴ Many waters made it tall; the deep waters made it huge. Rivers flowed all around its area, for their channels stretched out to all the trees in the field.

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⁴ Water came to it from deep springs, and as a result that cedar tree grew tall and very green. Then water flowed around the base of the tree into channels that took water to other nearby trees in the open countryside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:5**ULT**

⁵ Its great height was more than any of the other trees in the field, and its branches became very many; its branches grew long because of many waters as they grew.

UST

⁵ That huge tree grew very tall, higher than all the other trees around it. Its branches grew very thick and long because of the abundant water at the base of the tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:6**ULT**

⁶ Every bird of the heavens nested in its branches, while every living thing of the field gave birth to its young under its foliage. All of the many nations lived under its shade.

UST

⁶ Birds built their nests in the branches, and wild animals gave birth to their young under those branches. And it was as though people of all the great nations lived in the shade of that tree.

In Yahweh's parable of Assyria as a tree, what lived in and around the great cedar?

Every bird of the heavens nested in the cedar's branches, and every living thing of the field gave birth under its foliage.

Ezekiel 31:7**ULT**

⁷ For it was beautiful in its greatness and the length of its branches, for its roots were in many waters.

UST

⁷ It was majestic and beautiful; its branches spread out widely because the roots of the tree grew down into the ground where there was a plentiful supply of water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:8**ULT**

⁸ Cedars in the garden of God could not equal it. None among the cypress trees matched its branches, and the plane tree could not equal its boughs. There was no other tree in the garden of God that was like it in its beauty.

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⁸ The cedar trees in my garden in Eden were not as great as that tree, and the branches of the fir trees were not as long and thick as the branches of that cedar tree. And the branches of the plane trees were not as long and thick, either. No tree in my garden was as beautiful as that cedar tree.

What was the great cedar of Assyria greater than? (vv8-9)

The great cedar of Assyria was greater than all the trees in the garden of God.

Ezekiel 31:9**ULT**

⁹ I made it beautiful with its many branches and all the trees of Eden that were in the garden of God envied it.

UST

⁹ Because I caused that tree to become very beautiful because of its magnificent green branches, all the leaders of other countries represented by those other trees in Eden envied the country represented by that tree.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Because it was tall in height, and it set its treetop between its branches, it lifted up its heart because of its height.

UST

¹⁰ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: 'That tree, which represents Assyria, grew very tall; its top was higher than the other trees, and it became very proud because it was so tall.

Why did Yahweh grasp Assyria and drive it away? (vv10-11)

Yahweh grasped Assyria and drove it away because its heart was lifted up (proud) and it was wicked.

Ezekiel 31:11**ULT**

¹¹ I have given it into the hand of a mighty one of the nations, to deal with it according to what its wickedness deserves. I have thrown it out.

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¹¹ Therefore, I enabled another mighty nation to conquer it, to destroy it as it deserved to be destroyed. I have already discarded it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:12**ULT**

¹² Foreigners who were the terror of all the nations cut it off and left it to die. Its branches fell on the mountains and all the valleys, and its boughs lay broken in all the ravines of the land. Then all the nations on earth came out from under its shade and they went away from it.

UST

¹² A foreign army, one that has caused people of other nations to be terrified, cut it down and left it. Its branches fell on the mountains and in the valleys. Some of its branches lay broken in all the ravines in the land. All the people of other nations came out from being under its shade and left it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:13**ULT**

¹³ All the birds of the sky rested on the trunk of the fallen tree, and every animal of the field came to its branches.

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¹³ Birds of the sky settled on the fallen tree, and wild animals lived among its branches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:14**ULT**

¹⁴ This happened so that no other trees that grow by the waters will lift up their foliage to the height of the tallest trees, and that no other trees that grow beside the waters will reach up to that height. All of them have been assigned to death, to the earth below, among the children of humanity, with those that go down to the pit.

UST

¹⁴ As a result, no other tree, even if the tree has plenty of water, will ever grow to such great height, or lift its top above the branches higher than other trees. They will all certainly die and decay; they will go to the place of the dead; they will go to the grave.”

After the cedar of Assyria was abandoned, what did Yahweh say would never happen again?

Yahweh said that no other tree would ever again grow that tall.

Ezekiel 31:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The Lord Yahweh says this: On the day when the cedar went down to Sheol I brought mourning to the earth. I covered the deep waters over it, and I held back the ocean waters. I kept back the great waters, and I brought mourning to Lebanon for him. So all the trees of the field mourned because of it.

UST

¹⁵ This is what Yahweh the Lord says: “When that great tree was cut down, it was as though the springs that watered it mourned for it, because I caused the plentiful water from the springs to dry up. It was as if I had caused the mountains in Lebanon to mourn for it, and all the trees there to weep.

What did Yahweh bring to the earth on the day when Assyria went down to sheol?

On that day Yahweh brought mourning to the earth

Ezekiel 31:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I brought shuddering to the nations at the sound of its downfall, when I threw it down to Sheol with those who went down into the pit. So I comforted all the trees of Eden in the lowest parts of the earth. These had been the choicest and best trees of Lebanon; the trees that drank the waters.

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¹⁶ I caused the people of other nations to tremble when they heard that tree fall to the ground—when they heard that Assyria had been destroyed. All the other people groups had also been like beautiful, well-watered trees in Lebanon, but they were comforted when the king represented by that cedar tree arrived among them in the place where they were as dead people.

To where did Yahweh throw the great cedar of Assyria?

Yahweh threw the great cedar of Assyria down to Sheol.

Ezekiel 31:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For they also went down with it to Sheol, to the ones who had been killed by the sword. These were its strong arm, those nations who had lived in its shade.

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¹⁷ The people represented by the trees that grew in the shade of that huge tree, the allies of the great nation that the cedar tree represents, had also died and gone down to where the dead people are.

What happened to those nations that had lived in the shade of the great cedar of Assyria?

Those nations that had lived in the shade of Assyria also went down to Sheol.

Ezekiel 31:18**ULT**

18 Which of the trees in Eden was your equal in glory and greatness? For you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lowest parts of the earth among the uncircumcised; you will live with those who were killed by the sword.' This is Pharaoh and all of his multitudes—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

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18 This parable is a warning to you people of Egypt. You think that there is no other nation that is as great and glorious as yours is. But your nation will also be destroyed, along with those other nations. Your people will be there among the other people who are not fit to worship me, people who have been killed by their enemies' swords. That is what will happen to the king of Egypt and all his many people." This is what the Lord Yahweh has declared will happen.

Who does Yahweh declare will be brought down to the lowest parts of the earth?

Yahweh declares that Pharaoh and his servants will be brought down to the lowest parts of the earth.

Ezekiel 32**Ezekiel 32:1****ULT**

¹ Then it happened in the twelfth month of the twelfth year, on the first of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Almost twelve years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, Yahweh gave me another message, on the first day of the twelfth month of that year. He told me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:2**ULT**

² "Son of man, lift up a lament concerning Pharaoh the king of Egypt; say to him, 'You are like a young lion among the nations, but you are like a monster in the seas; you churn up the water, you stir up the waters with your feet and muddy their waters.'

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² "Son of man, sing a sad song about Pharaoh the king of Egypt. Sing this to him: 'People think that you are like a lion among the nations; but you are like a sea monster in the river thrashing around in the water, churning up the water with your feet and making all the water muddy.'

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to lift up concerning Pharaoh?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to lift up a lament concerning Pharaoh.

What two animals did Yahweh say Pharaoh was like?

Yahweh said Pharaoh was like a young lion and like a monster in the seas.

Ezekiel 32:3**ULT**

³ The Lord Yahweh says this: So I will spread my net over you in the assembly of many peoples, and they will lift you up in my net.

UST

³ But I, the Lord Yahweh, say to you that I will send many people to throw my net over you, and that they will haul you up onto the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:4**ULT**

⁴ I will abandon you in the land. I will throw you into a field and cause all the birds of the heavens to settle on you; the hunger of all living animals on earth will be satisfied by you.

UST

⁴ They will throw you into a field, where I will leave you to your fate. I will allow the birds to sit on you, and all the wild animals will eat the flesh of your corpse until their stomachs are full.

When Yahweh throws the sea monster into a field, what will happen to it?

When the sea monster is thrown into a field, the birds and animals will eat it.

Ezekiel 32:5**ULT**

⁵ For I will put your flesh on the mountains, and I will fill the valleys with your worm-filled corpse.

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⁵ I will cause them to scatter your flesh on the hills and fill the valleys with the parts of your rotting body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:6**ULT**

⁶ Then I will pour your blood over the mountains, and the stream beds will be filled with your blood.

UST

⁶ I will cause them to fill the land with your blood, and also the mountains; they will fill the ravines with your blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:7**ULT**

⁷ Then when I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with clouds, and the moon will not shine its light.

UST

⁷ When I kill you, I will cover the sky and not allow the stars to shine. I will put a dark cloud in front of the sun, and the moon will not shine.

What will happen in the heavens when Yahweh puts out the lamp of Egypt?

The stars will be darkened, clouds will cover the sun, and the moon will not shine.

Ezekiel 32:8**ULT**

⁸ All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you, and I will put darkness over your land—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁸ I will cause the stars in the sky to be dark, and there will be darkness over your entire land; this will surely happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:9**ULT**

⁹ So I will terrify the heart of many peoples in lands that you do not know, when I bring about your collapse among the nations, among lands that you have not known. ^[1]

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⁹ And I will terrify the people of many nations when they hear how I destroy you, there where I will send you, in countries that you have never known about.

How will the people of the nations react when they see Egypt's collapse? (vv9-10)

The people of the nations will be terrified and will shudder in horror.

Ezekiel 32:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I will shock many peoples concerning you; their kings will shudder in horror concerning you when I swing my sword before them. Every moment each one will tremble because of you, on the day of your downfall.

UST

¹⁰ I will cause many people to be shocked because of what has happened to you; their kings will be horrified and shudder because I destroyed you, when I swung my sword in front of them to kill you. At the time that you die, all of them will tremble, fearing that I will kill them, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:11**ULT**

¹¹ For the Lord Yahweh says this: The sword of the king of Babylon will come against you.

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¹¹ I, the Lord Yahweh tell you, Egypt, that the swords of the army of the king of Babylon will strike you.

Who will come against Egypt and devastate it?

The king of Babylon will come against Egypt and devastate it.

Ezekiel 32:12**ULT**

¹² I will cause your multitudes to fall by warriors' swords—each warrior a terror of nations. These warriors will devastate the pride of Egypt and destroy all of its multitudes.

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¹² I will cause the mighty soldiers of Babylonia to kill your best soldiers— the soldiers of Babylonia, who are more ruthless than those of any other nation. They will cause the people of Egypt to quit being proud, because they will kill very many of your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:13**ULT**

¹³ For I will destroy all the livestock from beside the plentiful waters; the foot of man will no longer stir the waters up, neither will the hooves of cattle stir them.

UST

¹³ I will destroy all the cattle in Egypt, which graze alongside the streams. As a result, the water in those streams will never again become muddy because of people and cattle walking in them.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to man and animal in Egypt?

Neither man nor animal will stir the waters of Egypt.

Ezekiel 32:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then I will calm their waters and make their rivers run like oil— this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹⁴ Then I will allow the streams in Egypt to become calm again and to flow as smoothly as olive oil flows." This is what the Lord Yahweh announces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:15**ULT**

¹⁵ When I make the land of Egypt an abandoned place, when the land is made bare of all its fullness, when I attack all the inhabitants in her, they will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

¹⁵ He also says this: "When I cause Egypt to become empty, when I strip off everything that grows on the land, and when I get rid of all the people who live there, people will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What will the people of Egypt know when they are attacked and destroyed?

The people of Egypt will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 32:16**ULT**

¹⁶ There will be a lament; the daughters of the nations will lament over her; they will lament over Egypt, over all her multitudes they will lament—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

¹⁶ There will be a sad song that people will sing about Egypt. Women of many nations will sing it; they will chant it about Egypt and all its many people.” This will surely happen because Yahweh has said that it would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then it happened in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹⁷ On the fifteenth day of that same month, Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:18**ULT**

¹⁸ “Son of man, weep for the multitudes of Egypt and bring them down— her and the daughters of majestic nations—to the lowest earth with those who have gone down to the pit.

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¹⁸ “Son of man, wail about the many people of Egypt, because I will send them to the place under the earth, where they and people of other mighty nations will be. I will send them there, along with others, down to the place where the dead are.

To where will the servants of Egypt and the daughters of majestic nations be thrown?

They will be thrown down to the lowest earth with those who have gone down to the pit.

Ezekiel 32:19**ULT**

¹⁹ 'Are you really more beautiful than anyone else? Go down and lie down with the uncircumcised.'

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¹⁹ Say to them, 'You people of Egypt, you think that you are more beautiful than the people of other nations. But you also will descend to the place where the godless dead people are.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:20**ULT**

²⁰ They will fall among those who were killed by the sword. The sword has been drawn! She has been given to the sword; they will seize her and her multitudes.

UST

²⁰ You will die along with many others whom their enemies have killed. Their enemies have begun to attack, and they will drag away a huge number people of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:21**ULT**

²¹ The strongest of the warriors in Sheol will declare about Egypt and her allies, 'They have come down here! They will lie with the uncircumcised, with those who were killed by the sword.'

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²¹ In the place where the dead people are, mighty leaders of other countries will make fun of you people of Egypt and your allies. They will say that you have come to lie dead with them, those godless people whom their enemies killed.

What will the warriors in Sheol declare about Egypt and her allies?

They will declare that Egypt and her allies have come down here and will lie with the uncircumcised killed by the sword.

Ezekiel 32:22**ULT**

²² Assyria is there with all her assembly. Her graves surround her; all of them were killed by the sword.

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²² The dead of the people of Assyria and their army will also be there. They will be surrounded by the dead of others whom their enemies killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:23**ULT**

²³ Those whose graves are set in the recesses of the pit are there, with all her assembly. Her graves surround all of those who were killed, who fell by the sword, those who brought terror on the land of the living.

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²³ Their graves will be there in the deep pit, and the dead soldiers of their army will lie around their graves. The dead of all those who had terrified so many others will also be there, for their enemies will have killed them, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:24**ULT**

²⁴ Elam is there with all her multitudes. Her graves surround her; all of them were killed. Those who fell by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised to the lowest parts of the earth, who brought their terrors on the land of the living and who carry their own shame, together with the ones going down to the pit.

UST

²⁴ Many, many people from the country of Elam will be there, too, and Elam's servants, because their enemies will have killed them. These were soldiers who had terrified people in many places. At that time they will lie there in that deep pit below the earth, and they, along with the others who have gone there, will be disgraced.

What did Elam do on the land of the living?

Elam brought their terrors on the land of the living.

Ezekiel 32:25**ULT**

²⁵ They set a bedroll for Elam and all her multitudes in the midst of the slain; her graves surround her. All of them are uncircumcised, pierced by the sword, because they had brought their terrors on the land of the living. So they carry their own shame, together with the ones going down to the pit among all those who have been killed, those who are going down to the pit. Elam is among all those who were killed.

UST

²⁵ The people of Elam in their huge numbers will lie there among others who were slaughtered, surrounded by the graves of a huge crowd of other people. While they were alive, they caused people of other nations to be terrified; but they were godless, and now, because their enemies will have killed them, they will lie with others in that deep pit, disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:26**ULT**

²⁶ Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitudes are there! Their graves surround them. All of them are uncircumcised, killed by the sword, because they had brought their terrors on the land of the living.

UST

²⁶ The dead of all the soldiers of the lands of Meshech and Tubal will be there, surrounded by the graves of a huge crowd. While they were alive, they also caused people in many places to be terrified. They are uncircumcised people whom their enemies will have killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:27**ULT**

²⁷ They do not lie with the fallen warriors of the uncircumcised who have gone down to Sheol with all their weapons of war, and with their swords placed under their heads and their iniquities over their bones. For they were the terror of warriors in the land of the living.

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²⁷ They will not lie there beside the uncircumcised warriors who have gone to the grave highly honored with their shields over their bodies and their swords under their heads. While they were alive, they terrified many people on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:28**ULT**

²⁸ So you, Egypt, will be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised! You will lie alongside those who were pierced by the sword.

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²⁸ You king of Egypt, I will kill you also, and you will lie there with other godless people whom their enemies will have killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:29**ULT**

²⁹ Edom is there with her kings and all her leaders. They have been placed in their strength with those killed by the sword. With the uncircumcised they lie, with those who have gone down to the pit.

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²⁹ People of Edom will be there, along with their kings and leaders. They were powerful, but I will kill them. They will lie there in the place where the other godless people lie.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:30**ULT**

³⁰ The princes of the north are there—all of them and all the Sidonians who went down with the ones who had been pierced. They were powerful and made others to be afraid, but now they are there in shame, uncircumcised with those who were pierced by the sword. They carry their own shame, together with the ones going down to the pit.

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³⁰ All the rulers of countries north of Israel, including people from the city of Sidon, will be there. Because of their power, they terrified other people, but they will lie there. They were godless, and they will lie there along with others whom their enemies will have killed. They, along with everyone else who goes down into that deep pit, will be disgraced.

What do the princes of the north and all the Sidonians who went down with the dead, carry?

They carry their own shame.

Ezekiel 32:31**ULT**

³¹ Pharaoh will look and be comforted about all his multitudes who were pierced by the sword—Pharaoh and all his army—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

³¹ The king of Egypt and all his army will see them, and they will be comforted about the death of their many people, because they know that there were other huge groups of people whom their enemies killed.

In Sheol, what will comfort Pharaoh?

In Sheol, Pharaoh will be comforted about all his servants who were killed by the sword.

Ezekiel 32:32**ULT**

³² I put him as my terrifying one in the land of the living, but he will be laid down in the midst of the uncircumcised, among those pierced by the sword, Pharaoh and all his multitudes—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.”

32:9 ^[1], some ancient and modern versions have .

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³² While that king was living, I allowed him to terrify others in many countries, but he and his huge army will be there among other godless people whom their enemies have killed.” This will certainly surely happen because the Lord Yahweh has said that it would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33

Ezekiel 33:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:2

ULT

² "Son of man, declare this to your people; say to them, 'When I bring a sword against any land, then the people of that land take one man from among themselves and make him a watchman for them.'

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² "Son of man, speak to your fellow Israelites and say this to them: 'Suppose that I bring an enemy army to attack a country, and the people of that country choose one of their own people to be a watchman.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:3

ULT

³ He looks for the sword as it comes on the land, and he blows his horn to warn the people!

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³ And suppose that he sees the enemy army come into view, and that he blows a trumpet to warn everyone.

What does the watchman do for the people of the land?

The watchman looks for the sword coming on the land, and blows his horn to warn the people.

Ezekiel 33:4**ULT**

⁴ If the people hear the sound of the horn but do not pay attention, and if the sword comes and kills them, then each one's blood is on his own head.

UST

⁴ If anyone hears the trumpet but pays no attention, and if that person then dies because of the enemy, that person is responsible for his own death.

What happens if the people do not pay attention to the watchman?

If the people do not pay attention, the sword kills the people and each one's blood is on his own head.

Ezekiel 33:5**ULT**

⁵ If someone hears the sound of the horn and pays no attention, his blood is on him; but if he pays attention, he will save his own life.

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⁵ If he had paid attention, he would have saved his own life. But as it is, he will die, and it will be his own fault.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:6**ULT**

⁶ However, if the watchman sees the sword as it is coming, but if he does not blow the horn, with the result that the people are not warned, and if the sword comes and takes anyone's life, then that person dies in his own sin, but I will require his blood from the watchman.'

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⁶ Now suppose that the watchman sees the enemy army coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people. Then suppose that one of his people dies because of the enemy. That person will die because of his own mistake, but I will hold the watchman responsible for it.

What happens to the watchman if he does not warn the people?

If the watchman does not warn the people, his blood will be required by Yahweh.

Ezekiel 33:7**ULT**

⁷ Now you yourself, son of man! I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; you will hear the words from my mouth and warn them on my behalf.

UST

⁷ Son of man, this parable has a meaning for you. I have appointed you to be a watchman for the Israelites. So always listen to what I say, and warn the people for me.

Who did Yahweh make a watchman for the house of Israel?

Yahweh made Ezekiel a watchman for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 33:8**ULT**

⁸ If I say to a wicked person, 'Wicked one, you will surely die!' but if you do not announce this so as to warn the wicked about his way, then he who is wicked will die in his sin, but I will require his blood from your hand!

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⁸ When I say to some wicked person, 'You wicked person, you will surely die because of your sins,' you must tell him what I said. If you do not speak to that person to warn him to turn away from his sins, that wicked person will die because of his sins, but I will make you responsible for his death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:9**ULT**

⁹ But you, if you warn the wicked about his way, so that he might turn back from it, and if he does not turn back from his way, then he will die in his sin, but you yourself will have saved your own life.

UST

⁹ But if you warn that wicked person that he should turn away from his sins, but if he does not do so, then he will die because of his sins, but you will have saved your own life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'You are saying this, "Our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we are decaying in them! How can we live?"'

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¹⁰ Son of man, say to the Israelite people, 'This is what you all are saying: "The guilt that we feel for disobeying God's laws and sinning is like a heavy weight on us, and our sins are hurting us, and we are slowly dying. So what can we do to continue to remain alive?"'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:11**ULT**

¹¹ Say to them, 'As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—I do not delight in the death of the wicked, for if the wicked repents from his way, then he will live! Repent! Repent from your wicked ways! For why should you die, house of Israel?'

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¹¹ Say to them, 'Yahweh the Lord says, "As surely as I am alive, I am not happy when wicked people die; I would prefer that they turn away from their wicked behavior and continue to live. So repent! Turn away from your evil behavior! You Israelite people, do you really want to die?"'

In what does Yahweh say he does not delight?

Yahweh says he does not delight in the death of the wicked.

What does Yahweh call the wicked to do?

Yahweh calls the wicked to repent so they will live.

Ezekiel 33:12**ULT**

¹² So now you, son of man, say to your people, 'The righteousness of a righteous person will not save him if he sins! The wickedness of a wicked person will not cause him to perish if he repents from his sin! For the righteous person will not be able to live because of his righteousness if he sins.'

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¹² Therefore, Son of man, say to your fellow Israelites that if good people start to disobey me, the fact that they were previously righteous will not keep me from punishing them. Similarly, if wicked people turn away from their wicked behavior, they will not die because of those sins. And if good people start to sin, I will not allow the fact that they had been good to keep me from punishing them now.

What does Yahweh say will happen to a righteous person who then commits injustice? (vv12-13)

Yahweh says the righteous person who then commits injustice will die in the wickedness that he has committed.

Ezekiel 33:13**ULT**

¹³ If I say to the righteous, "He will surely live!" and if he trusts in his righteousness and then commits injustice, I will not call to mind any of his righteousness. He will die for the wickedness he committed.

UST

¹³ If I tell those who do what is right that they will surely remain alive because of all the good they do, but then if they turn away and become proud of all their good deeds, then I will ignore all the good things that they had done before. I will make sure that they will die because of the evil things that they have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So if I say to the wicked, "You will surely die," but if he then repents from his sins and does what is just and right—

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¹⁴ Continue to tell the people these things: If I say to some wicked person, 'You will surely die because of your sins,' perhaps that person will stop doing evil and start doing what is just and right.

What does Yahweh say will happen to a wicked person who repents and does what is just and right? (vv14-16)

Yahweh says the wicked person who repents and does what is just and right will surely live.

Ezekiel 33:15**ULT**

¹⁵ if he restores the loan guarantee that he wickedly demanded, or if he makes restitution for what he has stolen, and if he walks in the statutes that give life and no longer commits sin—then he will surely live. He will not die.

UST

¹⁵ For example, he might return what he took from another person to guarantee that that person would pay back what he owes, or he might return things that he has stolen, or he might obey the laws that will enable those who obey them to remain alive. If this happens, he will surely remain alive; he will not die because of the sins that he committed previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:16**ULT**

¹⁶ None of the sins that he has committed will be called to mind for him. He has acted justly and rightly, and so, he will surely live!

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¹⁶ I will ignore the sins that he previously committed; he will surely remain alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But your people say, "The way of the Lord is not fair!" but it is your ways that are not fair!

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¹⁷ Tell the people this: That they say that what I do is not fair, but that it is really what they do that is not fair. Then tell them these things, also:

According to Yahweh, whose ways are not fair?

According to Yahweh, the ways of the people of Israel are not fair.

Ezekiel 33:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When the righteous person turns away from his righteousness and commits sin, then he will die in it!

UST

¹⁸ If a good person stops doing what is good and starts to do what is evil, it is fair that he should die because of his sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:19**ULT**

¹⁹ When the wicked turns away from his wickedness and does what is just and righteous, he will live because of those things!

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¹⁹ And if a wicked person turns away from his wicked behavior and does what is right and fair, it is fair for him to remain alive because of doing that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:20**ULT**

²⁰ But you people say, "The way of the Lord is not fair!" I will judge each of you according to his way, house of Israel!"

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²⁰ Remind the people that they are still saying that what I do is not fair. They can talk all they want, but I will punish each of them for what they do. Tell them this."

How does Yahweh say he will judge each person of the house of Israel?

Yahweh says he will judge each person according to his way.

Ezekiel 33:21**ULT**

²¹ It happened in the twelfth year, on the fifth day of the tenth month of our captivity, that a fugitive came to me from Jerusalem and said, "The city has been captured!"

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²¹ Almost twelve years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the fifth day of the tenth month of that year, a man who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me in Babylon and said, "Jerusalem has been captured!"

What message did the fugitive bring to Ezekiel?

The fugitive brought the message that the city of Jerusalem had been captured.

Ezekiel 33:22**ULT**

²² The hand of Yahweh had been on me in the evening before the fugitive came, and my mouth was opened by the time that he came to me in the dawn. So my mouth was open; I was no longer mute!

UST

²² The evening before that man arrived, Yahweh took control of me. So when that man arrived, Yahweh enabled me to speak again; I was no longer forced to be silent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:23**ULT**

²³ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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²³ Then Yahweh gave a message to me. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:24**ULT**

²⁴ “Son of man, the ones inhabiting those ruins in the land of Israel are talking and say, ‘Abraham was only one person, and he inherited the land, but we are many! The land has been given to us as a possession.’

UST

²⁴ “Son of man, the people who are living in the ruins in Israel are saying, ‘Abraham was only one person, but Yahweh promised him that he and his descendants would possess this land. But we are many; so surely Yahweh has given us this land to possess.’

What were the people of Israel saying about the land that Abraham inherited?

The people of Israel were saying the land that Abraham inherited was their possession.

Ezekiel 33:25**ULT**

²⁵ Therefore say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: You eat blood, and you lift up your eyes towards your idols, then you pour out people’s blood. Should you really possess the land?’

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²⁵ So send a message to them. Say, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: “You eat meat that still has the animal’s blood in it. You still worship idols. And you still murder others. So should this land belong to you?’

Why does Yahweh question whether or not the people of Israel should really possess the land? (vv25-26)

Yahweh questions whether or not they should possess the land because they had depended on their swords and had done disgusting things.

Ezekiel 33:26**ULT**

²⁶ You have depended on your swords and have done disgusting things; each man defiles his neighbor’s wife. Should you really possess the land?’

UST

²⁶ You rely on using your swords to obtain things that you want. You do many detestable things. Each of you sleeps with other men’s wives. So should you really possess the land of Israel?’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:27**ULT**

²⁷ You will say this to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: As I live, surely the ones in the ruins will fall by the sword, and I will give those in the fields to the living creatures as food, and those in fortresses and in caves will die of plagues.'

UST

²⁷ Send this message to them and tell them that this is what I, the Lord Yahweh, say to them: 'As surely as I am alive, those who are left in the ruins in Jerusalem—their enemies will also kill them. And those who are living in the countryside—wild animals will kill them. Those who are living in forts and caves will die from disease.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then I will turn the land into a desolation and a horror, and the pride of its might will end, for the mountains of Israel will be deserted, and there will be no one to pass through them.'

UST

²⁸ I will cause your country to become a desolate wasteland. You will no longer be proud of being a strong country. The mountains of Israel will become very desolate, with the result that no one will walk across them.'

What does Yahweh say he will do to the land because of the things the people of Israel have done? (vv28-29)

Yahweh says he will turn the land into a desolation and a horror because of the things the people of Israel have done.

Ezekiel 33:29**ULT**

²⁹ So they will know that I am Yahweh, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all the abominations that they have done.

UST

²⁹ Then, when I have caused their country to become a desolate wasteland because of all the disgusting things that you have done, they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:30**ULT**

³⁰ So now you, son of man—your people are saying things about you beside the walls and the gates of the houses, and each says to one another—each man to his brother, 'Let us go and listen to the prophet's word that comes out from Yahweh!'

UST

³⁰ As for you, Son of man, your fellow Israelites here in Babylon stand beside the city wall or at the doors of their houses and are talking with each other. They are saying, 'Come and listen to the message that has come from Yahweh.'

What will the people of Israel do with the words of Ezekiel? (vv30-31)

The people of Israel will listen to the words of Ezekiel, but they will not obey them.

Ezekiel 33:31**ULT**

³¹ So my people will come to you, as they often do, and will sit in front of you and listen to your words, but they will not obey them. Right words are in their mouths, but their hearts are going after unjust profit.

UST

³¹ My people come to you as they often have done, and they sit in front of you to listen to what you say. But they do not do what you tell them that they must do. With their mouths they say that they love me, but in their inner beings they are eager to acquire things by doing what is unjust.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:32**ULT**

³² For you are like a lovely song to them, a beautiful sound that is well played on a stringed instrument, so they will listen to your words, but none of them will obey them.

UST

³² To them, you are only a man who sings them beautiful songs and plays a musical instrument well. They hear what you say, but they do not do what you tell them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:33

ULT

³³ So when all of this happens—behold! it will happen!—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

UST

³³ The terrible things that I have said will happen to them will surely happen. And then they will know that a prophet has been among them, and that you are that prophet.”

What will the people of Israel know when everything comes to pass?

The people of Israel will know that a prophet has been among them when everything comes to pass.

Ezekiel 34

Ezekiel 34:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:2

ULT

² "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this to the shepherds: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who are shepherding themselves. Should not shepherds guard the flock?

UST

² "Son of man, speak my message against the leaders of Israel. They should be taking care of my people, like shepherds take care of their flocks. Say to them that this is what I, the Lord Yahweh, have to tell them: 'You shepherds of Israel, terrible things will happen to you because you take care only of yourselves. You should certainly take care of my sheep.

What accusation does Yahweh make against the shepherds of Israel? (vv2-3)

Yahweh accuses the shepherds of Israel of not shepherding at all, but of slaughtering the best animals of the flock.

Ezekiel 34:3

ULT

³ You eat the fatty portions and you dress in wool. You slaughter the fatlings of the flock. You do not shepherd at all.

UST

³ But you are like shepherds who eat the fat sheep, who slaughter the best animals for their wool. You are not real shepherds at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:4**ULT**

⁴ You have not strengthened those who have diseases, nor do you heal the ones who are ill. You do not bind up the ones who are broken, and you do not restore the outcasts or seek the lost. Instead, you rule over them through strength and violence.

UST

⁴ You have not taken care of the sick sheep; you have paid no attention to those who are wounded. You have not looked for the sheep who have wandered off. You rule over them with force and violence.

How did the shepherds of Israel rule over the flock?

The shepherds of Israel ruled over the flock with strength and violence.

Ezekiel 34:5**ULT**

⁵ Then they were scattered without a shepherd, and they became food for all the living beasts in the fields, after they were scattered.

UST

⁵ Because you did not take care of them, my people have wandered away like sheep. And while they are scattered, wild animals attack and kill them, and then eat their flesh.

What then happened to the flock? (vv5-6)

The flock was then scattered and became food for all the living beasts in the fields.

Ezekiel 34:6**ULT**

⁶ My flock strays on all of the mountains and on every high hill, and it is dispersed over the entire surface of the earth. Yet no one is searching for them.

UST

⁶ My people wander like sheep all over the high hills and mountains. They are scattered all over the earth, and no one is searching for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh:

UST

⁷ Therefore, you who should be acting like shepherds, listen to what I, Yahweh the Lord, have to say to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:8**ULT**

⁸ As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—because my flock has become plunder and food for all the beasts in the fields, because there was no shepherd and none of my shepherds sought my flock, but the shepherds guarded themselves and did not shepherd my flock.

UST

⁸ As surely as I am alive, my people are like a flock of sheep without any shepherd, and as a result it is as though wild animals have attacked my people and eaten them. You shepherds did not search for them; instead, you only wanted to provide food for yourselves.

Who were the shepherds of Israel actually guarding?

The shepherds of Israel were actually guarding themselves.

Ezekiel 34:9**ULT**

⁹ Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh:

UST

⁹ Therefore, you who should be shepherds of my people, listen to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against the shepherds, and I will require my flock from their hand. Then I will dismiss them from shepherding the flock; neither will the shepherds any longer shepherd themselves since I will take away my flock from their mouths, so that my flock will no longer be food for them.

UST

¹⁰ I am opposed to you leaders. I will punish you for mistreating my people. I will remove you from taking care of my people; you will no longer feed yourselves while ignoring them. I will rescue my people from you, and you will no longer be able to butcher them and eat them.

What does Yahweh say he will do to the shepherds of Israel?

Yahweh says he will dismiss the shepherds of Israel and take away the flock from their mouths.

Ezekiel 34:11**ULT**

¹¹ For the Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I myself will seek out my flock and I will look after them,

UST

¹¹ I, the Lord Yahweh, tell you leaders that I myself will search for my sheep and take care of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:12**ULT**

¹² like a shepherd seeking his flock on the day he is within the midst of his scattered flock. Thus I will seek my flock, and I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on the day of clouds and darkness.

UST

¹² As a shepherd takes care of his sheep, I will rescue my people from all the places to which you scattered them, when disasters struck them and they were afraid.

From where does Yahweh say he will gather his flock? (vv12-13)

Yahweh says he will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on the day of clouds and darkness. Then he will bring them out from among the peoples, he will gather them from the lands.

Ezekiel 34:13**ULT**

¹³ Then I will bring them out from among the peoples; I will gather them from the lands and bring them to their land. I will put them in pastures on the mountainsides of Israel, by the streams, and in every settlement in the land.

UST

¹³ I will bring them back from those countries and gather them together again in their own land. I will lead my sheep to good pastureland on the hills of Israel, in the ravines, and in the villages of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will put them in good pastures; the high mountains of Israel will be their grazing places. They will lie down there in good places for grazing, in abundant pastures, and they will graze on the mountains of Israel.

UST

¹⁴ My sheep will graze in good pastures on the mountaintops. They will lie down in good grazing areas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:15**ULT**

¹⁵ I myself will shepherd my flock, and I myself will make them lie down—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—

UST

¹⁵ I myself will take care of my people and allow them to lie down and rest. This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, promise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I will seek the lost and restore the outcast. I will bind up the broken sheep and heal the sick sheep but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd with justice.

UST

¹⁶ I will search for those who are lost; I will bring back the ones who have strayed away. I will bandage those who have been injured and strengthen those who are weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will act fairly toward my sheep, my people.

How does Yahweh say he will shepherd?

Yahweh says he will shepherd with justice.

Ezekiel 34:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So now you, my flock—this is what the Lord Yahweh says—behold, I will be a judge between sheep and sheep and between rams and male goats.

UST

¹⁷ And as for you, my people, my sheep, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: 'I will judge between each of you; I will separate those who are peaceful from those who are cruel and powerful.'

Among what three groups does Yahweh say he will judge?

Yahweh says he will judge among the sheep, rams, and goats.

Ezekiel 34:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Is it not enough to feed on the good pasture, that you must trample down with your feet what is left of the pasture; and to drink from clear waters, that you must muddy the rivers with your feet?

UST

¹⁸ You leaders, you who are like strong sheep who do evil to the others: It is bad that you keep the best pastures for yourselves. It is even worse that you trample the good grass with your feet. It is bad that you yourselves drink the clear water. It is even worse that with your feet you cause the rest of the water to become muddy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Must my sheep eat what you have trampled with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

UST

¹⁹ You are forcing my flock to eat the grass that you have trampled and to drink the water that you have caused to become muddy!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:20**ULT**

²⁰ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this to them: Behold! I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the thin ones,

UST

²⁰ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to you: I myself will judge between those of you who are like the fat sheep and the rest of my people, those who are like the thin sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:21**ULT**

²¹ for you have pushed them with your sides and shoulders, and you have gored all of the weak ones with your horns until you have scattered them away from the land.

UST

²¹ You who are like strong sheep, with your shoulders and buttocks you have shoved the others away. You butted them with your horns, until you chased them all away from the good pastureland.

What has been done to the weak and thin sheep?

The weak and thin sheep have been pushed and gored until they have been scattered.

Ezekiel 34:22**ULT**

²² I will save my flock and they will no longer be plunder, and I will judge between one sheep and another!

UST

²² But I will rescue my people, and you will no longer steal from them. I will judge between one person and another.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:23**ULT**

²³ I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will shepherd them, he will feed them, and he will be their shepherd.

UST

²³ And I will appoint one leader for them, someone who will be like King David, who served me very well. That leader will take care of them and be like their shepherd.

Who does Yahweh say he will raise up to shepherd the flock? (vv23-24)

Yahweh says he will raise up his servant David to shepherd the flock.

Ezekiel 34:24**ULT**

²⁴ For I, Yahweh, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among them—I, Yahweh, have declared this.

UST

²⁴ I, Yahweh, will be their God, and the one who is like King David will be their king. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then I will make a covenant of peace with them and remove the evil wild animals from the land, so that they will live securely in the wilderness and safely sleep in the forests.

UST

²⁵ I will make a covenant with the people of Israel. I will promise to give them peace. I will promise to get rid of all the wild animals in Israel, in order that my people may live safely, even in the wilderness and in the forests.

When Yahweh raises up his shepherd, what will Yahweh do so the sheep will live securely?

Yahweh will make a covenant of peace with the sheep and remove the evil wild animals from the land.

Ezekiel 34:26**ULT**

²⁶ I will also bring blessings on them and on the places around my hill, for I will send out showers in due season. These will be showers of blessing.

UST

²⁶ I will bless them, and I will bless all the region close to Mount Zion, where they will worship me in my temple. I will bless them by sending them rain showers at the right season; they will be showers to bless them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:27**ULT**

²⁷ Then the trees of the field will produce their fruit, and the earth will yield its produce. My sheep will be secure in their land; then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I break the bars of their yoke, and when I rescue them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

UST

²⁷ The fruit trees will produce fruit, and the ground will produce crops. And my people will live safely in their land. When I rescue them from people who made them slaves, they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:28**ULT**

²⁸ They will no longer be plundered for the nations, and the wild animals on the earth will no longer devour them. For they will live securely, and no one will frighten them.

UST

²⁸ Soldiers from other nations will no longer take away their valuable possessions, and wild animals will no longer attack them. They will live safely, and no one will make them afraid.

What will the nations no longer be able to do to the sheep? (vv28-29)

The nations will no longer be able to plunder the sheep or bring insults against them.

Ezekiel 34:29**ULT**

²⁹ For I will provide them a land known for its crops; so they will not be victims of famine in the land, and they will not bear the scorn of the nations.

UST

²⁹ I will cause their land to be peaceful and to produce good crops. There will no longer be famines in the land, and people in other nations will no longer mock them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then they will know that I, Yahweh their God, am with them. They are my people, the house of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

³⁰ Then they will know that I, Yahweh their God, am helping them, and they will know that they, the Israelite people, are my people.

What will the house of Israel then know?

The house of Israel will then know that Yahweh their God is with them.

Ezekiel 34:31

ULT

³¹ For you are my sheep, the flock of my pasture, and my people, and I am your God—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.”

UST

³¹ It is as though you, my people, are my sheep whom I take care of, and I am your God. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.”

What does Yahweh declare to the sheep, the house of Israel?

Yahweh declares that he is the God of the house of Israel, and that they are his people.

Ezekiel 35

Ezekiel 35:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:2

ULT

² "Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it.

UST

² "Son of man, turn toward Edom and prophesy what will happen to its people. Say this to them:

Who does Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy against?

Yahweh tells Ezekiel to prophesy against Mount Seir.

Ezekiel 35:3

ULT

³ Say to it, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will strike you with my hand and make you a desolation and a waste.

UST

³ 'You who live near Mount Seir in Edom, I am your enemy. I will use my power to strike you and ruin your country.

What does Yahweh say he will do to Mount Seir?

Yahweh says he will make Mount Seir a desolation and a horror.

Ezekiel 35:4**ULT**

⁴ I will make your cities ruins, and you yourself will become desolate; then you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

⁴ I will destroy your cities, and everyone will leave them. When that happens, you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:5**ULT**

⁵ Because you have always been hostile to the people of Israel, and because you poured them out into the hands of the sword at the time of their distress, at the time their punishment was at its greatest.

UST

⁵ You have always been enemies of the Israelite people. You rejoiced when they experienced a great disaster, when their enemies attacked them, when I was punishing them most severely for the sins that they had committed.

What did the people of Mount Seir do that is bringing the judgment of Yahweh upon them?

The people of Mount Seir were hostile to the people of Israel, and poured them out into the hands of the sword.

Ezekiel 35:6**ULT**

⁶ Therefore, as I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—I will prepare you for bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you! Since you did not hate bloodshed, bloodshed will pursue you.

UST

⁶ Therefore, I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that as surely as I am alive, I will allow your enemies to slaughter you. They will attack you again and again. You enjoyed watching other people die, so I will slaughter you.

According to Yahweh, what will pursue the people of Mount Seir, and why?

Bloodshed will pursue the people of Mount Seir because they did not hate bloodshed.

Ezekiel 35:7**ULT**

⁷ I will make Mount Seir a complete desolation when I cut off from it anyone who passes through and returns again.

UST

⁷ I will therefore make everyone leave Mount Seir, and I will destroy anyone who enters it or leaves it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:8**ULT**

⁸ I will fill its mountains with those who were killed; on your high hills and valleys and in all your streams those who were killed by the sword will fall.

UST

⁸ I will cause your mountains to be filled with the corpses of those who have been killed. The corpses of those whom your enemies have killed will lie on your hills, in your valleys, and in all your ravines.

What will fill the mountains in the area of Mount Seir?

The mountains in the area of Mount Seir will be filled with its dead.

Ezekiel 35:9**ULT**

⁹ I will make you a perpetual desolation. Your cities will not be inhabited, but you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

⁹ I will cause your land to be forever without people. No one will live in your towns again. When that happens, you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

For how long will the desolation of Mount Seir last?

The desolation of Mount Seir will be a perpetual desolation.

Ezekiel 35:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You have said, “These two nations and these two lands will become mine, and we will possess them,” even when Yahweh was present with them.

UST

¹⁰ Your people said, ‘Israel and Judah will become ours. We will take over their territory!’ You said that even though I, Yahweh, was still there and protecting them.

What did the people of Mount Seir say about the two nations of Yahweh’s people Israel?

The people of Mount Seir said that the two nations would become theirs.

Ezekiel 35:11**ULT**

¹¹ Therefore, as I live—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—so I will do according to your anger and according to your jealousy that you had in your hatred of Israel, and I will show myself to them when I judge you.

UST

¹¹ Therefore, I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that as surely as I am alive, I will punish you for being angry with my people, for envying them, and for hating them. And when I punish you, I will make sure that the Israelites know that it is I who have punished you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:12**ULT**

¹² So you will know that I am Yahweh. I have heard all the insults you spoke against the mountains of Israel, when you said, “They have been destroyed; they have been given over to us to devour.”

UST

¹² Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have heard all the disgusting things that you have said about the land of Israel; you said that the land was ruined, and that you could capture it for yourselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:13**ULT**

¹³ You exalted yourselves against me with what you said, and you multiplied the words you said against me; and I heard it all.

UST

¹³ You insulted me; I heard everything that you said about me.

What did Yahweh hear the people of Mount Seir saying against him?

Yahweh heard the people of Mount Seir boasting against Yahweh and saying many things against him.

Ezekiel 35:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The Lord Yahweh says this: I will make you a desolation, while the entire earth rejoices.

UST

¹⁴ So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You people who live on Mount Seir and in all the other places in Edom, when I make everyone leave your land, everyone else in the world will rejoice.

What will the entire earth do when the people of Mount Seir are desolated? (vv14-15)

The entire earth will rejoice when the people of Mount Seir are desolated.

Ezekiel 35:15**ULT**

¹⁵ As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the people of Israel because of its desolation, I will do the same to you. You will become a desolation, Mount Seir, and all of Edom—all of it! Then they will know that I am Yahweh.”

UST

¹⁵ You were happy when the land of the Israelite people was ruined, so I will do the same thing to your land. When that happens, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

What did the people of Mount Seir do when the people of Israel were desolated?

The people of Mount Seir rejoiced when the people of Israel were desolated.

Yahweh declares that all of what area will become a desolation?

Yahweh declares that Mount Seir and all of Edom will become a desolation.

What will the people of Mount Seir and Edom know when Yahweh judges them?

The people of Mount Seir and Edom will know that the Lord is Yahweh when Yahweh judges them.

Ezekiel 36

Ezekiel 36:1

ULT

¹ “Now you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, ‘Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of Yahweh.

UST

¹ Yahweh said to Ezekiel, “Son of man, give a message to the hill country and mountains in Israel just as if they were people. Tell them to listen to my message for them.

To what did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy to the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:2

ULT

² The Lord Yahweh says this: The enemy has said about you, “Aha!” and “The ancient high places have become our possession.”

UST

² This is it: The enemies of Israel, those people groups who live nearby, are now very happy, because they are saying that Jerusalem has been destroyed, so the ancient mountains of Israel will now belong to them.

What was the enemy saying about the mountains of Israel?

The enemy was saying that the ancient high places had become their possession.

Ezekiel 36:3

ULT

³ Therefore prophesy and say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Because of your desolation and because of the attacks that came on you from all sides, you have become a possession of the other nations; you have been the subject of slanderous lips and tongues, and of people’s stories.

UST

³ So you, Ezekiel, must tell the mountains of Israel what I, the Lord Yahweh, am saying to them: ‘Armies of other nations attacked you from every direction, and everyone has left you. Those foreign armies are now in your land. They have spoken very maliciously about your people, the Israelites, and have told all kinds of lies about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:4**ULT**

⁴ Therefore, mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord Yahweh: The Lord Yahweh says this to the mountains and the high hills, to the streambeds and valleys, to the uninhabited desolations and the forsaken cities that have become plunder and a subject of mocking for the other nations that surround them—

UST

⁴⁻⁶ Therefore, you mountains of Israel, listen to this message from me. I, Yahweh the Lord, have something to say to you, the hills and mountains, and to you, the ravines and valleys, and to you, the towns and cities which the enemy burned down, where no one is living any longer, from where the enemy has taken everything valuable, and whose people the people groups all around are mocking. "This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare: I am very angry with the people of Edom and the other people groups; they have insulted your Israelite people and happily taken all their land as pastures. So Ezekiel must speak for me to you, the land of Israel, mountains and hills, valleys and ravines: I, Yahweh the Lord, am very angry because the enemy has insulted you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:5**ULT**

⁵ therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: I have certainly spoken in the fire of my fury against the other nations, against Edom and all who took my land for themselves as a possession, against all those who had both joy in their heart and disdain in their spirit, as they seized my land that they might claim its pasturelands for themselves.'

UST

⁵

Against whom did Yahweh speak in the fire of his fury?

Yahweh spoke in the fire of his fury against Edom and all who took the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:6**ULT**

⁶ Therefore, prophesy to the land of Israel and say to the mountains and to the high hills, to the streambeds and to the valleys, 'the Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! In my fury and in my anger I am declaring this because you have borne the insults of nations.

UST

⁶

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: I myself will lift up my hand to swear that the nations that surround you will certainly carry their own shame.

UST

⁷ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I solemnly declare I will shame the people of the nations that are around you.

What did Yahweh swear concerning the nations that surrounded Israel?

Yahweh swore that the nations surrounding Israel would carry their own shame.

Ezekiel 36:8**ULT**

⁸ But you, mountains of Israel, you will grow branches and bear fruit for my people Israel, since they will soon come back to you.

UST

⁸ But I say to you mountains of Israel that huge crops of fruit will grow on your trees for my Israelite people, because they will soon return home from Babylonia.

Who did Yahweh say would soon be coming back to the mountains of Israel?

Yahweh said the people of Israel would soon be coming back to the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:9**ULT**

⁹ For behold, I am for you, and I treat you with favor; you will be plowed and sown with seed.

UST

⁹ I will work to help you, and I will be kind to you. I will enable farmers to plow the ground and plant seed in you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So I will multiply upon you the number of your people, even the whole house of Israel. The cities will be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

UST

¹⁰ I will cause the number of people who live there on you mountains and everywhere else in Israel to greatly increase. People will live in the cities and rebuild houses where there are now only ruins.

What will be multiplied on the mountains of Israel? (vv10-12)

Man and beast will be multiplied on the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:11**ULT**

¹¹ I will multiply man and beast on you mountains so that they will multiply and be fruitful. Then I will cause you to be inhabited as you previously were, and I will make you prosper more than you did in the past, for you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

¹¹ I will cause the number of people and domestic animals to increase. People will have many children. I will enable people to live there as they did previously, and I will enable them to prosper as they did before. Then you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:12**ULT**

¹² I will bring men, my people Israel, to walk on you. They will possess you, and you will be their inheritance, and you will no longer cause their children to die.

UST

¹² I will enable my Israelite people to walk through your mountains. They will own the land on you; you will belong to them forever. You will always grow enough food for them to eat, so they will never again go hungry and die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:13**ULT**

¹³ The Lord Yahweh says this: Because they are saying to you, “You devour men, bereaving your nation of children,”

UST

¹³ I, Yahweh the Lord, am telling you mountains this: It is true that people have said they could not grow many crops on you, and so they died from hunger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:14**ULT**

¹⁴ therefore you will not consume people any longer, and you will no longer make your nation mourn their deaths. This is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

¹⁴ But that will no longer happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Nor will I allow you to hear the insults of the nations any longer; you will no longer have to bear the shame of the peoples or cause your nation to fall—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

¹⁵ No longer will the other people groups ridicule you mountains. No longer will they laugh at you; no longer will you mountains make your nation suffer defeat. I, the Lord Yahweh, am telling you this myself.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:17**ULT**

¹⁷ "Son of man, when the house of Israel inhabited their land, they defiled it with their ways and their deeds. Their ways were like the unclean menstruation of a woman before me.

UST

¹⁷ "Son of man, when the Israelite people were living in their own land, they defiled it by the things that they did. They made it unacceptable to me. I considered that their behavior was as disgusting as the rags that women use during their monthly menstrual periods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So I poured out my fury against them for the blood that they poured out on the land and for their pollution of it by their idols.

UST

¹⁸ So I severely punished them, because they had murdered many people and because they had worshiped idols there. They made their entire land unacceptable to me.

Why had Yahweh poured out his fury against Israel?

Yahweh had poured out his fury against Israel because Israel had polluted the land by their idols.

Ezekiel 36:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I scattered them among the nations; they were dispersed through the lands. I judged them according to their ways and their deeds.

UST

¹⁹ So I made their enemies scatter them into other lands. I punished them as they deserved to be punished because they had done so many evil things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then they went to the nations, and wherever they went, they profaned my holy name when people said of them, 'Are these really the people of Yahweh? For they have been thrown out of his land.'

UST

²⁰ Wherever they went among those lands, they caused other people to mock me, when they should have honored me. Those people have been saying, 'The Israelites belong to Yahweh, but he was not strong enough to protect them. They had to leave the land that he had given to them.'

What did the people of Israel do when they went to the nations?

When they went to the nations, the people of Israel profaned Yahweh's holy name.

Ezekiel 36:21**ULT**

²¹ But I had compassion for my holy name that the house of Israel had defiled among the nations, when they went there.

UST

²¹ The people of Israel had disgraced me among the people groups to which they had to go, but I deserve that those people groups worship me instead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:22**ULT**

²² Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: I am not doing this for your sake, house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations everywhere you have gone.'

UST

²² So you, Ezekiel, say to the Israelite people that I, the Lord Yahweh, am telling them this: 'You Israelite people, it is not for your sake that I am going to rescue you from your enemies. Instead, I will do this so that the people in these other lands will worship me as God. You have done your best to disgrace me wherever you have gone.'

Why does Yahweh say he is going to bring back the house of Israel to the mountains of Israel?

Yahweh says he is going to bring the house of Israel back for the sake of his holy name.

Ezekiel 36:23**ULT**

²³ For I will make my great name holy, which you have profaned among the nations—in the midst of the nations, you profaned it. Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—when you see that I am holy.

UST

²³ I will show that these other people groups should worship me as God, even though they would never know it by watching how you act. When I prove to them that I am powerful and can do anything, then they will know that I will carry out everything that I say I will do. And they will see you honor me as the God who is holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:24**ULT**

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from every land, and I will bring you to your land.

UST

²⁴ I will take you out of those distant lands. I will gather you from all those places where you had to go, and I will bring you back to your own land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then I will sprinkle pure water on you so you will be purified from all of your impurities, and I will purify you from all of your idols.

UST

²⁵ It will be as though I will sprinkle clean water on you, and then you will be clean. I will make you clean from everything that has made me reject you, and I will cause you to stop worshiping idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:26**ULT**

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and a new spirit in your innermost parts, and I will take away the heart of stone from your flesh. For I will give you a heart of flesh.

UST

²⁶ I will give you a completely new way of thinking. I will enable you to stop being stubborn, and I will enable you to obey me from your inner beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:27**ULT**

²⁷ I will set my Spirit in you and enable you to walk in my statutes and keep my decrees, so you will do them.

UST

²⁷ I will put my Spirit within you and enable you to carefully obey all my laws.

What did Yahweh say he would do to the house of Israel to enable them to walk in his statutes and keep his decrees?

Yahweh said would set his Spirit in them and enable them to walk in his statutes and keep his decrees, so they would do them.

Ezekiel 36:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then you will inhabit the land that I gave to your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

UST

²⁸ You will again live in the land that I gave to your ancestors. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:29**ULT**

²⁹ For I will save you from all of your uncleanness. I will summon the grain and multiply it. I will no longer put famine upon you.

UST

²⁹ I will free you from everything that made me reject you. I will cause your grain to be plentiful, and I will not send a famine to you again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:30**ULT**

³⁰ I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field so that you will no longer bear the shame of famine among the nations.

UST

³⁰ I will cause your fruit trees to produce plenty of fruit and your ground to produce plenty of good crops, with the result that the people of other lands will not mock you because you do not have enough food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:31**ULT**

³¹ Then you will think of your wicked ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will show loathing on your faces because of your own sins and your disgusting deeds.

UST

³¹ When that happens, you will think about your previous evil behavior and wicked deeds, and you will be very displeased with yourselves for your sins and the detestable things that you did.

After Yahweh saves the house of Israel, what will the house of Israel think of their previous wicked ways?

The house of Israel will hate themselves because of their previous wicked ways.

Ezekiel 36:32**ULT**

³² I am not doing this for your sake—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—let this be known to you. So be ashamed and disgraced because of your ways, house of Israel.

UST

³² But I, the Lord Yahweh, tell you this: It is not for your sake that I will do those things. You Israelite people ought to be ashamed of your behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:33**ULT**

³³ The Lord Yahweh says this: On the day that I purify you from all your iniquity, I will cause you to inhabit the cities and to rebuild the ruined places.

UST

³³ I, the Lord Yahweh, also tell you this: At the time that I cleanse you from all the sins that you have committed, I will enable you to live in your cities again and to build houses where there are now only ruins.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the cities and ruined places of Israel?

Yahweh says the cities will be inhabited and the ruined places will be rebuilt.

Ezekiel 36:34**ULT**

³⁴ For you will plow the ruined land until it is no longer a ruin before the eyes of all who pass by.

UST

³⁴ People who walk through your country will see that you are once again cultivating your land, and that your people are living in it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:35**ULT**

³⁵ Then they will say, "This land was desolate, but it has become like the garden of Eden; the desolate cities and the uninhabited ruins that were torn down are now fortified and inhabited."

UST

³⁵ Then they will say, "This land that was ruined has become very fertile, like the garden of Eden. The cities that were piles of ruins, empty and destroyed, now have houses around them, and people are living in those cities."

Like what place will the land of Israel become?

The land of Israel will become like the garden of Eden.

What will the other nations know when they see the inhabited cities and rebuilt ruins of Israel? (vv35-36)

The nations will know that the Lord is Yahweh, and that Yahweh rebuilt Israel.

Ezekiel 36:36**ULT**

³⁶ Then the other nations around you will know that I am Yahweh, that I built up the ruins and replanted the abandoned places. I am Yahweh. I have declared it and I will do it.

UST

³⁶ When that happens, the people who are still left in the lands that are around you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have enabled you to rebuild what was destroyed, and to again plant crops in the fields that had nothing growing in them. I, Yahweh, have said that it will happen, and I will cause it to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:37**ULT**

³⁷ The Lord Yahweh says this: Again I will be asked by the house of Israel to do this for them, to increase them like a flock of people.

UST

³⁷ This is also what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Again I will answer your pleas for me to make your people become as numerous as sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:38**ULT**

³⁸ Like the flock is set apart for sacrifices, like the flock in Jerusalem at her appointed feasts, so will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people and they will know that I am Yahweh.”

UST

³⁸ I will make them as numerous as the flocks of sheep that will be needed for offerings in Jerusalem during your regular festivals. The cities that are now ruined will be filled with people, and then you will know that I, Yahweh, have done this.”

Yahweh says that the number of the people of Israel will become like what?

The number of the people of Israel will become like the flocks in Jerusalem at her appointed feasts.

Ezekiel 37

Ezekiel 37:1

ULT

¹ The hand of Yahweh was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of Yahweh and set me down in the midst of a valley; it was full of bones.

UST

¹ One day Yahweh gave me another vision. In the vision I felt the power of God on me, and by his Spirit he took me to the middle of a valley. It was full of bones of people who had been killed.

Where did the Spirit of Yahweh set Ezekiel down, and what was there?

The Spirit of Yahweh set Ezekiel down in the midst of a valley full of bones.

Ezekiel 37:2

ULT

² Then he made me pass through them round and round. Behold! A great many of them were in the valley. Behold! They were very dry.

UST

² He led me to walk back and forth among those bones. I saw that there were very many bones there, bones that were very dry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:3

ULT

³ He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live again?" So I said, "Lord Yahweh, you alone know."

UST

³ He asked me, "Son of man, do you think that these bones can become living people again?" I replied, "Yahweh my Lord, only you know if that can happen."

What question did Yahweh ask Ezekiel?

Yahweh asked Ezekiel if the dry bones could live again.

Ezekiel 37:4**ULT**

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones. Listen to the word of Yahweh.

UST

⁴ Then he said to me, "Speak a message for me to these bones. Say to them, 'You dry bones, listen to what Yahweh says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:5**ULT**

⁵ The Lord Yahweh says this to these bones: Behold! I am about to put breath into you, and you will live.

UST

⁵ This is what Yahweh the Lord says to you bones: I am going to put my breath into each of you, and you will become alive again.

What did Ezekiel prophesy would happen to the dry bones? (vv5-6)

Ezekiel prophesied that the dry bones would have flesh and live again.

Ezekiel 37:6**ULT**

⁶ I will place sinews over you and bring flesh onto you. I will cover you with skin and put breath within you so you will live. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."

UST

⁶ I will fasten tendons to your bones and cause your bones to be covered with flesh. I will cover the flesh with skin. Then I will breathe into you, and you will become alive. When that happens, you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:7**ULT**

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded; as I prophesied, behold, a sound came, that of shaking. Then the bones drew together—bone against bone.

UST

⁷ So I spoke to the bones as Yahweh commanded me to speak. As I was speaking, there was a noise, a sound of shaking, and the bones came together, bones joining to each other.

What happened to the bones when Ezekiel prophesied to them the first time? (vv7-8)

When Ezekiel prophesied to them the first time, the dry bones drew together and flesh and skin covered them.

Ezekiel 37:8**ULT**

⁸ I looked and, behold, sinews were now on them, and flesh grew up and skin covered them. But there was still no breath in them.

UST

⁸ While I was looking, I saw tendons fastening to them and flesh covering them, and then skin covered the flesh, but they were not breathing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:9**ULT**

⁹ Then Yahweh said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Breath, come from the four winds, and breathe on these who have been killed, so they may live.'"

UST

⁹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, speak a message for me to the wind. Say to the wind, 'Wind, Yahweh says to you, blow from all four directions. Breathe into these people who have been killed, in order that they can come alive again!'"

What happened to the bones when Ezekiel prophesied to them the second time? (vv9-10)

When Ezekiel prophesied to the bones the second time, the Spirit came into them and they lived.

Ezekiel 37:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So I prophesied as I was commanded; the breath came into them and they lived. Then they stood on their feet, a very great army.

UST

¹⁰ So I said what he commanded me to say, and then breath entered them, and they began to breathe. They became alive and stood up, like a huge army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the entire house of Israel. Behold! They are saying, 'Our bones have dried up, and our hope is gone. We have been cut off.'

UST

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones represent all the Israelite people. The people say, 'It is as though our bones are dried up; we can hope for nothing good any longer; our nation is destroyed.'

According to Yahweh, who did the valley of dry bones represent?

According to Yahweh, the valley of dry bones represented the entire house of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:12**ULT**

¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I will open your graves and lift you out from them, my people. I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

UST

¹² So speak my message to them and say, 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says: My people, it will be as though I will open your graves and cause your corpses to become alive again. I will bring you back to Israel.

What did Yahweh say he would do for Israel, which was represented by the dry bones coming back to life?

Yahweh said he would lift the people of Israel from their graves and bring them back to the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:13**ULT**

¹³ Then you will know that I am Yahweh, when I open your graves and bring you out from them, my people.

UST

¹³ Then when that happens, you my people will know that I, Yahweh, have done this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will place my Spirit within you so you will live, and I will cause you to rest in your land when you know that I am Yahweh. I declare and will do it—this is Yahweh's declaration.”

UST

¹⁴ I will put my spirit in you, and it will be as though you will become alive again, and I will enable you to live in your own land again. Then you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who said that it would happen and who has caused it to happen. That is what I, Yahweh, declare.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹⁵ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:16**ULT**

¹⁶ “So now you, son of man, take one stick for yourself and write on it, ‘For Judah and for the people of Israel, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the branch of Ephraim, and for all the people of Israel, their companions.’

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¹⁶ “Son of man, take a wooden stick and write on it, ‘This represents Judah and all the tribes of Judah.’ Then take another one and write on it, ‘This represents Israel and all the tribes of Israel.’

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do with the two sticks? (vv16-17)

Yahweh told Ezekiel to write a name on each stick, Judah and Joseph, and then bring both sticks together.

Ezekiel 37:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Bring both of them together into one stick, so that they become one in your hand.

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¹⁷ Then join them together to become as though they were one larger wooden stick in your hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When your people speak to you and say, ‘Will you not tell us what these things of yours mean?’

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¹⁸ When your fellow Israelites ask you, ‘What does this action mean?’,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:19**ULT**

¹⁹ then say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am taking the branch of Joseph that is in the hand of Ephraim and the tribes of Israel his companions and joining it to the branch of Judah, so that they will make one branch, and they will become one in my hand.'

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¹⁹ tell them, 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says: One of the pieces of wood in Ezekiel's hand represents Israel and all the tribes of Israel. I am joining it to the piece of wood that represents Judah, to form one stick in his hand.'

What did Yahweh say was the meaning of Ezekiel's two sticks?

Yahweh said he was joining the two branches of Joseph and Judah so that they would be one in his hand.

Ezekiel 37:20**ULT**

²⁰ Hold in your hand the branches that you wrote on before their eyes.

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²⁰ Then, Son of man, hold up the pieces of wood that you have written on, in order that the people can see them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:21**ULT**

²¹ Declare to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am about to take the people of Israel from among the nations where they went. I will gather them from the surrounding lands and I will bring them to their land.

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²¹ Say to the people, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: I will take you Israelite people out of the countries to which you have been forced to go. I will gather you from all those lands, back to your own land.

What did Yahweh say he was about to do for the people of Israel? (vv21-22)

Yahweh said he was about to gather the people of Israel on the mountains of Israel as one nation with one king.

Ezekiel 37:22**ULT**

²² I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and there will be one king as king over all of them, and they will no longer be two nations. They will no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

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²² And I will cause you to again be one nation in your land, on the mountains of Israel. And there will be one king to rule over all of you. Never again will you be two nations or divided into two kingdoms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:23**ULT**

²³ Then they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, their disgusting things, or any of their other sins. For I will save them from all of their faithless actions with which they have sinned, and I will purify them, so they will be my people and I will be their God. ^[1]

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²³ No longer will you defile yourselves by worshiping idols and disgusting statues of your gods, because I will enable you to stop sinning and to stop rejecting me. You will be my people, and I will be your God.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:24**ULT**

²⁴ David my servant will be king over them. So there will be one shepherd over them all, and they will walk according to my decrees and they will keep my statutes and obey them.

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²⁴ The king who rules over them will always come from the family of King David. David was the one who served me well. There will be one shepherd to watch over them and to take care of all of them. They will carefully obey all my laws.

Who did Yahweh say would be king over the united nation of Israel?

Yahweh said that his servant David would be king over the united nation of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:25**ULT**

²⁵ They will live in the land that I have given to my servant Jacob, where your fathers had stayed. They will live in it forever—they, their children, and their grandchildren, for David my servant will be their chief forever.

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²⁵ They will live in the land that I gave to Jacob, who also served me well; they will live in the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their grandchildren will live there forever, and the one who will be like King David will be their king forever.

According to Yahweh, how long would the king of Israel be their chief?

According to Yahweh, the king of Israel would be their chief forever.

Ezekiel 37:26**ULT**

²⁶ I will establish a covenant of peace with them. It will be an everlasting covenant with them. I will establish them and multiply them and set my holy place in their midst forever.

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²⁶ I will make a covenant with them to give them peace; it will be a covenant that will last forever. I will give them that land again and cause their population to increase. And I will put my temple among them forever.

What did Yahweh say he would establish with Israel, and for how long?

Yahweh said he would establish a covenant of peace with Israel for eternity.

Ezekiel 37:27**ULT**

²⁷ My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

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²⁷ My home, where I will live, will be among them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Where did Yahweh say he would live forever? (vv27-28)

Yahweh said he would live forever in the midst of the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:28**ULT**

28 Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh who sets Israel apart, when my holy place is among them forever.”

37:23 ^[1]. However, the Hebrew text reads , which many think makes little sense in this context.

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28 Then, when my temple is there again among them, the people of nations will know that I, Yahweh, set apart Israel for my honor.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38

Ezekiel 38:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:2

ULT

² "Son of man, set your face toward Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; and prophesy against him.

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² "Son of man, turn and face Magog, the country where Gog is the king. He is also the ruler of the nations of Meshech and Tubal. Announce my message about the terrible things that will happen to him.

Against whom did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy against Gog from the land of Magog.

Ezekiel 38:3

ULT

³ Say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

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³ Say this: 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says: Gog, you who rule Meshech and Tubal, I am your enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:4**ULT**

⁴ So I will turn you around and set hooks in your jaw; I will send you out with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all of them dressed in full armor, a great company with large shields and small shields, all of them holding swords!

UST

⁴ It will be as though I will turn you around and put hooks in your jaws and bring you to Israel—you and all of your army, including your horses and the men carrying weapons who ride those horses, and many other soldiers carrying large shields and small shields, all of them carrying swords.

With what does Yahweh say he will send out Gog?

Yahweh says he will send out Gog with all his army, horses, and horsemen.

Ezekiel 38:5**ULT**

⁵ Persia, Cush, and Libya are with them, all of them with shields and helmets!

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⁵ Your soldiers also include armies from Persia, Ethiopia, and Put, all of them with shields and helmets—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:6**ULT**

⁶ Gomer and all her troops, and Beth Togarmah, from the far parts of the north, and all its troops! Many peoples are with you!

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⁶ also all the soldiers from Gomer and an army from Beth Togarmah—both of these lands that are far north of Israel. Armies of many nations will come with you.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:7**ULT**

⁷ Get ready! Yes, prepare yourself and your troops assembled with you, and be their commander.

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⁷ Tell Gog this: 'Get ready, and be prepared to be the commander of all those soldiers.'

Who is the commander of all the troops from Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, and Beth Togarmah?

Gog is the commander of all these troops assembled with him.

Ezekiel 38:8**ULT**

⁸ You will be called after many days, and after some years you will go to a land that has recovered from the sword and that has been gathered from many peoples, gathered back to the mountains of Israel that had been a continuous ruin. But the land's people will be brought out of the peoples, and they will live in safety, all of them!

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⁸ At some future time, Yahweh will command you to lead those armies to attack Israel, a country whose buildings have been rebuilt after they were destroyed in wars. Their people will have been brought back from many nations to live again on the hills of Israel, where no one had been living for a long time. Yahweh will bring the Israelites back from other lands, and they will be living peacefully.

To which land will Gog be called to go?

Gog will go to a land that has recovered from the sword and that has been gathered from many peoples to the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 38:9**ULT**

⁹ So you will go up as a storm goes; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, all the many soldiers with you.

UST

⁹ You and all those armies from many nations will go up to Israel, advancing like a great storm. Your army will be like a huge cloud that covers the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The Lord Yahweh says this: It will happen on that day that plans will form in your heart, and you will devise wicked schemes.'

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¹⁰ But this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: On that day, you will plan to do something very evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then you will say, 'I will go up to the open land; I will go to the quiet people living in safety, all of them living where there are no walls or bars, and where there are no city gates.

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¹¹ You will say this to yourself: "My army will invade a country where the villages do not have walls around them. We will attack people who are peaceful and think that no one will harm them. Their towns and villages do not have walls with gates and bars.

What will be the wicked scheme that Gog devises? (vv11-12)

Gog will devise a scheme to capture booty and steal plunder from the quiet people living in safety.

Ezekiel 38:12**ULT**

¹² I will capture booty and steal plunder, in order to bring my hand against the ruins that are newly inhabited, and against the people gathered from the nations, people who are gaining livestock and property, and who are living at the center of the earth.'

UST

¹² So it will be easy for us to attack these people. They are people who come back together from many countries where they had lived for many years, people who now live safely in their land with all their livestock and other possessions. They are living in the country that is in the middle of the most important countries in the world. Our soldiers will take away all their valuable possessions."

At what part of the earth are the people who have been gathered from the nations living?

The people gathered from the nations are living at the center of the earth.

Ezekiel 38:13**ULT**

¹³ Sheba and Dedan, and the traders of Tarshish along with all its young warriors will say to you, 'Have you come to plunder? Have you assembled your armies to take away spoil, to carry off silver and gold, to take their livestock and property and to haul away much plunder?'

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¹³ Then people of Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish will come and say to you, "Are you gathering all your soldiers in order to attack Israel and take away all their silver and gold? Do you plan to take away their livestock and all their other valuable possessions?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: On that day, when my people Israel are living securely, will you not learn about them?'

UST

¹⁴ Therefore, Son of man, take my message about Gog and say to him, 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says: At that time, when my people of Israel are living safely, you will certainly think about them.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:15**ULT**

¹⁵ You will come from your place far away in the north with a great army, all of them riding on horses, a great company, a large army.

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¹⁵ You will come from your place far north of Israel, with the armies of many other nations, all riding horses, a huge army.

From what direction does Gog and his great army come?

Gog and his great army come from a place far away in the north.

Ezekiel 38:16**ULT**

¹⁶ You will attack my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, so the nations might know me when I show myself through you, Gog, to be holy before their eyes.

UST

¹⁶ You will march toward my Israelite people, and your soldiers will cover the land like a huge cloud. Gog, I will bring your army to attack the country that belongs to me, but what I will do to you will show the people of other nations that I am holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The Lord Yahweh says this: Are you not the one of whom I spoke in former days by the hand of my servants, the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in their own time for years that I would bring you against them?

UST

¹⁷ This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to Gog: In past years, when I gave messages to my servants, the prophets in Israel, there were messages about you. At that time, they said for many years that I would bring your armies to attack my people.

Through whom had Yahweh spoken that Gog would come against Israel?

Yahweh had spoken through the prophets of Israel that Gog would come against Israel.

Ezekiel 38:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So it will come to be in that day when Gog attacks the land of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—my wrath will mount up in my anger.

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¹⁸ So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say will happen: When your army attacks Israel, I will be very angry with you.

How will Yahweh respond when Gog attacks the land of Israel?

When Gog attacks the land of Israel, Yahweh will respond with fury in his nostrils.

Ezekiel 38:19**ULT**

¹⁹ In my zeal and in the fire of my anger, I declare that on that day there will be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.

UST

¹⁹ I will be furious, and to show that I am angry, there will be a great earthquake in Israel, where your armies will be.

What great event does Yahweh say will happen on the day Gog attacks Israel? (vv19-20)

Yahweh says that there will be a great earthquake on the day Gog attacks Israel.

Ezekiel 38:20**ULT**

²⁰ They will shake before me—the fish of the sea and the birds of the skies, the beasts of the fields, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth, and every person who is on the surface of the land. The mountains will be thrown down and the cliffs will fall, until every wall falls to the earth.

UST

²⁰ The fish in the sea, the birds, the wild animals, and the animals that crawl on the ground, and all the people on the earth will tremble because of what I will do. Mountains will fall down, cliffs will crumble, and walls everywhere will fall to the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:21**ULT**

²¹ I will summon a sword against him on all my mountains—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—each man's sword will be against his brother.

UST

²¹ Gog, on all the mountains in the country that belongs to me I will cause your soldiers to fight against each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:22**ULT**

²² Then I will judge him by plague and blood; and overflowing rain and hailstones and burning sulfur I will rain down upon him and his troops and the many nations that are with him.

UST

²² I will punish you and your soldiers with plagues, and I will kill them. I will send down from the sky, on you and your troops who have come from many lands, huge amounts of rain, hail, and burning sulfur.

With what will Yahweh judge Gog and his troops on that day?

Yahweh will judge Gog and his troops on that day with plague, blood, flooding rains, hailstones of fire, and rains of brimstone.

Ezekiel 38:23**ULT**

²³ For I will show my greatness and my holiness and I will make myself known in the eyes of the many nations, and they will know that I am Yahweh.”

UST

²³ In this way, I will cause the people of many nations to know that I am very great, and I will show them my holiness. And they will see who I am and they will know that I am Yahweh.”

In that day, what will Yahweh show in the eyes of many nations?

In that day, Yahweh will show his greatness and holiness in the eyes of many nations.

Ezekiel 39

Ezekiel 39:1

ULT

¹ “Now you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Gog, chief of Meshech and Tubal.

UST

¹ Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, speak for me about the terrible things that will happen to Gog. Say this to him: ‘Gog, I am your enemy, you who rule Meshech and Tubal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:2

ULT

² I will turn you and lead you on; I will bring you up from the far north and bring you to the mountains of Israel.

UST

² I will turn you around and drag you and your armies from far north of Israel and send you to fight on the mountains of Israel.

To where does Yahweh say he will bring Gog, chief of Meshech and Tubal?

Yahweh says he will bring Gog to the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:3

ULT

³ Then I will knock your bow out of your left hand and make the arrows fall from your right hand.

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³ When you are there, I will snatch your bows from your left hands and cause your arrows to fall from your right hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:4**ULT**

⁴ You will fall on the mountains of Israel—you and all your troops and the soldiers who are with you. I will give you to the birds of prey and the wild beasts of the fields for food.

UST

⁴ You and all the soldiers that are with you will die on the mountains of Israel. I will give your corpses to be food for the birds that eat dead flesh, and to the wild animals.

Where will Gog fall dead?

Gog will fall dead on the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:5**ULT**

⁵ You will fall on the open field, for I myself declare it—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁵ You will die in the open fields. This will certainly happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said that it will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:6**ULT**

⁶ Then I will send out fire on Magog and on those living in safety on the coasts, and they will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

⁶ I will cause many fires to burn in Magog and to all those who live safely in the areas along their coasts, and they will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What will Yahweh do to Magog and to those living in safety on the coasts?

Yahweh will send out fire to Magog and to those living in safety on the coasts.

Ezekiel 39:7**ULT**

⁷ For I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will no longer allow my holy name to be profaned; the nations will know that I am Yahweh, the Holy One in Israel.

UST

⁷ I will enable my Israelite people to know that I am holy. I will no longer allow them to mock me, and the people groups in the other lands will know that I am Yahweh, the God whom Israel worships and honors.

What does Yahweh say he will no longer allow?

Yahweh says he will no longer allow his holy name to be profaned.

Ezekiel 39:8**ULT**

⁸ Behold! The day is coming, and it will take place—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁸ That day is fast approaching. I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that those things will happen soon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:9**ULT**

⁹ The ones living in the cities of Israel will go out and they will use weapons to kindle and make fires and burn them—small shields, large shields, bows, arrows, the clubs and spears; they will make fires with them for seven years.

UST

⁹ At that time, the people who live in the cities of Israel will go out and gather the weapons from the dead soldiers, and will use them to make fires to cook their food. They will burn the small and large shields, the bows and arrows, the war clubs, and spears. There will be enough weapons to use as firewood for seven years.

Why will the ones living in the cities of Israel not need to gather wood for seven years? (vv9-10)

They will not need to gather wood for seven years because they will burn the weapons of Gog.

Ezekiel 39:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They will not gather wood from the fields or cut down trees from the forests, since they will burn the weapons; they will take from those who wanted to take from them; they will plunder those who wanted to plunder them—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST

¹⁰ They will not need to gather firewood in the fields or cut wood from trees in the forests, because those weapons will be all the firewood that they will need. And they will take valuable things from those who took valuable things from them, and steal things from people who stole things from them. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then it will happen on that day that I will make a place there for Gog—a grave in Israel, a valley for those who journey to the east of the sea. It will block those who wish to cross over. There they will bury Gog with all his multitudes. They will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog.

UST

¹¹ At that time I will create a graveyard for you, Gog, and your soldiers, in the valley east of the Dead Sea. That graveyard will block the road that travelers usually walk on, because you, Gog and all the soldiers of your huge army will be buried there. So it will be named the Valley of Hamon Gog.

Where will Gog and all his multitudes be buried?

Gog and all his multitudes will be buried in the Valley of Hamon Gog.

Ezekiel 39:12**ULT**

¹² For seven months the house of Israel will bury them in order to purify the land.

UST

¹² For seven months the people of Israel will be burying your corpses. It will be necessary to bury all of them, in order that the land will not be defiled because of any unburied corpses.

What will the house of Israel have to do in order to purify the land?

The house of Israel will have to bury Gog and all his multitudes for seven months in order to purify the land.

Ezekiel 39:13**ULT**

¹³ For all the people of the land will bury them; it will be a memorable day for them when I am glorified—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹³ All the people of Israel will do the work of burying them. The day when I win that victory they will honor me, and they will remember that day forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then they will designate men to continually go through the land, to find those who were traveling through, but who died and their bodies remained on the surface of the land, so that they may bury them, in order to cleanse the land. At the end of the seventh month they will begin their search.

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¹⁴ After those seven months are ended, the Israelite people will designate men to go throughout the land to bury any remaining corpses, in order that the land might not remain defiled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:15**ULT**

¹⁵ As these men pass through the land, when they see any human bone, they will put a marker by it, until gravediggers come and bury it in the Valley of Hamon Gog.

UST

¹⁵ When they go through the land, whenever one of them sees a human bone, he will set up a marker beside it. When the gravediggers see the markers, they will pick up the bones and bury them in the Valley of Hamon Gog.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:16**ULT**

¹⁶ There will be a city there by the name of Hamonah. In this way they will purify the land.

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¹⁶ There will be a city there named Hamonah. And by doing this work of burying the corpses, they will cleanse the land.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Now to you, son of man, the Lord Yahweh says this: Say to all the winged birds and all the wild beasts in the fields, ‘Gather together and come. Gather from all around to the sacrifice that I myself am making for you, a large sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, so that you may consume flesh and drink blood.

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, this is what I, the Lord Yahweh, say: Summon every kind of bird and wild animal. Say to them, ‘Gather together from everywhere and come to the feast that Yahweh is preparing for you. It will be a great feast on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat men’s flesh and drink their blood.

What large sacrifice is Yahweh making on the mountains of Israel? (vv17-18)

Yahweh is making a large sacrifice of the flesh of warriors and the blood of princes of the earth on the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:18**ULT**

¹⁸ You will consume the flesh of warriors and drink the blood of the princes of the earth; they will be rams, lambs, goats, and bulls, they were all fattened in Bashan.

UST

¹⁸ You will eat the flesh of strong soldiers and drink the blood of kings as if they were fat animals from the region of Bashan—as if they were male sheep, lambs, goats, and bulls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then you will eat fat to your satisfaction; you will drink blood until drunkenness; this will be the sacrifice that I will slaughter for you.

UST

¹⁹ At the feast that Yahweh is preparing for you, you will eat fat until your stomachs are full, and you will drink blood until it is as though you are drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:20**ULT**

²⁰ You will be satisfied at my table with horse, chariot, warrior, and every man of war—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'

UST

²⁰ It will be as though you are eating at a table that I have set up for you. You will eat all you want of the flesh of horses and their riders, strong soldiers of every kind.' That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:21**ULT**

²¹ I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations will see my judgment that I perform and my hand that I have set against them.

UST

²¹ I will show people of the nations that I am powerful, and all the nations will see how I punish them.

What will all the nations see when Yahweh makes his large sacrifice on the mountains of Israel?

All the nations will see Yahweh's judgment and his hand.

Ezekiel 39:22**ULT**

²² The house of Israel will know that I am Yahweh their God from that day onward.

UST

²² At that time, the Israelite people will learn that I, Yahweh their God, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:23**ULT**

²³ The nations will know that the house of Israel went into captivity because of their iniquity by which they betrayed me, so I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries so that all of them fell by the sword.

UST

²³ And the people of the other lands will know that the Israelites had been forced to go to other countries because they sinned by not being faithful to me. I turned away from them, and I allowed their enemies to capture them and kill many of them.

Why did the house of Israel go into captivity?

The house of Israel went into captivity because of their sins.

Ezekiel 39:24**ULT**

²⁴ I did to them according to their uncleanness and their sins, when I hid my face from them.

UST

²⁴ I punished them as they deserved because of their disgusting behavior and sins, and I turned away from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:25**ULT**

²⁵ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob, and I will have compassion on all the house of Israel, when I act with zeal for my holy name.

UST

²⁵ Therefore, this is now what I, the Lord Yahweh say: I will now bring back from exile the descendants of Jacob; I will have mercy on all the Israelite people, and I will also make sure that they honor me.

What will Yahweh do for the house of Israel when he acts in zeal for his holy name?

Yahweh will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have compassion on the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then they will bear their shame and all the treason in which they betrayed me. They will forget all this when they rest in their land in safety, with no one to terrify them.

UST

²⁶ When the Israelite people are back in their own country, they will live safely in their land, with no one to cause them to be afraid. They will forget about the disgraceful and unfaithful things that they did previously.

What will the house of Israel forget when they rest in their land in safety?

The house of Israel will forget their shame and all the treason in which they betrayed Yahweh.

Ezekiel 39:27**ULT**

²⁷ When I restore them from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, I will show myself to be holy in the sight of many nations.

UST

²⁷ When I have brought them back from their enemies' countries and gathered them together in Israel, the people of many nations will know how holy I am because of what I did for my people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then they will know that I am Yahweh their God, for I sent them into captivity among the nations, but then I will gather them back to their land. I will not leave any of them among the nations.

UST

²⁸ The Israelite people will know that I, Yahweh, have done this. They will know that because I forced them to go to other countries, and then I gathered them together in their own country. I will not leave any of them in those countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:29**ULT**

²⁹ I will no longer hide my face from them when I pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST

²⁹ I will no longer turn away from them; I will give my Spirit to the Israelite people. This will certainly happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said it."

What does Yahweh declare he will do when he pours out his Spirit on the house of Israel?

Yahweh declares that when he pours out his Spirit on the house of Israel he will no longer hide his face from them.

Ezekiel 40

Ezekiel 40:1

ULT

¹ In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity at the beginning of the year on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was captured—on that same day, the hand of Yahweh was upon me and he took me there.

UST

¹ Almost twenty-five years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the tenth day of the first month of that year, almost fourteen years after Jerusalem had been destroyed, Yahweh grabbed hold of me with his power, and he took me in a vision to Israel.

For how many years had Ezekiel been a captive of the Babylonians?

Ezekiel had been a captive of the Babylonians for twenty-five years.

How many years ago had the city of Jerusalem been captured?

The city of Jerusalem had been captured fourteen years ago.

Ezekiel 40:2

ULT

² In visions from God he brought me to the land of Israel. He brought me to rest on a very high mountain; to the south were what appeared to be buildings of a city.

UST

² He set me on a very high mountain. On the south side of that mountain there were some buildings that looked like part of a city.

To where did God bring Ezekiel in visions?

God brought Ezekiel to the land of Israel in visions.

Ezekiel 40:3**ULT**

³ Then he brought me there. Behold, a man! His appearance was like the appearance of bronze. A linen cord and a measuring stick were in his hand, and he stood in the city gate.

UST

³ When he took me there, I saw a man who looked as if he had been made of bronze. He was standing inside the city gate, and he was holding a linen cord and a measuring stick in his hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:4**ULT**

⁴ The man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes and listen with your ears, and fix your mind on all that I am revealing to you, for you were brought here so I could reveal them to you. Report everything that you will see to the house of Israel."

UST

⁴ He said to me, "Son of man, look carefully at everything that I am going to show you, and pay attention to everything that I say and everything that I will show you, because that is why God brought you here. And then later you must tell the Israelite people everything that you have seen here."

What was Ezekiel told to report to the house of Israel?

Ezekiel was told to report everything that he saw to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 40:5**ULT**

⁵ There was a wall surrounding the temple area. The length of the measuring stick in the man's hand was six long cubits. Each long cubit was a cubit and a handbreadth in length. So he measured the wall, and it was one measuring stick thick and one rod high.

UST

⁵ In the vision I saw that there was a wall that completely surrounded the temple area. The measuring stick in the man's hand was three and one-tenth meters long. He measured the wall and it was three and one-tenth meters thick and three and one-tenth meters high.

In Ezekiel's vision, what was surrounding the temple complex?

In Ezekiel's vision, a wall surrounded the temple complex.

Ezekiel 40:6**ULT**

⁶ Then he went to the temple gate that faced east. He went up its steps and measured the threshold of the gate—one stick in depth. ^[1]

UST

⁶ Then he went to the gate in the temple wall on the temple's east side. He climbed the steps and measured the gateway that faced outward; it was three and one-tenth meters deep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:7**ULT**

⁷ The guard chambers were each one stick in length and one stick in width; there were five cubits between any two of the chambers, and the threshold of the temple gate by the temple portico was one stick deep.

UST

⁷ Next, there were alcoves for the temple guards, each being three and one-tenth meters long and deep. The distance of the wall between each alcove was two and three-quarters meters. The gateway that faced inward, which led to the temple portico, was also three and one-tenth meters deep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:8**ULT**

⁸ He measured the portico of the gate; it was one stick in length.

UST

⁸ Then he measured the portico that was after the gate; it was three and one-tenth meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:9**ULT**

⁹ He measured the portico of the gate. It was one stick deep. The doorposts were two cubits in width. This was the portico of the gate facing the temple.

UST

⁹ He also measured the depth, which was three and one-tenth of a meter. The doorposts on either side were one meter thick. This was the portico attached to the temple gate on the gate's inner side, facing the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:10**ULT**

¹⁰ There were three guard chambers on either side of the east gate, and each of them had the same measurement, and the walls that separated them had the same measurement.

UST

¹⁰ Inside the east gate there were three alcoves for guards on each side of the gate. They all had the same length and depth. And the distance of wall between them was the same.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then the man measured the width of the gateway entrance—ten cubits; and he measured the length of the gateway entrance—thirteen cubits.

UST

¹¹ Then he measured the opening of the gate; it was five and two-fifths meters wide, and the entrance from the gate was seven meters long.

What did the man who looked like bronze measure the width of the gateway entrance to be?

The man measured the width of the gateway entrance to be ten cubits.

Ezekiel 40:12**ULT**

¹² He measured the wall that was bordering the front of the chambers—one cubit high. The chambers measured six cubits on each side.

UST

¹² Running along in front of the alcoves was a low wall one-half meter high. Each of the alcoves was three and one-tenth meters long on all sides.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:13**ULT**

¹³ Then he measured the gateway from the roof of one chamber to that of the next chamber—twenty-five cubits, from the entrance of the first chamber to that of the second.

UST

¹³ Then the man measured the gateway's width from the roof of the alcove on one side, to the roof of the alcove on the other side. The distance was 13 and one-half, from one alcove's entrance to that of the other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then he measured the wall that went between the guard chambers—sixty cubits in length; he measured as far as the gate's portico.

UST

¹⁴ Then the man measured along the wall that separated the alcoves from each other; it was thirty-two meters long. He measured them as far as the gate's portico.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The entrance from the front of the gate to the other end of the gate's portico was fifty cubits.

UST

¹⁵ The distance from the entrance of the gate to the far end of its portico was twenty-seven meters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:16**ULT**

¹⁶ There were closed windows toward the chambers and toward their pillars within the gates all around; and likewise for the porches. There were windows all around the inside, and each jamb was decorated with palm trees.

UST

¹⁶ There were narrow windows in the walls of all the alcoves, and also in the inner walls between the alcoves. The portico also had these same windows on its inner side. The wall that ran between the alcoves was decorated with carvings of palm trees.

What did Ezekiel see carved on the walls?

Ezekiel saw carvings of palm trees on the walls.

Ezekiel 40:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then the man brought me to the outer courtyard of the temple. Behold, there were rooms, and there was pavement in the courtyard, with thirty rooms next to the pavement.

UST

¹⁷ Then the man brought me to the temple's outer courtyard. There I saw some rooms, and a stone pavement in the courtyard. There were thirty rooms facing the courtyard.

Where did the man who looked like bronze take Ezekiel after measuring in the area of the gate?

The man took Ezekiel to the outer courtyard of the temple.

Ezekiel 40:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The pavement went up to the side of the gates, and its width was the same as the gates' length. This was the lower pavement.

UST

¹⁸ The stone pavement was all around the courtyard, and it extended out from the walls into the courtyard for the same distance as the gate entrances. That was the lower pavement.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then the man measured the distance from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner gate; it was one hundred cubits on the east side, and the same on the north side.

UST

¹⁹ Then the man measured the distance across the outer courtyard of the temple, between the outer gate and inner courtyard; it was fifty-four meters on the east side, and the same distance on the north side of the courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then he measured the length and width of the gate that was at the north of the outer court.

UST

²⁰ Then he measured how long and how wide was the gateway on the north side, which was an entrance into the outer courtyard of the temple complex.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:21**ULT**

²¹ There were three chambers on either side of that gate, and the gate and its portico measured the same as the main gate—fifty cubits in total length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

²¹ There were three alcoves for guards on each side of that gateway. From the gateway to the end of its portico was twenty-seven meters, and they were thirteen and one-half meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:22**ULT**

²² Its windows, portico, chambers, and its palm trees corresponded to the gate that faced east. Seven steps went up to it and to its portico.

UST

²² It had the same windows, portico, guard alcoves, and palm tree decorations as the east gate had. Like the east gate, there were seven steps leading up to it and its portico.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:23**ULT**

²³ There was a gate to the inner courtyard in front of the gate facing north, just as also there was a gate to the east; the man measured from one gate to the other gate—one hundred cubits in distance.

UST

²³ Across the outer courtyard from the north gate was a gate leading to the inner courtyard, just as there was on the east side. The man measured the distance from the north gate to the gate leading to the inner courtyard; it was fifty-four meters in distance.

Through what did a person have to go in order to enter the inner courtyard?

A person had to go through a gate in order to enter the inner courtyard.

Ezekiel 40:24**ULT**

²⁴ Next the man brought me to the gate of the southern entrance, and its walls and portico measured the same as the other outer gates.

UST

²⁴ Then he brought me through the south gateway into the inner courtyard, and he measured the entrance. It measured the same as the other gateways. Its alcoves, its walls between the alcoves, and its entry room measured the same as the ones on the other sides.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:25**ULT**

²⁵ There were closed windows in the gateway and its portico just as at that gate. The south gate and its portico measured fifty cubits in length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

²⁵ The gateway and its portico had narrow windows along the walls, as on the other sides. The gateway and its portico measured twenty-five meters long and thirteen and one-half wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:26**ULT**

²⁶ There were seven steps up to the gate and its portico, and there were carvings of palm trees on the walls on either side.

UST

²⁶ There were seven steps leading up to that gate and its portico. It also had carvings of palm trees on the walls that were between the rooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:27**ULT**

²⁷ There was a gate to the inner courtyard on the southern side, and the man measured from that gate to the gate of the south entrance—one hundred cubits in distance.

UST

²⁷ Across the outer courtyard from the south gate was a gate opening onto the inner courtyard. The man measured from that gateway to the entrance on the south side of the outer courtyard; it was also fifty-four meters in distance.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by way of its southern gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates.

UST

²⁸ Then the man brought me through the south entrance into the inner courtyard, and he measured the south entrance. It measured the same as the other gates.

How did the gates to the inner courtyard compare in size? (vv28-29)

The gates of the inner courtyard all had the same measurements.

Ezekiel 40:29**ULT**

²⁹ Its chambers, walls, and porticos measured the same as the other gates; there were windows all around in the portico. The inner gate and its portico measured fifty cubits in length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

²⁹ He measured its alcoves, its walls, and its portico with the same measuring standards he had been using. The gate and its portico had windows all around. The gate and its portico measured twenty-seven meters long and thirteen and one-half wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:30**ULT**

³⁰ There were also porticos all around the inner wall; these were twenty-five cubits in length and five cubits in width.

UST

³⁰ The porticos of the inner gates, which led to the inner courtyard, were about thirteen and one-half meters long and two and three-quarters meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:31**ULT**

³¹ This portico faced the outer courtyard with carved palm trees on its walls and eight steps going up to it.

UST

³¹ The portico's entrance faced the outer courtyard. Carvings of palm trees decorated the walls, and there were eight steps leading up to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:32**ULT**

³² Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by the eastern way and measured the gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates.

UST

³² Then the man led me to the east side of the inner courtyard, and he measured the gate. It had the same measurements as the other gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:33**ULT**

³³ Its chambers, walls, and portico measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The inner gate and its portico measured fifty cubits in length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

³³ Its alcoves, walls, and portico measured the same as the others. The gate and its portico had windows all around. The gate and its portico measured twenty-seven meters long and thirteen and one-half wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:34**ULT**

³⁴ Its portico faced the outer courtyard; it had palm trees on either side of it and eight steps going up it.

UST

³⁴ Its portico faced the outer courtyard. It also had carvings of palm trees decorating the walls, and it had eight steps leading up to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:35**ULT**

³⁵ Next the man brought me to the northern gate and measured it; it measured the same as the other gates.

UST

³⁵ Then he led me to the entrance on the north side and measured it. It measured the same as the other entrances.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:36**ULT**

³⁶ Its chambers, walls, and portico measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The gateway and its portico measured fifty cubits in length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

³⁶ And its alcoves and walls between them and the entry room all had small windows in the walls. It all measured the same as the other gates. The gate and its portico measured twenty-seven meters long and thirteen and one-half meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:37**ULT**

³⁷ Its portico faced the outer courtyard; it had palm trees on either side of it and eight steps going up it.

UST

³⁷ Its portico faced the outer courtyard. It also had carvings of palm trees decorating the walls, and it had eight steps leading up to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:38**ULT**

³⁸ There was a room with a door by each of the inner gateways. This was where they rinsed the burnt offerings.

UST

³⁸ In each of the inner entrances there was a room with a door. They were rooms where the carcasses of the animals that were to be completely burned on the altar were washed.

For what were the rooms with doors by each of the inner gateways used?

The rooms with doors by each of the inner gateways were used to rinse the burnt offerings.

Ezekiel 40:39**ULT**

³⁹ There were two tables on each side of each portico, on which the burnt offering was slaughtered, and also the sin offering and the guilt offering.

UST

³⁹ In each portico were four tables, two on each side. On those tables would be slaughtered the animals that were to be completely burned, also the animals for offerings of sins that people had committed, and offerings that acknowledged their guilt for having sinned against other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ By the wall of the courtyard, going up to the gate to the north, there were two tables. Also on the other side there were two tables at the gate's portico.

UST

⁴⁰ Just outside the inner courtyard, to the left of the steps leading up to its north gate, there were two tables, and to the right of the steps were two more tables.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:41**ULT**

⁴¹ There were four tables on either side by the gate; they slaughtered animals on the eight tables.

UST

⁴¹ There were four tables on the outer side of each inner courtyard gate, and there were also four tables on the inner side. The animals to be sacrificed were slaughtered on these tables.

For what were the four tables on either side of each gate used?

The four tables on either side of each gate were used for slaughtering animals.

Ezekiel 40:42**ULT**

⁴² There were four tables of cut stone for the burnt offerings, one and a half cubits in length, one and a half cubits in width, and one cubit tall. On them they laid the tools with which they slaughtered the burnt offerings for the sacrifices.

UST

⁴² There were also four tables of cut stone for the preparation of the offerings that were to be completely burned, four-fifths of a meter long on each side and one-half meter high. The priests would put on those stone tables the tools for slaughtering all the animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:43**ULT**

⁴³ Two-pronged hooks a handbreadth in length were fastened in the portico all around, and the flesh of the offerings would be put on the tables.

UST

⁴³ The meat for the offerings would be placed on those stone tables. There were hooks on which the meat was hung, each with two prongs, each eight centimeters long, fastened to the walls of the porticos.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ On the outside of the inner gate, within the inner courtyard, were singers' chambers, one on the north side facing south, and the other on the south side facing north.

UST

⁴⁴ Outside two of the inner gateways, on the inner courtyard side, there were rooms for those who led in singing during the worship, one on the north side and one on the south side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ Then the man said to me, "This room facing south is for the priests who are on duty in the temple.

UST

⁴⁵ The man said to me, "The room whose door faces south is for the priests who are working in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ The room facing north is for the priests on duty at the altar. These are the sons of Zadok who come near to Yahweh to serve him; they are among the sons of Levi."

UST

⁴⁶ The room whose door faces north is for the priests who are in charge of the work at the altar. They are the descendants of Zadok; they are the only descendants of Levi who are permitted to approach Yahweh while they work for him."

Whose sons were serving as priests in the temple?

The sons of Zadok were serving as priests in the temple.

Ezekiel 40:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ Next he measured the courtyard—one hundred cubits in length and one hundred cubits in width in a square, with the altar in front of the house.

UST

⁴⁷ Then he measured the courtyard; it was square, fifty-four meters long and fifty-four meters wide. The altar was in front of the sanctuary.

How large was the inner courtyard?

The inner courtyard was one hundred cubits long and wide in a square.

Ezekiel 40:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ Then the man brought me to the portico of the house and measured its doorposts—they were five cubits thick on either side. The entryway itself was fourteen cubits in width, and the walls on each side of it were three cubits in width. ^[2]

UST

⁴⁸ Then he brought me to the portico of the sanctuary and measured the doorposts and their walls on each side of the entrance; they were about two and three-quarters meters thick. The doorway was seven meters wide, and the sides on each side of it were one and three-fifths meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ The length of the portico was twenty cubits, and its depth was eleven cubits. There were steps that went up to it and columns that stood on either side of it. ^{[3][4]}

40:6 ^[1], the Hebrew text reads in addition: . Many modern versions, however, leave this expression out, because it seems to be a repetition of preceding text.

40:48 ^[2], the Hebrew text reads , but this seems to be a mistake, judging from the preceding words in this verse.

40:49 ^[3], some ancient and modern versions read .

40:49 ^[4], some ancient and modern versions read .

UST

⁴⁹ The portico was eleven meters wide, and its depth was six meters on each side. There were steps leading up to it, and there were columns on each side of the portico.

What stood on either side of the sanctuary's portico?

Columns stood on either side of the sanctuary's portico.

Ezekiel 41

Ezekiel 41:1

ULT

¹ Then the man brought me into the temple's holy place and measured the doorposts—six cubits in width on either side. ^[1]

UST

¹ Then in the vision the man brought me to into the holy place in the temple and measured the doorposts on either side of the entrance; they were each three and one-tenth meters wide.

To where did the man bring Ezekiel?

The man brought Ezekiel into the temple's holy place.

Ezekiel 41:2

ULT

² The width of the doorway was ten cubits; the wall on each side was five cubits in length. Then the man measured the dimensions of the holy place—forty cubits in length and twenty cubits in width.

UST

² The entrance was five and two-fifths meters wide, and the walls of each side of it were two and three-quarters meters long. He also measured the holy place. It was twenty-two meters long and eleven meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:3

ULT

³ Then the man went into the very holy place and measured the posts of the doorway—two cubits, and the doorway was six cubits in width. The walls on either side were seven cubits in width.

UST

³ Then he entered the inner room of the temple, the very holy place, and measured the walls to either side of the entrance; each was one meter wide. The doorway was three and one-tenth meters wide, and each of the walls on each side of the entrance was three and four-fifths meters long.

Where did the man go next?

The man went next into the very holy place.

Ezekiel 41:4**ULT**

⁴ Then he measured the room's length—twenty cubits. Its width—twenty cubits to the front of the temple hall. Then he said to me, "This is the most holy place."

UST

⁴ Then he measured the inner room; it was eleven meters long and eleven meters wide. Then he said to me, "This is the very holy place."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the man measured the wall of the house—it was six cubits thick. The width of each side room around the house was four cubits in width.

UST

⁵ Then he measured the wall of the temple; it was three and one-tenth meters thick. There was a row of rooms along the outside wall of the temple. Each of those rooms was two meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:6**ULT**

⁶ There were side rooms on three levels, one room above another, thirty rooms on each level. There were ledges around the wall of the house, to support all of the side rooms, for there was no support put in the wall of the house.

UST

⁶ There were three stories of rooms, with thirty rooms on each story. There were ledges all around the wall of the temple that were supports for the side rooms above. There were no extra supports built into the sanctuary wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:7**ULT**

⁷ So the side rooms widened and went around going up, for the house went around higher and higher all around; the rooms widened as the house went up, and a stairway went up to the highest level, through the middle level.

UST

⁷ Each of the side rooms was wider than the one below it. The most narrow rooms were built first, at the bottom. Then a wider set of rooms was built over it, and the widest set was at the top. A set of stairs was built from the lowest level through the middle level to the highest level.

How would someone get to the highest level of the house?

To get to the highest level of the house, there was a stairway that went up through the middle level.

Ezekiel 41:8**ULT**

⁸ Then I saw a raised part all around the house, the foundation for the side chambers; it measured a full stick in height—six cubits.

UST

⁸ I saw that there was a terrace around the temple. The terrace was the foundation for those side rooms; it was three and one-tenth meters high.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:9**ULT**

⁹ The width of the wall of the side rooms on the outside was five cubits. There was an open space to the outside of these rooms in the sanctuary.

UST

⁹ The outer wall of those side rooms was two and three-quarters meters thick. All around the sanctuary there was an open area between those side rooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:10**ULT**

¹⁰ On the other side of this open space were the priests' outer side rooms; this space was twenty cubits in width all around the sanctuary.

UST

¹⁰ The open areas were near the priests' rooms that were surrounding the courtyard; there was a distance of eleven meters between the two sets of side rooms all around the sanctuary.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:11**ULT**

¹¹ There were doors into the side rooms from another open space—one doorway was on the north side, and the other on the south side. The width of this open area was five cubits all around.

UST

¹¹ There were two doors from those side rooms into another open area; one faced north and one faced south. This open area was two and three-quarters meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:12**ULT**

¹² The building that faced the courtyard on the west side was seventy cubits in width. Its wall measured five cubits thick all around, and it was ninety cubits in length.

UST

¹² There was a large building on the west side of the temple area. It was thirty-eight meters wide, and it had a wall two and three-quarters meters thick and forty-nine meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:13**ULT**

¹³ Then the man measured the sanctuary—one hundred cubits in length. The separated building, its wall, and the courtyard also measured one hundred cubits in length.

UST

¹³ Then the man measured the temple. It was fifty-four meters long, and the temple courtyard, where the large building was, was fifty-four meters wide. The building and its wall measured the same.

What was the size of the sanctuary and the width of the front of the courtyard in front of the sanctuary? (vv13-14)

The sanctuary and the front of the courtyard were both one hundred cubits.

Ezekiel 41:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The width of the front of the courtyard in front of the sanctuary was also one hundred cubits.

UST

¹⁴ The courtyard on the east side of the temple, across the front of the temple, was also fifty-four meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the man measured the length of the building behind the sanctuary, to its west, and the galleries on either side—one hundred cubits. The holy place and the portico,

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¹⁵ Then he measured the building on the west side. Including its walls, it was also fifty-four meters long. The outer walls of the holy place, of the very holy place, and the portico,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:16**ULT**

¹⁶ the inner walls and the windows, including the narrow windows, and the galleries all around on three levels, were all paneled in wood.

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¹⁶ the inner walls above and below the narrow windows, and the galleries on all the storys—all these things were covered with thin panels of wood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Above the entryway to the inner sanctuary and spaced along the walls there was a measured pattern.

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¹⁷ All the walls inside the temple were decorated with carvings of winged creatures and palm trees; between each figure of a winged creature was a carving of a palm tree.

What was above the entryway to the inner sanctuary?

Above the entryway to the inner sanctuary there was a measured pattern.

Ezekiel 41:18**ULT**

¹⁸ It was decorated with cherubim and palm trees; with a palm tree between each cherub, and each cherub had two faces:

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¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Each winged creature had two faces. One face was the face of a human, and one was the face of a lion. Those figures were carved on the walls all around the inside of the temple, and each face looked at the carving of a palm tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:19**ULT**

¹⁹ the face of a man looked toward a palm tree on one side, and the face of a young lion looked toward a palm tree on the other side. They were carved all around the entire house.

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¹⁹

What two faces did each cherub have?

Each cherub had the face of a man and the face of a young lion.

Ezekiel 41:20**ULT**

²⁰ From the ground to above the doorway, cherubim and palm trees were carved on the outer wall of the house.

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²⁰ They covered all the walls, from the floor to the wall above the entryway.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:21**ULT**

²¹ The gate posts of the holy place were square. Their appearance was like the appearance of

UST

²¹ At the entrance to the main room of the temple there were square doorposts, all the same in appearance.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:22**ULT**

²² the wooden altar in front of the holy place, which was three cubits high and two cubits in length on each side. Its corner posts, base, and frame were made of wood. Then the man said to me, "This is the table that stands before Yahweh."^[2]

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²² In front of the very holy place there was a wooden altar. It was one and three-fifths meters high and one meter wide on all four sides. Its corners and base and sides were all made of wood. The man said to me, "This is the table that is in the presence of Yahweh."

What did the man say about the wooden altar in front of the holy place?

The man said that the wooden altar was the table that stood before Yahweh.

Ezekiel 41:23**ULT**

²³ There were double doors for the holy place and the most holy place.

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²³ The holy place and the very holy place had folding doors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:24**ULT**

²⁴ These doors had two hinged door panels each, two panels for one door and two panels for the other.

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²⁴ Each door consisted of two parts that swung on hinges.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:25**ULT**

²⁵ Carved on them—on the doors of the holy place—were cherubim and palm trees just as the walls were decorated, and there was a wooden roof over the portico at the front.

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²⁵ On these doors there were carvings of winged creatures and palm trees. There was also a wooden roof over the front portico of the sanctuary.

What was carved on the doors of the holy place?

Cherubim and palm trees were carved on the doors of the holy place.

Ezekiel 41:26**ULT**

²⁶ There were narrow windows and palm trees on either side of the portico. These were the side rooms of the house, and they also had overhanging roofs.

41:1 ^[1], most ancient copies and some modern versions add .

41:22 ^[2], some modern versions have .

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²⁶ On the side walls of the portico were narrow windows with figures of palm trees carved on the sides of the windows. The side rooms around the temple also had projecting roofs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42

Ezekiel 42:1

ULT

¹ Next the man sent me out to the outer courtyard on the north side, and he brought me to rooms in front of the outer courtyard and the northern outer wall.

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¹ Then in the vision the man led me out of the inner courtyard, through the gate on the north side. We entered the outer courtyard and came to rooms that were facing the northern outer wall.

To which part of the temple did the man send Ezekiel?

The man sent Ezekiel to the outer courtyard on the north side.

Ezekiel 42:2

ULT

² Those rooms were one hundred cubits along their front and fifty cubits in width.

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² The building with those rooms was fifty-four meters long and twenty-seven meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:3

ULT

³ Some of those rooms faced the inner courtyard and were twenty cubits away from the sanctuary. There were three levels of rooms, and the ones above looked down on the ones below and were open to them, having a walkway. Some of the rooms looked out onto the outer courtyard.

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³ In that building there was one group of rooms that faced the inner courtyard. The distance between those rooms and the sanctuary, the main temple building, was eleven meters. These rooms were built on three stories. Each set of rooms had a walkway over the set of rooms below it. There were rooms that overlooked the open area of the outer courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:4**ULT**

⁴ A passage ten cubits in width and one hundred cubits in length ran in front of the rooms. The rooms' doors were toward the north. ^[1]

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⁴ To one side of the rooms was a walkway that was five and two-fifths meters wide and fifty-four meters long. All the doors of the rooms were on their north side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:5**ULT**

⁵ But the upper halls were smaller, for the walkways took away from them more space than they did in the lowest and middle levels of the building.

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⁵ Each set of rooms was narrower than the set of rooms below them, because each upper set had a walkway in front.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:6**ULT**

⁶ For the halls on the third story had no columns, unlike the courtyards, which did have columns. So the highest level's rooms were smaller in size compared to the rooms in the lowest and middle levels.

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⁶ The rooms on the upper levels had no pillars to support them as there were in the courtyard, because those rooms were supported by the walls of the rooms below.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:7**ULT**

⁷ The outside wall ran along the rooms toward the outer courtyard, the courtyard that was in front of the rooms. That wall was fifty cubits in length.

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⁷ The outer wall ran parallel to the rooms that faced the outer courtyard; this part of the outer wall was twenty-seven meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:8**ULT**

⁸ The length of the rooms of the outer courtyard was fifty cubits, and the rooms facing the sanctuary were one hundred cubits in length.

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⁸ The row of rooms that was along the outer courtyard was twenty-seven meters long, and the row of rooms that faced the temple was fifty-four meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:9**ULT**

⁹ There was an entrance to the lowest rooms from the east side, coming from the outer courtyard.

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⁹ The bottom story had an entrance on its east side, coming from the outer courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Along the wall of the outer courtyard on the eastern side of the outer courtyard, in front of the sanctuary's inner courtyard, there were also rooms ^[2]

UST

¹⁰ On the eastern side, along the outer wall of the outer courtyard, next to the temple courtyard, there was also a set of rooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:11**ULT**

¹¹ with a walkway in front of them. They were as the appearance of the rooms on the northern side. They had the same length and breadth and the same exits and arrangements and doors.

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¹¹ There was a walkway in front of them. These rooms were like the rooms on the north side. They had the same length and width, and also the same kind of entrances.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:12**ULT**

¹² On the south side were doors into rooms that were just the same as on the north side. A passage on the inside had a door at its head, and the passage opened into the various rooms. On the east side there was a doorway into the passage at one end.

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¹² There were also doorways into rooms on the south side that were similar to what was on the north side. There was an inside passage with an outer door; the passage had doors into all the rooms. At the east end of the passage was an outside door leading into it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:13**ULT**

¹³ Then the man said to me, “The northern rooms and the southern rooms that are in front of the outer courtyard are holy rooms where the priests who work nearest to Yahweh may eat the most holy food. They will put the most holy things there—the food offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering—for this is a holy place.

UST

¹³ Then the man said to me, “The rooms on the northern and southern sides that overlook the temple sanctuary are only for Yahweh’s special purposes. Here the priests who offer sacrifices to Yahweh will eat their portions of those offerings. Because these rooms are special, they will be used to store the offerings for Yahweh: The flour for the flour offerings, for the offerings for the sins that people have committed, and for the offerings that people make for their sins.

For what did the man say the northern and southern rooms in front of the outer courtyard were used?

In those rooms the priests ate the most holy food, and put the most holy things.

What were the most holy things of the priests?

The most holy things of the priests were the food offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering.

What kind of place did the man say the northern and southern rooms were?

The man said the northern and southern rooms were holy places.

Ezekiel 42:14**ULT**

¹⁴ When the priests enter there, they must not go out of the holy place to the outer court, without laying aside the clothes in which they served, since these are holy. So they must dress in other clothes before going near the people.”

UST

¹⁴ When the priests leave the temple, they will not be allowed to immediately enter the outer courtyard. First they must remove the clothes that they had been wearing inside the holy place, because those clothes are special, reserved for their work. They must put on other clothes before they enter the parts of the temple area where the other people gather.”

What did the priests have to do before going near the people?

The priests had to dress in other clothes before going near the people.

Ezekiel 42:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The man completed measuring the inner house and then took me out to the gate that faced the east and measured all the surrounding area there.

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¹⁵ When the man had finished measuring the inside of the temple area, he led me out through the east entrance and measured all the surrounding area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He measured the east side with a measuring stick—five hundred cubits with the measuring stick. ^[3]

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¹⁶⁻¹⁹ He measured the four sides of the area. There was a wall around the area that was two-hundred and seventy meters long on each side.

What was the length of each side; north, south east and west? (vv16-19)

Each side was five hundred cubits long

Ezekiel 42:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He measured the north side—five hundred cubits with the measuring stick. ^[4]

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¹⁷

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:18**ULT**

¹⁸ He also measured the south side—five hundred cubits with the measuring stick. ^[5]

UST

¹⁸

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He also turned and measured the west side—five hundred cubits with the measuring stick. ^[6]

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¹⁹

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:20**ULT**

²⁰ He measured it on four sides. It had a wall around it that was five hundred cubits in length, and five hundred cubits in width, to separate the holy from that which is common.

42:4 ^[1] . Ancient Hebrew copies and some modern versions read .

42:10 ^[2] . However, some ancient copies and most modern versions read .

42:16 ^[3] , which some ancient and most modern versions read, Hebrew reads , which seems to be an error.

42:17 ^[4] which some ancient and most modern versions read, Hebrew reads , which seems to be an error.

42:18 ^[5] , which some ancient and most modern versions read, Hebrew reads , which seems to be an error.

42:19 ^[6] , which some ancient and most modern versions read, Hebrew reads , which seems to be an error.

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²⁰ He measured the wall that separated what was sacred from the areas that were not sacred on four sides. The wall was five hundred cubits long and five hundred cubits wide.

What two things did the east gate separate between?

The east gate separated between the holy and the not holy.

Ezekiel 43

Ezekiel 43:1

ULT

¹ The man then brought me to the gate that opened to the east.

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¹ Then the man brought me to the entrance on the east side.

To which place did the man then bring Ezekiel?

The man then brought Ezekiel to the gate that opened to the east.

Ezekiel 43:2

ULT

² Behold! The glory of the God of Israel came from the east; his voice was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory.

UST

² Suddenly I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. The sound of his coming was like the roar of a rushing river, and all that area shone with his glory.

What did Ezekiel see and from what direction did it come?

Ezekiel saw the glory of the God of Israel come from the east.

Ezekiel 43:3

ULT

³ It was according to the appearance of the vision that I saw, according to the vision that I saw when he had come ^[1] to destroy the city, and the visions were like the vision that I saw at the Kebar Canal—and I fell to my face.

UST

³ What I saw in this vision was like what I had seen in my earlier visions, first by the Kebar Canal and later when God came to destroy Jerusalem. I prostrated myself on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:4**ULT**

⁴ So the glory of Yahweh came to the house by way of the gate that opened to the east.

UST

⁴ The glory of Yahweh entered the temple through the east entrance,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court. Behold! The glory of Yahweh was filling the house.

UST

⁵ and then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner courtyard, while the glory of Yahweh filled the temple.

How did Ezekiel get to the inner court?

The Spirit lifted Ezekiel up and brought him to the inner court.

Ezekiel 43:6**ULT**

⁶ The man was standing beside me, and I heard someone else speaking to me from the house.

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⁶ Then, while the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speak to me from inside the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:7**ULT**

⁷ He said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live in the midst of the people of Israel forever. The house of Israel will no longer profane my holy name—they or their kings—with their faithlessness or with the corpses of their kings at their high places.

UST

⁷ He said, “Son of man, this is my temple, the place where I sit on my throne and where I rest my feet. This is where I will live with the Israelite people forever. The Israelite people and their kings will never again disgrace me by worshiping other gods at their hilltop places of idol worship, or by building lifeless idols of their past kings.

What did Yahweh say he would do in the inner court?

Yahweh said he would place his throne there and would live in the midst of the people of Israel there forever.

Ezekiel 43:8**ULT**

⁸ They will no longer profane my holy name by putting their threshold next to my threshold, and their gateposts next to my gateposts, with nothing but a wall between me and them. They profaned my holy name with their disgusting actions, so I consumed them with my anger.

UST

⁸ Your people placed their altars near mine, and the doorposts of their temples were next to the doorposts of my temple. There was only a wall between them. And they disgraced me by the detestable things that they did. So I was angry and destroyed them.

In what way would the people of Israel no longer profane Yahweh’s holy name?

The people of Israel would no longer profane Yahweh’s holy name by putting the thresholds of their shrines next to Yahweh’s.

Ezekiel 43:9**ULT**

⁹ Now let them remove their faithlessness and the corpses of their kings from before me, and I will live in their midst forever.

UST

⁹ Now they must stop this disgusting worship of idols and these rituals to honor kings’ idols. If they stop doing those things, I will live among them forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Son of man, you yourself must tell the house of Israel about this house so they will be ashamed of their iniquities. They should think about this description.

UST

¹⁰ Son of man, describe to the Israelite people what this temple that I have shown you in a vision is like, in order that they will be ashamed of the sins.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do about the house he had seen in the vision?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to tell the house of Israel about the house he had seen in the vision.

What would Israel have to do in order for Ezekiel to reveal to them the design of the house? (vv10-11)

Israel would have to be ashamed of their sins in order for Ezekiel to reveal to them the design of the house.

Ezekiel 43:11**ULT**

¹¹ For if they are ashamed of all that they have done, then reveal to them the design of the house, its details, its exits, its entrances, and all its designs, all its decrees and rules. Then write this down before their eyes so they will keep to all its design and all its rules, so as to obey them.

UST

¹¹ If they are ashamed of all the evil things that they have done, tell them all about the temple that I showed you: Its design, the exits and entrances, and everything else about it. And tell them all my laws and regulations about worshipping me there. Write all these things down while they watch you, in order that they will be able to faithfully obey them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:12**ULT**

¹² This is the regulation for the house: From the peak of the hill to all the surrounding border around it, it will be most holy. Behold! This is the regulation for the house.

UST

¹² And this is the supreme law about the temple: All of the area on top of the hill where the temple will be built must be kept sacred and holy.

What did Yahweh say was the regulation for the house?

Yahweh said the regulation for the house was that it would be most holy.

Ezekiel 43:13**ULT**

¹³ These will be the measurements of the altar in cubits—that cubit being a regular cubit and a handbreadth in length. So the gutter around the altar will be a cubit deep, and its width will also be a cubit. The border around its surrounding edge will be one span. This will be the base of the altar.

UST

¹³ These are the measurements of the altar, using the same kind of measuring stick that was used for the temple area: There is a gutter around the altar that is one-half meter deep and one-half meter wide. There is a rim around it that is twenty-three centimeters wide. This will compose the base for the rest of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:14**ULT**

¹⁴ From the gutter at the ground level up to the lower ledge of the altar is two cubits, and that ledge itself is one cubit in width. Then from the small ledge up to the large edge of the altar, it is four cubits, and the large edge is a cubit in width.

UST

¹⁴ The lower part of the gutter is one meter high to the lower ledge that surrounds the altar. The lower ledge is one-half meter wide. From that ledge to the upper ledge, it is two meters. That ledge is also one-half meter wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The hearth on the altar for the burnt offerings is four cubits high, and there are four horns pointing upward on the hearth.

UST

¹⁵ The hearth at the top of the altar is another two meters high, and there is a hornlike projection that juts up from each of the four corners.

For what would the hearth on the altar be used?

The hearth on the altar would be used for the burnt offerings.

What things pointed upward on the hearth?

There were four horns pointing upward on the hearth.

Ezekiel 43:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The hearth is twelve cubits in length and twelve cubits in width, a square.

UST

¹⁶ That place at the top of the altar is square, six and one-half meters long on each side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Its border is fourteen cubits in length and fourteen cubits in width on each of its four sides, and its rim is a half cubit in width. The gutter is a cubit in width all around with its steps facing east.”

UST

¹⁷ The upper ledge that borders the hearth is also a square, seven and three-fifths meters long on each side, and has a rim all around that is twenty-seven centimeters wide. There is a gutter measuring one-half meter at the bottom of the altar. There are steps leading up to the east side of the altar.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Next he said to me, “Son of man, the Lord Yahweh says this: These are the regulations for the altar on the day they make it, for raising the burnt offering onto it, and for sprinkling blood on it.

UST

¹⁸ Then the man said to me, “Son of man, this is what Yahweh the Lord says: These are the regulations for sacrificing offerings that will be completely burned and for sprinkling the blood against the sides of the altar when it is built:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You will give a bull from the cattle as a sin offering for the Levitical priests who are the descendants of Zadok, those who come near to me to serve me—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹⁹ You must present to the priests a young bull to be an offering for the sins of the priests, the descendants of Levi, from the clan of Zadok, who come near to the altar to serve me.

What did Yahweh say would be the sin offering for the Levitical priests on the first day?

Yahweh said a bull from the cattle would be a sin offering for the Levitical priests on the first day.

Whose descendants would serve as the Levitical priests at this altar?

The descendants of Zadok would serve as Levitical priests at this altar.

Ezekiel 43:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then you will take some of its blood and place it on the altar's four horns and the four sides of its edge and on the surrounding rim; you will cleanse it and make atonement for it.

UST

²⁰ You must take some of the blood from the bull and smear it on the four projections of the altar and on the four corners of the upper ledge, and all around the rim, so I will accept the altar, and to make the altar belong only to me.

What would placing the blood on the altar do for it?

Placing the blood on the altar would cleanse it and make atonement for it.

Ezekiel 43:21**ULT**

²¹ Then take the bull for the sin offering and burn it in the appointed part of the temple area outside of the sanctuary.

UST

²¹ You must burn that bull outside the temple in the part of the temple area designated for that purpose.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:22**ULT**

²² Then on the second day you will offer a male goat without blemish from the goats as a sin offering; the priests will cleanse the altar just as they cleansed it with the bull.

UST

²² The next day you must offer a male goat that has no defects, to be an offering, so I will accept the altar. Then you must purify the altar again, as you did with the bull that was sacrificed.

What did Yahweh say would be the sin offering for the Levitical priests on the second day?

Yahweh said a male goat without blemish would be a sin offering for the Levitical priests on the second day.

Ezekiel 43:23**ULT**

²³ When you finish its cleansing, offer an unblemished bull from the cattle and an unblemished ram from the flock.

UST

²³ When you have finished doing all that, you must offer a young bull and a ram, both of them without any defects.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:24**ULT**

²⁴ Offer them before Yahweh; the priests will throw salt onto them and raise them up as a burnt offering to Yahweh.

UST

²⁴ You must offer them to me, Yahweh. The priests must sprinkle salt on them and burn them completely on the altar as a sacrifice to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:25**ULT**

²⁵ You must prepare a male goat as a sin offering daily for seven days, and the priests must also prepare an unblemished bull of the cattle and unblemished ram from the flock.

UST

²⁵ Then, each day for seven days you must bring to the priest a male goat to be sacrificed for an offering, so I will accept the altar. You must also sacrifice a young bull and a ram, each without any defect, that the priests will provide.

What would the priests have to do for seven days in order to atone for the altar? (vv25-26)

The priests would have to prepare an unblemished bull and an unblemished ram as a burnt offering to atone for the altar.

Ezekiel 43:26**ULT**

²⁶ They must atone for the altar for seven days and purify it, and in this way they must consecrate it.

UST

²⁶ For seven days the priests will consecrate the altar, so I will accept the altar. By doing that they will set it apart for my honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:27**ULT**

²⁷ They must complete these days, and on the eighth day and onward it will come about that the priests will prepare your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar, and I will accept you—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

43:3 ^[1] which some Hebrew manuscripts and some ancient and many modern versions have, the other Hebrew manuscripts have .

UST

²⁷ At the end of those seven days, starting on the following day, the priests will continue to put on the altar offerings to be completely burned and offerings to promise friendship with me. Then I will accept you. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare."

On the eighth day and onward, what did Yahweh declare he would do?

On the eighth day and onward, Yahweh declared he would accept them.

Ezekiel 44

Ezekiel 44:1

ULT

¹ Then the man brought me back to the outer sanctuary gate that faced east; it was closed tightly.

UST

¹ Then the man brought me back to the outer entrance to the temple area, the one on the east side, but the gate was shut.

To where did the man bring Ezekiel?

The man brought Ezekiel back to the outer sanctuary gate that faced east.

What had been done to the east gate, and why? (vv1-2)

The east gate had been sealed shut, because Yahweh the God of Israel had come through it.

Ezekiel 44:2

ULT

² Yahweh said to me, "This gate has been sealed shut; it will not be opened. No man will go through it, for Yahweh, the God of Israel, has come through it, so it has been closed tightly.

UST

² Yahweh said to me, "This gate must remain shut. It must not be opened by anyone; no one will be permitted to enter it. It must remain shut because I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, made it to be special to me when I came in through it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:3

ULT

³ The ruler of Israel will sit in it to eat food before Yahweh. He will enter by way of the gate's portico and go out the same way."

UST

³ Only the ruler of Israel will be permitted to sit inside this entrance to eat food in my presence. He must enter and leave the temple area through this gate."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:4**ULT**

⁴ Then he brought me by way of the northern gate to the front of the temple, and I looked, and behold, the glory of Yahweh filled the house of Yahweh, and I fell to my face.

UST

⁴ Then the man brought me through the north entrance to the front of the temple. I looked and saw that the glory of Yahweh filled his temple, and I prostrated myself on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:5**ULT**

⁵ Then Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, set your heart and look with your eyes and listen with your ears to all that I am declaring to you, to all the statutes of the house of Yahweh and all its regulations. Think about the house's entrance and exits.

UST

⁵ Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, look carefully, and listen carefully to everything that I tell you about all the regulations concerning the temple. Note carefully the temple entrance and all the exits.

About what was Ezekiel told to think regarding the house of Yahweh?

Ezekiel was told to think about the house of Yahweh's entrance and exits.

Ezekiel 44:6**ULT**

⁶ Then say to the rebellious ones, the house of Israel, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Let all of your disgusting actions be enough for you, house of Israel—

UST

⁶ Say this to the rebellious Israelite people: 'This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You Israelite people, I will no longer endure the detestable things that you do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:7**ULT**

⁷ that you brought foreigners with uncircumcised hearts and uncircumcised flesh to be in my sanctuary, profaning my house, while you were offering me food, fat and blood—you have broken my covenant by all your disgusting actions.

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⁷ In addition to all the other detestable things that you do, you brought into my temple foreign men who had not been circumcised and who knew nothing about how to honor me. By doing that, you caused my temple to be an unacceptable place to worship me, while you offered food and fat and blood, and you disobeyed my covenant with you.

What disgusting actions had the house of Israel done to profane Yahweh's sanctuary?

The house of Israel had brought foreigners with uncircumcised hearts and flesh to the sanctuary.

Ezekiel 44:8**ULT**

⁸ You have not carried out your duties regarding my holy things, but you appointed others to take up your duties, and you assigned them to care for my holy place.

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⁸ Instead of doing what I commanded you to do in regard to my holy things, you appointed foreigners to be in charge of my temple.

Why did the house of Israel allow foreigners into Yahweh's sanctuary?

The house of Israel allowed foreigners into Yahweh's sanctuary because Israel gave the duty of caring for the sanctuary to them.

Ezekiel 44:9**ULT**

⁹ The Lord Yahweh says this: No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and flesh, from any of those who live among the people of Israel, may enter my holy place.

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⁹ But this is what I, Yahweh, have said: No foreigners, no men who are not circumcised, no godless people are permitted to enter my temple, not even foreigners who live among you Israelites permanently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Yet the Levites went far from me—they wandered away from me, going after their idols—but they will pay for their sin.

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¹⁰ Many of the descendants of Levi deserted me along with most of the Israelite people, and started to worship idols. I will punish them for their sin.

What had the Levites done who wandered away from Yahweh? (vv10-12)

The Levites who had wandered away from Yahweh had performed sacrifices before their idols.

Ezekiel 44:11**ULT**

¹¹ They are servants in my sanctuary, watching the gates of the house and serving in the house and they slaughter the burnt offerings and the people's sacrifices, and they will stand before the people and serve them.

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¹¹ I will permit them to work in my temple and to be in charge of the temple gates. They will be able to slaughter the animals that will be completely burned on the altar, and to burn other sacrifices for the people, and they will be able to help the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:12**ULT**

¹² But because they performed the sacrifices before their idols, they became stumbling blocks for sin for the house of Israel. Therefore I will lift up my hand to swear an oath against them—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—they will bear their punishment.

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¹² But because they helped the people to worship idols and caused many of the people of Israel to sin by worshipping idols, I swear that I will punish them for their sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:13**ULT**

¹³ They will not come near me to act as my priests or to approach any of my holy things, the most holy things. Instead, they will bear their reproach and their guilt for the disgusting actions that they have done.

UST

¹³ They must not come near me to serve as priests. They must not come near any sacred things or the holy offerings. They will be ashamed of the things that they did, of which they are guilty.

What did Yahweh say the Levites who wandered away from him would not be allowed to do?

Yahweh declared that the Levites who wandered away from him would not come near him to act as his priests or to approach any of his holy things, the most holy things.

Ezekiel 44:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But I will place them as keepers of the work in the house, for all of its duties and everything that is done in it.

UST

¹⁴ But I will still put them in charge of the work in the temple, and allow them to do all the work that needs to be done there.

Where was Yahweh going to place the Levites who wandered away from him?

Yahweh said he would place them as keepers of the work in the house, for all of its duties and everything that is done in it.

Ezekiel 44:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the Levitical priests, those sons of Zadok who fulfilled the duties of my sanctuary when the people of Israel were wandering away from me—they will come near me to worship me. They will stand before me to offer me the fat and the blood—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

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¹⁵ But the priests who are descended from Levi and from the clan of Zadok faithfully worked in my temple when the other Israelites deserted me. So they must come near to me to work for me. They will stand in my presence to offer sacrifices of animals' fat and blood.

Why did Yahweh declare that the sons of Zadok would come near to him and would stand before him?

The sons of Zadok would come near and stand before Yahweh because they fulfilled the duties of Yahweh's sanctuary when the people of Israel wandered away.

Ezekiel 44:16**ULT**

¹⁶ They will come to my sanctuary; they will approach my table to worship me and to fulfill their duties to me.

UST

¹⁶ They are the only ones who are permitted to enter my temple. They are the only ones who are permitted to come near my altar to serve me and do what I tell them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So it will be that when they come to the gates of the inner courtyard, they will have to dress in linen clothes, for they must not come in wool inside the gates of the courtyard and its house.

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¹⁷ When they enter the gateway into the inner courtyard, they must wear white linen clothes. They must not wear any clothes made of wool while they do their work at the gates of the inner courtyard or inside the temple.

What kind of clothes were the priests to wear when they came to the gates of the inner courtyard, and why? (vv17-18)

The priests were to wear linen clothes when they came to the gates of the inner courtyard so that they did not sweat.

Ezekiel 44:18**ULT**

¹⁸ There should be linen turbans on their heads and linen underclothes on their hips. They must not dress in clothes that make them sweat.

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¹⁸ They must wear white linen turbans on their heads and linen undergarments around their waists. They must not wear anything that would cause them to perspire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:19**ULT**

¹⁹ When they go out to the outer courtyard, to the outer courtyard in order to go to the people, they must take off the clothes they wore when they served; they must take them off and lay them down in a holy room, so they do not make other people holy by contact with their special clothing.

UST

¹⁹ Before they go out into the courtyard where other people are, they must take off the clothes that they have been wearing and leave them in the sacred rooms, and put on other clothes, in order that the people are not consecrated by touching the sacred clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:20**ULT**

²⁰ Also they must neither shave their heads nor allow their hair to hang loosely, but they must trim the hair of their heads.

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²⁰ The priests must not shave their heads or let their hair become long; but they must keep their hair trimmed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:21**ULT**

²¹ No priest may drink wine when he comes to the inner court,

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²¹ Priests must not drink wine before they enter the inner courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:22**ULT**

²² nor take a widow or a divorced woman as a wife for himself, but only a virgin from the line of the house of Israel or a widow who was previously married to a priest.

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²² Also, priests must not marry widows of men who were not priests or women who have been divorced. They are permitted to marry only virgins or widows of other priests.

Who was the priest allowed to marry?

The priest was allowed to marry a virgin from the line of the house of Israel, or a widow who was married to a priest.

Ezekiel 44:23**ULT**

²³ For they will teach my people the difference between the holy and the profane; they will make them know the unclean from the clean.

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²³ They must teach the people the difference between things that are holy and things that are not, and teach them how to know what things are acceptable to me and what things are not.

Between what would the priests teach the people the difference?

The priests would teach the people the difference between the holy and the profane, the unclean from the clean.

Ezekiel 44:24**ULT**

²⁴ In a dispute they will stand to judge with my decrees; they must be just. They will keep my law and my statutes in every feast, and they will celebrate my holy Sabbaths.

UST

²⁴ If there is a dispute between people, the priests are the ones who must serve as judges and decide matters according to my laws. They must obey all my laws and decrees concerning the sacred festivals, and they must treat my Sabbath days as special for me.

What was the priest's role in a dispute between Israelites?

The priest stood to judge between the people with Yahweh's decrees, and had to be just.

Ezekiel 44:25**ULT**

²⁵ They must not defile themselves by going near to a dead person; however, if the dead person was his father or mother, son or daughter, brother or unmarried sister, then they may defile themselves.

UST

²⁵ Priests are permitted to go near the corpse of a father or mother or son or daughter or brother or unmarried sister. But they must not defile themselves by going near a corpse of anyone else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:26**ULT**

²⁶ After a priest has become unclean, they will count off a period of seven days for him.

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²⁶ If a priest touches the corpse of a close relative, he must perform the rituals to become acceptable to serve me again. After he performs those rituals, he must wait seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:27**ULT**

²⁷ On the day he enters the holy place, into the inner courtyard to serve in the holy place, he must bring a sin offering for himself—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

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²⁷ Then, on the day that he enters the inner courtyard again to serve me in the temple, he must give an offering to remove his guilt for having sinned. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:28**ULT**

²⁸ This will be their inheritance: I am their inheritance, and you must give them no property in Israel; I will be their property!

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²⁸ The priests will not own any land. They will have only what I provide for them.

Why did the priests not receive any property or inheritance in the land of Israel?

The priests did not receive any property or inheritance in the land of Israel because Yahweh was their inheritance and property.

Ezekiel 44:29**ULT**

²⁹ They will eat the food offerings, the sin offerings, the guilt offerings, and everything devoted to Yahweh in Israel, will be theirs.

UST

²⁹ They will eat the offerings made from flour, offerings to remove people's guilt for having sinned, and offerings made when people fail to give to me the things that they are required to give. Everything else in Israel that is dedicated to me will belong to the priests.

In short what were the priest to eat?

The priests were to eat the food offerings.

Ezekiel 44:30**ULT**

³⁰ The best of the firstfruits of all things and every contribution, anything from all of your contributions will belong to the priests, and you will give the first of your dough to the priests so that blessing may rest on your house.

UST

³⁰ The best fruits of the first part of each harvest and all the other special gifts will belong to the priests. You must give them the first part of your ground flour, in order that I will bless the people who live in your house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:31**ULT**

³¹ The priests will not eat any carcass or animal torn by a beast, whether bird or beast.

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³¹ Priests must not eat the flesh of any bird or animal that is found dead or that has been killed by wild animals.

What were the priests not to eat?

The priests were not to eat any carcass or animal torn by a beast, whether bird or beast.

Ezekiel 45

Ezekiel 45:1

ULT

¹ When you cast lots to divide up the land as an inheritance, you must make an offering to Yahweh; this offering will be a holy part of the land, twenty-five thousand cubits in length, and ten thousand cubits in width. It will be holy, all its area round about. ^[1]

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¹ When the land of Israel is divided among the twelve tribes, you must present to Yahweh one part of the land to be a sacred district. It will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide. This entire area will be reserved for Yahweh.

What offering were the people to make to Yahweh when they cast lots to divide up the land?

The people were to make an offering of a holy part of the land when they cast lots to divide up the land.

Ezekiel 45:2

ULT

² From this there will be a five hundred cubits by five hundred cubits square surrounding the holy place, with a surrounding border fifty cubits in width.

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² Part of that area, a square about 270 meters long on each side will be left empty all around the temple area. An additional strip of ground, about twenty-seven meters wide, will be left empty all around the temple area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:3

ULT

³ From this area you will measure a portion that is twenty-five thousand cubits in length and ten thousand in width; it will be the sanctuary, the most holy place.

UST

³ Inside the sacred district, measure a section thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide. It will be where the sanctuary is, and that is the most holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:4**ULT**

⁴ It will be a holy place in the land for the priests who serve Yahweh, who come near Yahweh to serve him. It will be a place for their houses and a holy area for the holy place.

UST

⁴ It will be the sacred portion of the land for the priests who work in the temple, those who come near to Yahweh to serve him. It will be a place very special for Yahweh, for the priests' houses, as well as for the temple.

The holy part of the land would be a place for what? (vv4-5)

The holy part of the land would be a place for the houses and towns of the priests.

Ezekiel 45:5**ULT**

⁵ So it will be twenty-five thousand cubits in length and ten thousand in width, and it will be for towns for the Levites who serve in the house.

UST

⁵ An area thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide will be for the descendants of Levi who work in the temple. That area will belong to them, and they can build towns there to live in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:6**ULT**

⁶ You will designate an area for the city, five thousand cubits in width and twenty-five thousand in length, that will be next to the area reserved for the holy place; this city will belong to all the house of Israel.

UST

⁶ Alongside this sacred area will be a section of land that is thirteen and one-half kilometers long and two and three-quarters kilometers wide. It will be for a city where anyone in Israel may live.

To whom would the area of the city belong?

The area of the city would belong to all the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 45:7**ULT**

⁷ The prince's land will be on both sides of the area reserved for the holy place and the city. It will be to their west and to their east. The length will correspond to the length of one of those portions, from the west to the east.

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⁷ The ruler of Israel will have the land that is on each side of the area formed by the temple district and the city. It will extend to the west from the western end of those areas, and to the east from the eastern end of those areas. The far eastern and far western borders of the king's land will measure the same as the parallel borders of those other tracts.

Whose land would be on both sides of the holy place and the city?

The land of the princes of Israel would be on both sides of the holy place and the city.

Ezekiel 45:8**ULT**

⁸ This land will be property for the prince in Israel. My princes will no longer oppress my people; instead, they will give the land to the house of Israel, for their tribes.

UST

⁸ This portion of land will belong to the ruler. So the rulers will no longer have any excuse for oppressing my people and stealing their land. They will assign the remaining parts of the land in Israel to each tribe, to be divided up among the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:9**ULT**

⁹ The Lord Yahweh says this: It is enough for you, princes of Israel! Remove violence and strife; do justice and righteousness! Quit your evictions of my people!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

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⁹ This is what Yahweh the Lord says: You rulers of Israel must stop acting violently and oppressing the people! You must do what is fair and right. Stop taking land from the people; stop forcing them off their land!

What does Yahweh tell the princes of Israel to stop doing?

Yahweh tells the princes of Israel to stop evicting Yahweh's people, and to remove violence and strife.

Ezekiel 45:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You must have accurate scales, accurate ephahs, and accurate baths!

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¹⁰ Also, you must use accurate scales and accurate containers for measuring things.

What does Yahweh say must be made accurate?

Yahweh says the balances, ephahs, and baths must be made accurate.

Ezekiel 45:11**ULT**

¹¹ The ephah and the bath will be the same amount, so that a bath will be a tenth of a homer; the ephah will be a tenth of a homer. Their measure will be corresponding to the homer.

UST

¹¹ The baskets for measuring dry things and containers for measuring liquids must be the same size; each must hold twenty-two liters—called an ephah (for dry measure) and a bath (for liquid measure).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:12**ULT**

¹² The shekel will be twenty gerahs; sixty shekels will make a mina for you.

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¹² When you weigh things, you must use weights that everyone accepts as being correct. The shekel is to be divided into twenty gerahs, and a mina will be worth sixty shekels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:13**ULT**

¹³ This is the contribution that you must present: A sixth of an ephah for every homer of wheat, and you will give a sixth of an ephah for every homer of barley.

UST

¹³ You must present to the ruler one measure of wheat or barley for every sixty measures that you harvest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The regulation offering of oil will be a tenth of a bath for every cor (which is ten baths), or for every homer, since a homer is also ten baths.

UST

¹⁴ You must give him one measure of olive oil for every one hundred measures that you produce.

How much oil from ten baths would be the regulation offering of oil?

A tenth of a bath for every ten baths would be the regulation offering of oil.

Ezekiel 45:15**ULT**

¹⁵ One sheep or goat from the flock for every two hundred animals from the watered regions of Israel will be used for any burnt offering or peace offering to make atonement for the people—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹⁵ Also, Yahweh declares that you must take one sheep or goat from every two hundred in your flocks in the lush pastures of Israel. You must offer a sheep or a goat for various offerings: Burnt offerings and offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh, offerings to atone for the people's sins. "This is the Lord Yahweh's command."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:16**ULT**

¹⁶ All the people of the land will give this contribution to the prince in Israel.

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¹⁶ All the people in the land must join in bringing these offerings to the ruler of Israel.

To whom would the people of the land give their contributions?

The people of the land would give their contributions to the prince in Israel.

Ezekiel 45:17**ULT**

¹⁷ It will be the prince's responsibility to furnish animals for the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the drink offerings at the festivals and the new moon celebrations, and on the Sabbath days—all the fixed festivals of the house of Israel. He will provide for the sin offerings, the grain offerings, the burnt offerings, and the peace offerings for atonement on behalf of the house of Israel.

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¹⁷ The ruler must provide the animals to be completely burned on the altar, flour for the offerings made from grain, and wine for the sacred festivals that Yahweh has appointed for the people Israel—including the festivals to celebrate the new moons, and the offerings for the Sabbath days. He must provide the animals for the offerings for the people to become acceptable to God, offerings of flour made from grain, offerings to be completely burned, and offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh, to atone for the sins of the people of Israel."

Who would be responsible to furnish animals for the offerings at the festivals of the house of Israel?

The prince in Israel would be responsible to furnish animals for the offerings.

Ezekiel 45:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The Lord Yahweh says this: In the first month, on the first day of the month, you will take an unblemished bull from the herd and perform a sin offering for the sanctuary.

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¹⁸ This is also what the Lord Yahweh declares: "On the first day of the first month of each year you must take one young bull that has no defects and sacrifice it to purify the temple.

When were the priests to offer an unblemished bull as a sin offering for the sanctuary?

The priests were to offer an unblemished bull as a sin offering on the first day of the first month.

Ezekiel 45:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The priest will take some of the blood of the sin offering and place it on the doorposts of the house and on the four corners of the border of the altar, and on the doorposts of the gate to the inner court.

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¹⁹ The priest must take some of the blood of the offering to atone for the people's sins, and he must smear it on the temple doorposts, on the four corners of the upper ledge surrounding the altar, and on the gateposts of the inner courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:20**ULT**

²⁰ You will do this on the seventh of the month for each person's sin by accident or ignorance; in this way you will atone for the temple.

UST

²⁰ You must do the same thing on the seventh day of the month for any people who sin accidentally or without knowing that they sinned. By doing that you will purify the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:21**ULT**

²¹ In the first month on the fourteenth day of the month, there will be for you a festival, a seven-day festival. You will eat unleavened bread.

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²¹ In the first month of each year, on the fourteenth day of the month, you must start to celebrate the Passover festival. The festival will last for seven days. During that time you must not eat any bread made with yeast.

When would there be a seven day festival of unleavened bread?

On the fourteenth day of the first month there would be a seven day festival of unleavened bread.

Ezekiel 45:22**ULT**

²² On that day, the prince will prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull as a sin offering.

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²² On the first day, the ruler must provide a bull as an offering for himself and for the other people of the country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:23**ULT**

²³ For the seven days of the festival, the prince will prepare a burnt offering for Yahweh: Seven bulls and seven unblemished rams each day for seven days, and a male goat each day as a sin offering.

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²³ And every day during those seven days he must provide seven bulls and seven rams that have no defects, to be an offering to make it possible for Yahweh to accept the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then the prince will perform a food offering of an ephah for each bull and an ephah for each ram with a hin of oil for each ephah.

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²⁴ He must also provide twenty-two liters of flour as an offering with each bull, and the same amount of flour with each ram, and also four liters of olive oil with each offering of flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:25**ULT**

²⁵ In the seventh month on the fifteenth day of the month, at the festival, the prince will perform offerings on these seven days: Sin offerings, burnt offerings, food offerings, and offerings of oil.

45:1 ^[1], which the Hebrew text and some modern versions have, some ancient copies and many modern versions have .

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²⁵ During the seven days of the festival celebrating when the Israelites lived in tents during the exodus from Egypt, which starts on the fifteenth day of the seventh month of each year, the ruler must provide the same things for offerings to make it possible for God to accept the people, for offerings to be completely burned, for offerings of things made from grain, and for offerings of olive oil.

What offerings were to be given on the fifteenth day of the seventh month?

On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, sin offerings, burnt offerings, food offerings, and offerings of oil were to be given.

Ezekiel 46

Ezekiel 46:1

ULT

¹ The Lord Yahweh says this: The gate of the inner courtyard, facing east, will be shut for the six days of work, but on the Sabbath it will be opened, and on the day of the new moon it will be opened.

UST

¹ This is also what Yahweh the Lord declares: 'The east gateway of the inner courtyard must be shut during the six days you work each week, but on the Sabbath days and on the days when there is a new moon, the gateway must be open.'

When did Yahweh say the east gate of the inner courtyard would be opened?

Yahweh said the east gate of the inner courtyard would be opened on the Sabbath and on the day of the new moon.

Ezekiel 46:2

ULT

² The prince will enter the outer courtyard by the way of the gate and its portico from outside, and he will stand before the doorposts of the inner gate while the priests perform his burnt offering and peace offering. Then he will worship at the threshold of the inner gate and go out, but the gate will not be shut until evening.

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² The ruler must enter the courtyard through the entry room of the gateway, and stand alongside the gateposts of the inner courtyard. Then the priests must sacrifice the animal that will be completely burned on the altar, and also his offering to promise friendship with me. The ruler must worship me at the entrance of the inner gateway, and then he must leave. But the gate will not be shut until that evening.

Where would the prince of Israel worship?

The prince of Israel would worship at the threshold of the inner gate.

Ezekiel 46:3**ULT**

³ The people of the land will also worship before Yahweh at the entrance to this gate on the Sabbaths and new moons.

UST

³ On the Sabbath days and on the days when there is a new moon, the people also must worship me at the entrance of this gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:4**ULT**

⁴ The burnt offering that the prince offers to Yahweh on the Sabbath day will be six unblemished lambs and an unblemished ram.

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⁴ The offering that the ruler brings to be completely burned on the Sabbath day must be six male lambs and one ram, all with no defects.

What would be the burnt offering of the prince on the Sabbath day?

The prince would offer six unblemished lambs and an unblemished ram.

Ezekiel 46:5**ULT**

⁵ The grain offering with the ram will be an ephah, and the grain offering with the lambs will be what he wishes to give, and a hin of oil with each ephah of grain.

UST

⁵ The offering that he gives with the ram is twenty-two liters of flour, and the flour that he offers with the lambs should be as much as he pleases, along with one liter of olive oil for every twenty-two liters of flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:6**ULT**

⁶ On the day of the new moon he must offer an unblemished bull from a herd, six lambs, and an unblemished ram.

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⁶ Then each day that there is a new moon, he must offer a young bull, six lambs and a ram, all with no defects.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:7**ULT**

⁷ He must make a grain offering of an ephah for the bull and an ephah for the ram, and what he wishes to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil for every ephah of grain.

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⁷ He must also provide twenty-two liters of flour with the bull, the same amount of flour with the ram, and as much flour as he wants with the lambs, along with one liter of olive oil with every twenty-two liters of flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:8**ULT**

⁸ When the prince enters by the way of the gate and its portico, he must leave by the same way.

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⁸ When the ruler enters the temple area, he must enter through gate and its entry room, and he must go out by the same way.

What did Yahweh say was the rule about how the prince must leave after he worships?

Yahweh said the rule was that the prince must leave by the same way he came in to worship.

Ezekiel 46:9**ULT**

⁹ But when the people of the land come before Yahweh at the appointed festivals, anyone entering through the north gate to worship must leave through the south gate; and anyone entering through the south gate must leave through the north gate. No one may turn back to the gate through which he entered, for he must go out straight ahead.

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⁹ When the people come to worship me at the festivals that I, Yahweh, have commanded, those who enter the temple area through the north gateway must go out through the south gateway. And those who enter through the south gateway must go out through the north gateway. People must not go out through the gateway through which they entered; they must go out through the opposite gateway.

What did Yahweh say was the rule about how the people must leave after they worship?

Yahweh said the rule was that the people must leave by going out straight ahead from where they came in.

Ezekiel 46:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The prince must be in their midst; when they go in, he must go in, and when they leave, he must leave.

UST

¹⁰ The ruler must go in when the other people go in, and go out when the people go out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:11**ULT**

¹¹ At the festivals, the grain offering must be an ephah of grain for the bull and an ephah for the ram, and whatever he wishes to give with the lambs, and a hin of oil for every ephah.

UST

¹¹ During the festivals that you hold for me, the king must present twenty-two liters of flour along with a bull or a ram, and as much flour as he wants to with the lambs, along with one liter of olive oil with every twenty-two liters of flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:12**ULT**

¹² When the prince gives a freewill offering, either a burnt offering or a peace offering to Yahweh, the gate facing east will be opened for him. He will offer his burnt offering or his peace offering as he does it on the Sabbath day. Then he must go out, and after he has gone out the gate will be shut.

UST

¹² When the ruler gives an offering that is not required, either one to be completely burned or an offering to celebrate fellowship with me, the gate on the east side must be opened for him. He must then present his offerings like he does on the Sabbath days. Then he will go out, and after he goes out, they must shut the gateway.

What would the prince have to do at a festival when he gave a freewill offering?

The prince would have to open the east gate for the offering, and then go out and shut the gate after him.

Ezekiel 46:13**ULT**

¹³ In addition, you will give an unblemished lamb one year old as a burnt offering to Yahweh daily; you will do this morning after morning.

UST

¹³ In the morning of every day, someone must provide a one year old lamb with no defects to be an offering to me, one that the priests will completely burn.

What did Yahweh say would be given as a burnt offering every morning?

Yahweh said an unblemished lamb one year old would be given as a burnt offered every morning.

Ezekiel 46:14**ULT**

¹⁴ You will give a grain offering with it morning after morning, a sixth of an ephah and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the flour of the grain offering for Yahweh, according to a permanent statute.

UST

¹⁴ Someone must also provide each morning an offering of flour. It must be three and one-half liters of flour mixed with one liter of olive oil. You must never stop presenting these offerings of flour and olive oil to me, Yahweh, each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:15**ULT**

¹⁵ They will prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil morning after morning, a permanent burnt offering.

UST

¹⁵ The lamb and the offering of flour and olive oil must be presented to me every morning, to be completely burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The Lord Yahweh says this: If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons, it is his inheritance. It will be the property of his sons, it is an inheritance.

UST

¹⁶ This is what Yahweh the Lord declares: If the ruler gives some of his land to one of his sons, to belong to him permanently, it will then eventually belong to his son's descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, then it will be that servant's until the year of liberty, and then it will return to the prince. His inheritance will certainly be for his sons.

UST

¹⁷ However, if he gives some of his land to one of his servants, the servant is allowed to keep that land until the year of the celebration of Jubilee. Then the ruler must take possession of it again. But if the ruler gives land to his sons, that land will belong to them permanently.

According to Yahweh, who would receive the inheritance of the prince?

The inheritance of the prince would be received by his sons.

Ezekiel 46:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The prince will not take the people's inheritance away from their own property; he must provide for his sons from his own property so that my people will not be scattered, each man from his own property."

UST

¹⁸ The ruler must not take any land that the people own and force them to live somewhere else. The land that he gives to his sons must be from his own property, not from anyone else's property, in order that none of my people will be separated from his own property."

Why did Yahweh say the prince must not take the people's inheritance away?

The people's inheritance must not be taken away so they are not scattered from their own property.

Ezekiel 46:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Next the man brought me through the entrance at the gate to the holy rooms for the priests, which faced north and behold! There was a place toward the west.

UST

¹⁹ Then, in the vision, the man brought me through the entrance alongside the gateway to the sacred rooms on the north side, the rooms that belonged to the priests, and he showed me a place at the western end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:20**ULT**

²⁰ He said to me, "This is the place where the priests must boil the guilt offering and the sin offering and where they must bake the grain offering. They must not bring the offerings into the outer courtyard, for then the people would be consecrated."

UST

²⁰ He said to me, "This is the place where the priests will cook the meat of the offerings that people make because they failed to do what they promised Yahweh that they would do, and offerings to cause people to become acceptable to God, and where they will bake bread made with the flour brought as offerings. They will cook those things in their rooms in order to avoid bringing them into the outer courtyard to cook them there, lest someone might be consecrated by touching them."

Why were the priests not to bring the guilt, sin, and grain offerings out to the outer courtyard?

The priests were not to bring the offerings out to the outer courtyard and so consecrate the people.

Ezekiel 46:21**ULT**

²¹ Then he brought me to the outer courtyard and he led me past the four corners of that courtyard, and I saw that in every corner of the courtyard there was a another court.

UST

²¹ Then the man brought me to the outer courtyard and led me around to its four corners. In each corner I saw an enclosed area;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:22**ULT**

²² In the four corners of the outer courtyard there were four small courtyards, forty cubits in length and thirty in width. There were the same dimensions for all four of the courtyards. ^[1]

UST

²² each was twenty-two meters long and sixteen meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:23**ULT**

²³ There was a row made of stone all around the four of them, and cooking hearths were under the stone row.

UST

²³ Around the inside of each of these enclosed areas was a stone ledge, with places to make fires all around under the ledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:24**ULT**

²⁴ The man said to me, "These are the places where the temple servants will boil the people's sacrifices." 46:22 ^[1] is unclear. It is translated in this way by some ancient and some modern versions. However, other modern versions translate it differently.

UST

²⁴ The man said to me, "These are the kitchens where the descendants of Levi who work in the temple will cook the sacrifices that the people bring."

What would be done in the cooking hearths at the corners of the outer courtyard?

In the cooking hearths at the corners of the outer courtyard, the temple servants would boil the people's sacrifices.

Ezekiel 47

Ezekiel 47:1

ULT

¹ Then the man took me back to the entrance to the temple, and there was water flowing out from under the temple threshold of the house toward the east—for the front of the temple faced east—and the water was flowing down the south side of the temple, to the right of the altar.

UST

¹ Then in the vision, the man brought me back to the entrance of the temple. There I saw water coming out from under the entrance and flowing toward the east. The water was flowing down the south side of the entrance, to the right of the altar.

Which direction did the temple face in Ezekiel's vision?

The temple faced east.

Ezekiel 47:2

ULT

² So he brought me out through the northern gate and led me around to the gate facing east, and there the water was flowing from this gate on its south side.

UST

² Then he brought me out through the north gate and led me around to the eastern gate at its exterior side.

What did Ezekiel see at the gate facing east?

Ezekiel saw water flowing from the gate facing east, on its south side.

Ezekiel 47:3

ULT

³ As the man was going toward the east, there was a measuring line in his hand; he measured off one thousand cubits and brought me through the water to ankle-deep water.

UST

³ As the man continued walking toward the east, I saw that he had a measuring line in his hand. He measured off 540 meters and then led me through water that covered my ankles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:4**ULT**

⁴ Then he measured one thousand cubits again and brought me through the water to knee-deep water; and he measured another thousand cubits and brought me to hip-deep water.

UST

⁴ Then he measured off another 540 meters and led me through water that was up to my knees. Then he measured off another 540 meters and led me through water that was up to my waist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:5**ULT**

⁵ Next he measured off another thousand cubits, but it was a river that I could not cross through because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—it was a river that could not be crossed.

UST

⁵ Then he measured off another 540 meters and led me through water that was now a river that I could not cross, because the water was so deep; to continue farther would have required me to swim.

How deep did the water become that Ezekiel saw?

The water became a river that was too deep to pass without swimming.

Ezekiel 47:6**ULT**

⁶ The man said to me, “Son of man, do you see this?” and he brought me out and had me walk back along the riverbank.

UST

⁶ Then he asked me, “Son of man, think about this carefully.” Then he led me onto the bank of the river

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:7**ULT**

⁷ As I walked back, there the riverbank had many trees on this side and also the other side.

UST

⁷ and back along it toward in the direction from where we had come. There I saw many trees growing on each side of the river.

What were on both sides of the river?

On both sides of the river, the riverbank had many trees.

Ezekiel 47:8**ULT**

⁸ The man said to me, "This water is going out to the eastern territory and down to the Arabah; this water flows into the Salt Sea and will make it fresh.

UST

⁸ He said to me, "This water flows east and goes down into the Dead Sea. And when the water enters the Dead Sea, it stays fresh and restores the water of the Sea and makes it fresh again.

To where did this water flow, and what did it do there?

This water flowed to the Salt Sea and would restore it to freshness.

Ezekiel 47:9**ULT**

⁹ It will be that every living creature that swarms will live where the water goes; there will be many fish, for these waters flow there. It will make the salt water fresh. Everything will live wherever the river goes.

UST

⁹ Swarms of fish will live in the water wherever the river flows. There will be many fish in the Dead Sea, because the water that flows into it will cause the salt water to become fresh water. Wherever the river flows, everything alongside it will flourish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then it will happen that fishermen of En Gedi will stand by the water, and there will be a place to dry out the fishing nets by En Eglaim. There will be many kinds of fish in the Salt Sea, like the fish in the Great Sea for their abundance.

UST

¹⁰ Fishermen will stand along the riverbank to catch fish. From En Gedi on the western side to En Eglaim there will be places to spread fishing nets. There will be many kinds of fish, as there are in the Great Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:11**ULT**

¹¹ But the Salt Sea's swamps and marshes will not be made fresh; they will be for providing salt.

UST

¹¹ But the swamps and marshes along the shore will not become fresh; they will be left to make salt.

What would not be made fresh at the Salt Sea?

The swamps and marshes would not be made fresh at the Salt Sea.

Ezekiel 47:12**ULT**

¹² Beside this river on its banks, on both sides, all kinds of trees will grow that bear food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will never fail to grow. Each month the trees will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves will be for healing.

UST

¹² Many kinds of fruit trees will grow on both sides of the river. Their leaves will not wither, and they will always have fruit. They will bear new fruit every month, because the water that comes from the temple flows continually to the trees. Their fruit will be good to eat and their leaves will be good for healing."

What kind of trees would grow on the riverbanks, and how would they grow?

Edible trees would grow on the riverbanks, bearing fruit each month and never withering.

Ezekiel 47:13**ULT**

¹³ The Lord Yahweh says this: This will be the way that you divide the land up for the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph will have two portions.

UST

¹³ In the vision, Yahweh also said this to me: "Here is a list of the twelve tribes of Israel and the territory that each tribe is to receive. The descendants of Joseph will receive two portions.

Who would receive two portions of land among the tribes of Israel?

Joseph would receive two portions of land among the tribes of Israel.

Ezekiel 47:14**ULT**

¹⁴ You are to divide equally what I lifted up my hand and swore to give to your fathers. This land will come to you as an inheritance.

UST

¹⁴ Divide the land equally among all of the tribes. I lifted up my hand to swear to your ancestors that I would give them this land to own permanently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:15**ULT**

¹⁵ This will be the boundary of the land on the north side from the Great Sea by way of Hethlon, and then to Zedad. ^[1]

UST

¹⁵ These will be the boundaries of the land: On the north side, it will extend from the Mediterranean Sea east along the road to Hethlon, and then on to Zedad,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then the boundary will go to Berothah, to Sibraim, which is between Damascus and Hamath, and then to Hazer Hattikon, which is beside the boundary of Hauran.

UST

¹⁶ to Berothah, and then on to Sibraim, which is on the border between Damascus and Hamath. The boundary will run as far as Hazer Hattikon, which is on the border of the region of Hauran.

The northern boundary of the land would reach to the border of what city? (vv16-17)

The northern boundary of the land would reach to the border of Damascus.

Ezekiel 47:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So the boundary will go from the sea to Hazar Enan on the border with Damascus and Hamath to the north. This will be the north side.

UST

¹⁷ So the boundary will extend from the Mediterranean Sea to Hazar Enan on the border between Hamath to the north and Damascus to the south. That will be the northern boundary.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:18**ULT**

¹⁸ On the east side the boundary will run between Hauran and Damascus, along the Jordan River between Gilead and the land of Israel. You will measure from the border to the eastern sea. This will be the eastern border. ^[2]

UST

¹⁸ On the east side, the boundary will extend between Hauran and Damascus, south along the Jordan River between the region of Gilead and the territory of Israel, along the Dead Sea as far as Tamar. That will be the eastern boundary.

What would be the eastern border of the land?

The eastern border of the land would be the Jordan River.

Ezekiel 47:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then on the south side the boundary will run from Tamar as far as the waters of Meribah Kadesh, then along the brook of Egypt to the Great Sea. This will be the boundary on the south side.

UST

¹⁹ On the south side, the boundary will extend from Tamar to the springs near Meribah Kadesh. Then it will extend west along the brook of Egypt to the Great Sea. That will be the southern boundary.

What brook would be part of the southern border of the land?

The Brook of Egypt would be part of the southern border of the land.

Ezekiel 47:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then the boundary on the west side will be the Great Sea to a point opposite Lebo Hamath. This will be the west side.

UST

²⁰ On the west side, the boundary will be the Mediterranean Sea, north to a point near Lebo Hamath.

What would be the western border of the land?

The western border of the land would be the Great Sea.

Ezekiel 47:21**ULT**

²¹ In this way you will divide this land for yourselves, for the tribes of Israel.

UST

²¹ You must distribute this land among yourselves, among the tribes of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:22**ULT**

²² So you will distribute the inheritances for yourselves and for the foreigners in your midst, those who have given birth to children in your midst and who are, with you, like the native born people of Israel. You will cast lots for inheritances among the tribes of Israel.

UST

²² You must assign the land as a permanent possession for yourselves and also for any foreigners who are living and raising their children among you. You must consider them to be like native born Israelites, and they must be assigned land among the tribes of Israel.

How were the Israelites to determine the inheritances for each person in the land?

The Israelites were to throw lots to determine the inheritance for each person in the land.

Who were to be treated just like the native born people of Israel?

Foreigners living in the midst of the Israelites were to be treated just like the native born people of Israel.

Ezekiel 47:23**ULT**

²³ Then it will happen that the foreigner will be with the tribe among whom he is living. You must give him an inheritance—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

47:15 ^[1], but some modern versions imitate 48:1 and add .

47:18 ^[2]. However, some ancient and modern versions read .

UST

²³ Wherever foreigners are living, you must give them some land to belong to them permanently.' That is what the Lord Yahweh declares."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48

Ezekiel 48:1

ULT

¹ These are the names of the tribes. The tribe of Dan will receive one portion of land; its boundary will run along the northern boundary of Israel by way of Hethlon and Lebo Hamath. Its boundary will go on to Hazar Enan and along the border with Damascus to the north and then on to Hamath. Dan's boundary will go from east all the way to the Great Sea.

UST

¹ Here is a list of the tribes of Israel and the territory that each tribe is to receive. The northern boundary of Israel will start at the Mediterranean Sea and go east to the city of Hethlon, then to Lebo Hamath, and farther on to Hazar Enan, which is south of Damascus, and it will continue to Hamath. Each tribe will receive land that will extend from the eastern boundary of Israel west to the Great Sea. The tribe of Dan will receive land alongside the northern border of Israel.

Which tribe would be given the land on the northern border of Israel?

The tribe of Dan would be given the land on the northern border of Israel.

Ezekiel 48:2

ULT

² Adjoining the border of Dan, from the east side to the west, Asher will have one portion.

UST

² South of their area will be the territory for the tribe of Asher.

Which tribe would be south of the border of the tribe of Dan?

The tribe of Asher would be south of the border of Dan.

Ezekiel 48:3

ULT

³ Adjoining the border of Asher from the east side to the west, Naphtali will have one portion.

UST

³ South of Asher's land will be territory for the tribe of Naphtali.

Which tribe would be south of the border of the tribe of Asher?

The tribe of Naphtali would be south of the border of Asher.

Ezekiel 48:4**ULT**

⁴ Adjoining the border of Naphtali from the east side to the west, Manasseh will have one portion.

UST

⁴ South of Naphtali's land will be territory for the tribe of Manasseh.

In order, which four tribes would be south of the tribe of Naphtali? (vv4-7)

In order, the four tribes south of Naphtali would be Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben, and Judah.

Ezekiel 48:5**ULT**

⁵ Adjoining the border of Manasseh from the east side to the west, Ephraim will have one portion.

UST

⁵ South of Manasseh's land will be territory for the tribe of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:6**ULT**

⁶ Adjoining the border of Ephraim from the east side to the west, Reuben will have one portion.

UST

⁶ South of Ephraim's land will be territory for the tribe of Reuben.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:7**ULT**

⁷ Adjoining the border of Reuben from the east side to the west, Judah will have one portion.

UST

⁷ South of their land will be territory for the tribe of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:8**ULT**

⁸ The offering of land that you will make will be along the border with Judah and extend from the east side to the west side; it will be twenty-five thousand cubits in width. Its length will correspond to one tribe's portion from the east side to the west side, and the temple will be in the middle of it.

UST

⁸ South of Judah's land will be an area that the entire nation will give to me; you will set it apart for special use. The temple will be in the center of this area. It will be as long as any of the portions of land assigned a tribe of Israel.

What would be in the middle of the land located along the border with Judah?

The temple would be in the middle of the land located along the border with Judah.

Ezekiel 48:9**ULT**

⁹ This land that you will offer up to Yahweh will be twenty-five thousand cubits in length and ten thousand cubits in width.

UST

⁹ This special area will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide. This is what you will give to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:10**ULT**

¹⁰ These will be the assignments of this holy portion of land: The priests will have land assigned to them measuring twenty-five thousand cubits in length on the north side; ten thousand cubits in width on the west side; ten thousand cubits in width on the east side; and twenty-five thousand cubits in length on the south side, with the holy place of Yahweh in the middle of it.

UST

¹⁰ Within this special area, these will what you will assign to the priests: you will assign them an area of land measuring thirteen and one-half kilometers on the northern and southern side; and five and two-fifths kilometers on the western and eastern sides. The temple of Yahweh will be in the middle of this special area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:11**ULT**

¹¹ This will be for the consecration of the priests of the line of Zadok, who have served me faithfully and who did not go astray when the people of Israel went astray, as the Levites did.

UST

¹¹ The temple area will be for the priests, those set apart for my honor, who are descendants of Zadok. They are ones who served me faithfully and did not turn away from Yahweh as the descendants of Levi did.

Who would live on the land surrounding the sanctuary of Yahweh?

The priests of the line of Zadok would live on the land surrounding the sanctuary of Yahweh.

Ezekiel 48:12**ULT**

¹² The offering for them will be a portion of this most holy land, extending to the border of the Levites.

UST

¹² When the land is distributed, you will offer that special area to me, for it to be the priests' special portion; it is land that you will treat as very special to me. Next to the priests' territory will be where the other descendants of Levi will live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:13**ULT**

¹³ The Levites' land along the border with the priests' land will be twenty-five thousand cubits in length and ten thousand cubits in width. The entire length of the two tracts of land will be twenty-five thousand cubits in length and twenty thousand cubits in width.

UST

¹³ The land that you will assign to the descendants of Levi will be the same size as the land that the priests will receive. So together, these two portions of land will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and about eleven kilometers wide.

Who would live on the land bordering the priests' land?

The Levites would live on the land bordering the priests' land.

Ezekiel 48:14**ULT**

¹⁴ They must not sell it or exchange it; none of this firstfruits of the land of Israel must ever be separated from these tracts, for it all is holy to Yahweh.

UST

¹⁴ None of this special land, this best land, may ever be sold or traded or used by other people, because it belongs to Yahweh. It is set apart for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The remaining land, five thousand cubits in width and twenty-five thousand cubits in length, will be for the collective use of the city, the houses, and the pastureland; the city will be in its midst.

UST

¹⁵ Another strip of land thirteen and one-half kilometers long and about two and three-quarters kilometers wide will be allotted for other people living in the special area to use. There they may build homes and have pasturelands, and there will be a city in the middle of this area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:16**ULT**

¹⁶ These will be the city's measurements: The north side will be 4,500 cubits in length; the south side will be 4,500 cubits in length; the east side will be 4,500 cubits in length; and the west side will be 4,500 cubits in length.

UST

¹⁶ The city will be square, two and two-fifths kilometers long on each side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:17**ULT**

¹⁷ There will be pasture for the city toward the north, 250 cubits deep; to the south, 250 cubits deep; to the east, 250 cubits deep, and to the west, 250 cubits deep.

UST

¹⁷ There will be an open area around the city, within the special area, that will be about 135 meters deep in each direction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The remaining area of the holy offering will stretch for ten thousand cubits to the east and ten thousand cubits to the west. It will stretch along the border of the holy offering, and its produce will be food for those working in the city.

UST

¹⁸ Outside the city there will be a farming area that will extend five and two-fifths kilometers on the east side and five and two-fifths kilometers on the west side. Men who work there will produce food for the people who work in the city.

For what would the remaining area of the holy offering of land be used?

The remaining area of the holy offering of land would be used to produce food for those working in the city.

Ezekiel 48:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The people who work in the city, people belong to all the tribes of Israel, will farm that land.

UST

¹⁹ Those who come from the various tribes to work in the city may also work in this farmland.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:20**ULT**

²⁰ All the land offering will measure twenty-five thousand cubits by twenty-five thousand cubits. In this way you will make the holy offering of land, together with the land for the city.

UST

²⁰ This entire special area, including the land given for Yahweh's use and the city, will be a square that is thirteen and one-half kilometers long on each side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:21**ULT**

²¹ The rest of the land on either side of the holy offering and the city area will be for the prince. The prince's tract of land to the east will extend for twenty-five thousand cubits from boundary of the holy offering to the eastern border—and his tract to the west will extend for twenty-five thousand cubits to the western border. In the middle will be the holy offering, and the holy place of the temple will be in its midst.

UST

²¹ The tracts of land to the east and to the west of Yahweh's area and the city will belong to the ruler. One area will extend east to the eastern boundary of Israel, and the other will extend west to the Great Sea. Yahweh's area, which contains the temple, will be in the middle.

For whom would be the land on the eastern and western borders of the holy offering of land?

The land on the eastern and western borders of the holy offering of land would be for the prince.

Ezekiel 48:22**ULT**

²² The land extending from the property of the Levites and the area of the city in its midst will be for the prince; it will be between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin—this land will be for the prince.

UST

²² The area that belongs to the ruler will be between the tribe of Judah to the north and the tribe of Benjamin to the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:23**ULT**

²³ As for the remaining tribes, their portions will also run from the eastern side to the west side. Benjamin will receive one portion.

UST

²³ South of Yahweh's area, each of the other tribes will receive one portion of land that extends from the eastern boundary of Israel west to the Great Sea. Just south of Yahweh's area will be territory for the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:24**ULT**

²⁴ Adjoining the border of Benjamin from the east side to the west, Simeon will have one portion.

UST

²⁴ South of Benjamin's land will be the land for the tribe of Simeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:25**ULT**

²⁵ Adjoining the border of Simeon from the east side to the west, Issachar will have one portion.

UST

²⁵ South of Simeon's land will be the land for the tribe of Issachar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:26**ULT**

²⁶ Adjoining the border of Issachar from the east side to the west, Zebulun will have one portion.

UST

²⁶ South of Issachar's land will be the land for the tribe of Zebulun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:27**ULT**

²⁷ To the south of Zebulun's boundary, running from the east side to the west side, will be the land of Gad—one portion.

UST

²⁷ South of Zebulun's land will be the land for the tribe of Gad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:28**ULT**

²⁸ The southern boundary of Gad will extend from Tamar to the waters of Meribah Kadesh, and farther to the brook of Egypt, and then to the Great Sea.

UST

²⁸ The southern boundary of Gad's land will extend south from En Gedi to the springs at Meribah Kadesh, and then to the west along the brook of Egypt to the Great Sea.

What was to be the southern boundary of Gad?

The southern boundary of Gad was to extend from Tamar to the waters of Meribah Kadesh, and farther to the brook of Egypt, and then to the Great Sea.

Ezekiel 48:29**ULT**

²⁹ This is the land for which you will cast lots; it will be the inheritance of the tribes of Israel. These will be their portions. This is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

²⁹ This is a description of the land that you must assign to the tribes of Israel, for it to belong to them permanently.' That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:30**ULT**

³⁰ These will be the exits from the city: On the north side, which will measure 4,500 cubits in length,

UST

³⁰ Here are the city gates: On the north side, which is two and two-fifths kilometers long,

How many gates were to be on the north side of the city, and what were they to be named for? (vv30-31)

There would be three gates on the north side of the city, with one being named for Reuben, one for Judah, and one for Levi.

Ezekiel 48:31**ULT**

³¹ will be three gates, named for tribes of Israel: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi.

UST

³¹ there will be three gates. Each gate will have the name of one of the tribes of Israel. The first one will be named for Reuben, the next for Judah, the next for Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:32**ULT**

³² On the east side, which will measure 4,500 cubits in length, will be three gates: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one gate for Dan.

UST

³² On the east side, also two and two-fifths kilometers long, will be gates named for Joseph, Benjamin, and Dan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:33**ULT**

³³ On the south side, which is 4,500 cubits in length, will be three gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun.

UST

³³ On the south side, also two-fifths of a kilometer long, will be gates named for Simeon, Issachar, and Zebulun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:34**ULT**

³⁴ On the west side, which will measure 4,500 cubits, will be three gates: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali.

UST

³⁴ On the west side, also two-fifths of a kilometer long, will be gates named for Gad, Asher, and Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:35**ULT**

³⁵ The distance around the city will be eighteen thousand cubits; from that day on, the city's name will be "Yahweh Is There."

UST

³⁵ The distance around the city would be nine and three-quarters kilometers. From that time on, the name of the city will be "Yahweh is there."

What would be the city's name?

The city's name would be "Yahweh is There".

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