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2 Chronicles

2 Chronicles 1

2 Chronicles 1:1

ULT

¹ And Solomon the son of David strengthened himself over his kingdom, and Yahweh his God was with him and made him exceedingly great.

UST

¹ King Solomon, David's son, was able to gain complete control over his kingdom, because Yahweh his God was with him and enabled him to become a very strong king.

Why was Solomon, the son of David, strengthened in his rule?

Solomon was strengthened in his rule because Yahweh was with him and made him very powerful.

2 Chronicles 1:2

ULT

² And Solomon said to all Israel, to the chiefs of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince of all Israel, the heads of the fathers.

UST

²⁻⁵ When David had been king, he arranged for a new sacred tent to be made in Jerusalem. Then David and the Israelite leaders brought God's sacred chest from the city of Kiriath Jearim to the new sacred tent. But when Solomon became the king, the first sacred tent was still in the city of Gibeon. There was a bronze altar there that Bezalel son of Uri and grandson of Hur, had made was also still at Gibeon, in front of the first sacred tent. Solomon called together the army commanders who directed thousands of soldiers, and the commanders who directed hundreds of soldiers, with the judges and all the other leaders in Israel. He told them to go with him to Gibeon. So they all went to the place on the hill where idols were worshiped at Gibeon. That was the same place where God had met with his people in the tent which Moses had made. There Solomon and all the others with him prayed to Yahweh.

What items were present for worship as Solomon went to the shrine that was at Gibeon? (vv2-5)

There was the tent of meeting or tabernacle which Moses made in the wilderness, and the bronze altar that Bezalel had made, but the ark of God had been taken from Kiriath Jearim to a tent in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 1:3**ULT**

³ And Solomon went and all the assembly with him to the high place that was at Gibeon, for there was the tent of meeting of God, which Moses the servant of Yahweh, had made in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:4**ULT**

⁴ However, the Box of God David had brought up from Kiriath Jearim to where David prepared for it, for he pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:5**ULT**

⁵ And the bronze altar which Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, made was there before the tabernacle of Yahweh; and Solomon and the assembly sought him. ^[1]

UST

²⁻⁵ When David had been king, he arranged for a new sacred tent to be made in Jerusalem. Then David and the Israelite leaders brought God's sacred chest from the city of Kiriath Jearim to the new sacred tent. But when Solomon became the king, the first sacred tent was still in the city of Gibeon. There was a bronze altar there that Bezalel son of Uri and grandson of Hur, had made was also still at Gibeon, in front of the first sacred tent. Solomon called together the army commanders who directed thousands of soldiers, and the commanders who directed hundreds of soldiers, with the judges and all the other leaders in Israel. He told them to go with him to Gibeon. So they all went to the place on the hill where idols were worshiped at Gibeon. That was the same place where God had met with his people in the tent which Moses had made. There Solomon and all the others with him prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:6**ULT**

⁶ And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before Yahweh, which was at the tent of meeting, and he brought up on it 1,000 burnt offerings.

UST

⁶ Then Solomon went up to the bronze altar in front of the sacred tent, and he offered one thousand animals to be killed and completely burned on the altar.

What did Solomon do before Yahweh approached him with the question, "What should I give you"? (vv6-7)

Solomon worshipped Yahweh at the bronze altar by offering one thousand burnt offerings.

2 Chronicles 1:7**ULT**

⁷ In that night, God appeared to Solomon, and he said to him, "Ask what I should give to you."

UST

⁷ That night God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said to him, "Request whatever you want me to give to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:8**ULT**

⁸ And Solomon said to God, "You yourself did with David my father great covenant faithfulness and have made me king in his place.

UST

⁸ Solomon replied to God, "You were very kind to David my father, and now you have appointed me to be the next king.

Why did Solomon ask Yahweh to give him wisdom and knowledge? (vv8-10)

Solomon asked Yahweh to give him wisdom and knowledge so that he could lead the people of Israel who were many in number.

2 Chronicles 1:9**ULT**

⁹ Now, Yahweh God, may your word with David my father be confirmed, for you yourself have made me king over a people numerous as the dust of the earth.

UST

⁹ So Yahweh my God, you have caused me to become the king to rule people who are as many as the dust of the earth. So do what you promised to my father David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Now wisdom and knowledge give to me, and I will go out before this people, and I will come in, for who can judge this great people of yours?"

UST

¹⁰ Please enable me to be wise and to know what I should do, in order that I may rule these people well, because there is no one who can rule all this great nation of yours without your help."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ And God said to Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for wealth, riches, or glory, or the life of those who hate you, and also many days you did not ask, but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge with which you will judge my people, which I made you king over them,

UST

¹¹ God replied to Solomon, "You have not requested a huge amount of money or to be honored or that your enemies be killed. And you have not requested that you be enabled to live for a long time. Instead, you have requested that I enable you to be wise and to know what you should do in order that you may govern well my people whom I have appointed you to rule.

Why did God give Solomon wisdom and knowledge?

God gave Solomon wisdom and knowledge because he did not ask for riches, wealth, honor, the death of those who hated him nor long life for himself, but for God's help in ruling over his people.

2 Chronicles 1:12**ULT**

¹² wisdom and knowledge are given to you, and wealth, and riches, and glory I will give to you which were not thus to the kings who were before you, and after you will not be thus.”

UST

¹² So I will enable you to be wise and to know what you should do to rule my people well. But I will also enable you to have a huge amount of money and for people everywhere to honor you, more any king before you, and more than any king who will come after you.”

What did God give to Solomon along with wisdom and knowledge?

God gave Solomon what he did not ask for: riches, wealth, and honor above any of the kings before him.

2 Chronicles 1:13**ULT**

¹³ And Solomon came from the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tent of meeting; and he was king over Israel.

UST

¹³ Then Solomon and the people who were with him all left the sacred tent at Gibeon, and they returned to Jerusalem. There he ruled the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen, and there was to him 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he placed them in the chariot cities, and with the king in Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁴ Solomon acquired 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand men who rode on horses. He put some of the chariots and horses in Jerusalem, and put some of them in various other cities.

In what ways was the wealth of Solomon seen by all? (vv14-15)

Solomon had 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, silver and gold were as common as stone, and cedar wood was as common as the sycamore trees in the lowlands.

2 Chronicles 1:15**ULT**

15 And the king made silver and gold in Jerusalem as the stones, and cedars he made as the sycamore trees that were in the lowlands in abundance.

UST

15 During the years that Solomon was king, silver and gold were as common in Jerusalem as stones, and lumber from cedar trees were as plentiful as lumber from ordinary sycamore trees in the foothills.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:16**ULT**

16 And the source of the horses which were to Solomon was from Egypt and from Kue; the traders of the king, they would take at a price from Kue.

UST

16 Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and from the region of Kue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:17**ULT**

17 And they brought up and brought out from Egypt a chariot for 600 silver, and a horse for 150. And thus, according to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Aram, by their hands, they brought out. 1:5 ^[1], where refers to David.

UST

17 In Egypt his men paid seven kilograms of silver for each chariot and one and seven-tenths kilograms of silver for each horse. They also sold many of them to the kings of the Heth and Aram people groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2

2 Chronicles 2:1

ULT

¹ And Solomon said to build a house for the name of Yahweh and a house for his kingdom.

UST

¹ Solomon decided that a temple should be built where Yahweh would be worshiped, and also that he would build a palace for himself.

Why did Solomon ask Hiram to send him cedar logs as he did for his father David? (vv1-3)

Solomon asked Hiram to send him cedar logs so he could build a house for Yahweh's name and a palace for his kingdom.

2 Chronicles 2:2

ULT

² And Solomon counted 70,000 men as burden bearers, and 80,000 men as stonemasons in the hills, and directors over them 3,600.

UST

² He commanded seventy thousand men to carry the building supplies and eighty thousand men to cut stones from quarries in the hills. He also chose 3,600 men to supervise them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:3

ULT

³ And Solomon sent to Hiram, the king of Tyre, saying, "Just as you did with David my father and sent to him cedars to build for himself a house to dwell in it.

UST

³ Solomon sent this message to King Hiram of the city of Tyre: "Many years ago when my father David was building his palace, you sent him cedar logs. Will you send me cedar logs, too?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:4**ULT**

⁴ Behold, I am building a house for the name of Yahweh my God, to consecrate to him, to sacrifice before him spiced incense and the regular display, and burnt offerings in the morning and in the evening, on the Sabbaths and on the new moons, and the appointed times of Yahweh our God. Forever, this is over Israel.

UST

⁴ We are about to build a temple to set it apart for Yahweh, to burn for him incense made from fragrant spices, to always display before him the bread, and to burn animal offerings every morning and evening and day of rest, as well as at every new moon and on the other special festivals to honor Yahweh our God. We want to do these things forever, as Yahweh has commanded.

**Why did Solomon plan to build a house for the name of Yahweh that would be very large?
(vv4-5)**

Solomon planned to build a large house for the name of Yahweh because his God was greater than all other gods.

2 Chronicles 2:5**ULT**

⁵ And the house that I am building will be great, for great is our God more than all gods.

UST

⁵ We want this temple to be a great temple, because our God is greater than all other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:6**ULT**

⁶ But who can keep strength to build for him a house, since the heavens and the heavens of the heavens do not contain him? And who am I that I would build for him a house, except to sacrifice before him?

UST

⁶ But no one can build a place for God to live in, since even the heavens and the earth are not big enough for him. I myself am not worthy to build him a house, except as a place to offer sacrifices to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:7**ULT**

⁷ And now, send to me a wise man to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and in purple and crimson and violet, and one who knows how to engrave engravings; with the wise who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father prepared.

UST

⁷ Therefore, please send me someone who is very good at making things from gold and silver and bronze and iron, and at making things from purple and red and blue cloth. He should also know well how to engrave designs. I want him to work in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah with my skilled craftsmen, the ones whom my father David appointed.

Who did Solomon need if he was to build a house for the name of Yahweh which reflected Yahweh's greatness?

Solomon needed a man who was skilled at work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, and in purple, crimson, blue wool and who could make all kinds of engraved wood.

2 Chronicles 2:8**ULT**

⁸ And send to me trees of cedar, cypress, and algum from Lebanon, for I myself know that your servants know how to cut trees of Lebanon. And behold, my servants will be with your servants,

UST

⁸ I know that your workers are skilled in cutting timber, so also please send me cedar logs, pine logs, and algum from the Lebanon mountains. My workers will work with your workers.

Why did Solomon want Hiram to send him cedar, fir, and algum trees from Lebanon? (vv8-9)

Solomon wanted Hiram to send these trees to him so that the house which he would build for the name of Yahweh would be great and marvelous.

2 Chronicles 2:9**ULT**

⁹ in order to prepare for me trees in abundance, for the house which I am building will be great and marvelous.

UST

⁹ In that way, they will provide me with plenty of lumber. We will need plenty, because I want the temple that we will build to be large and beautiful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And behold, to the wood cutters, to the ones who cut the trees, I will give crushed wheat to your servants 20,000 cors, and barley 20,000 cors, and wine 20,000 baths, and oil 20,000 baths." [1]

UST

¹⁰ I will pay to your workers, the men who cut the logs, 4,400 kiloliters of bushels of ground wheat, 4,400 kiloliters of barley, and 440 kiloliters of wine, and 440 kiloliters of olive oil."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Hiram, the king of Tyre, said in a writing, and sent to Solomon: "Because Yahweh loves his people, he has placed you over them as king."

UST

¹¹ When Hiram received this message, he replied by sending a message back to Solomon: "Because Yahweh loves his people, he has appointed you to be their king."

**According to Hiram, why did Yahweh make Solomon the king over the people of Israel?
(vv11-12)**

According to Hiram, Yahweh made Solomon the king because Yahweh loved his people and Solomon was gifted with prudence and understanding.

2 Chronicles 2:12**ULT**

¹² And Hiram said, "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who made the heavens and the earth, who has given to David the king a son of wisdom, knowing insight and understanding, who will build a house for Yahweh and a house for his kingdom."

UST

¹² Let everyone praise Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelite people belong, the one who created the sky and the earth! He has given King David a wise son, one who is very intelligent and who has good skill and understanding. He wants to build a temple for Yahweh and a palace for himself."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:13**ULT**

¹³ And now, I have sent a wise man, knowing understanding, Hiram-Abi,

UST

¹³ I will send to you Hiram-Abi, one of my skilled craftsmen.

Why did Hiram send Hiramabi to Solomon? (vv13-14)

Hiram sent Hiramabi because he was skilled at work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone, and in timber, and in purple, blue, crimson wool, and fine linen as well as in making any kind of engravings.

2 Chronicles 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ a son of a woman from the daughters of Dan, and his father a man of Tyre, knowing to work in gold, and in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stones, and in trees, in purple, in violet, and in fine linen, and in crimson, and to engrave any engraving and to devise any device, which is given to him with your wise ones and the wise ones of my lord, David, your father.

UST

¹⁴ His mother was from the tribe of Dan, and his father was from here in Tyre. He is able to make things from gold and silver and bronze and iron and stone and wood, but he also makes nice things from purple and blue and red cloth, and he does all kinds of engraving. He can make things using any design that you give to him. He will work with your craftsmen, and the craftsmen who did work for your father, King David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And now, the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord has said, let him send to his servants.

UST

¹⁵ Now please send us the wheat, barley, olive oil, and wine that you promised to send to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:16**ULT**

16 And we ourselves will cut trees from Lebanon, according to all your need, and we will bring them to you by rafts by sea to Joppa, and you yourself will bring them up to Jerusalem.”

UST

16 When you do that, my workers will cut in the Lebanon mountains all the logs that you need and bring them down to the sea. Then we will tie the logs together to form rafts with them, and float them in the sea to the city of Joppa. From there, you can arrange for men to take them up to Jerusalem.”

How was it possible for the wood from Lebanon to be taken to Israel?

The wood from Lebanon was taken to Israel as rafts by sea to Joppa and then carried up to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 2:17**ULT**

17 And Solomon counted all the men, the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, after the census that David, his father, had counted them. And there were found 153,600.

UST

17 Solomon told his workers to count all the people from other countries who were living in Israel, similar to what his father David had done. There were 153,600 of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:18**ULT**

18 And he made from them 70,000 burden bearers, 80,000 stonemasons in the hills, and 3,600 directors to cause the people to work.

2:10 ^[1].

UST

18 Solomon assigned seventy thousand of them to carry materials, and eighty thousand to cut stone from quarries in the hills, and 3,600 of them to supervise the others and be sure that they worked steadily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3

2 Chronicles 3:1

ULT

¹ And Solomon began to build the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where he had appeared to David his father, where David prepared in the place at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

UST

¹ Then Solomon's workers started to build the temple for Yahweh in Jerusalem. They built it on Mount Moriah, where an angel from Yahweh had appeared to his father David. They built it on the ground that Ornan, a descendant of the Jebus people group, had sold to David and where David said that it should be built.

Why did Solomon begin to build the house of Yahweh at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite on Mount Moriah? (vv1-2)

Solomon began to build the house of Yahweh there because that was where Yahweh had appeared to David his father.

2 Chronicles 3:2

ULT

² And he began to build in the second month on the second, in the fourth year of his reign.

UST

² They began the work on the second day of the second month, when Solomon had been ruling almost four years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:3

ULT

³ And these were the founding of Solomon to build the house of God, the length in cubits by the former measure, 60 cubits, and the width 20 cubits.

UST

³ The foundation of the temple was twenty-seven meters long and nine meters wide.

What were the dimensions of the foundation which Solomon laid for the house of God?

The dimensions of the foundation for the house of God was sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide, using the old style cubit.

2 Chronicles 3:4**ULT**

⁴ And the porch which is at the front, the length on the front of the width of the house, 20 cubits, and the height, 120. And he overlaid it from within with pure gold.

UST

⁴ The entrance room across the front of the temple was also nine meters long, the same as the temple's width. The entrance room was also nine meters high. Solomon caused workmen to coat the interior of the entrance room with thin sheets of pure gold.

How high was the portico at the front of the house?

The portico was twenty cubits.

2 Chronicles 3:5**ULT**

⁵ and the great house he overlaid with cypress wood, and he overlaid it with pure gold, and he brought up on it palm trees and chains.

UST

⁵ Solomon's workers used panels of pine wood to line the main hall of the temple. Then they covered those panels with very thin sheets of pure gold. On them they carved images of palm trees and designs that resembled chains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:6**ULT**

⁶ And he overlaid the house with precious stones for beauty; and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

UST

⁶ They decorated the temple with very valuable stones. The gold that they used was from the land of Parvaim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:7**ULT**

⁷ And he overlaid the house, the beams, the thresholds, and its walls, and its doors with gold; and he engraved cherubim on the walls.

UST

⁷ They covered the ceiling beams, doorframes, walls and doors of the temple with very thin sheets of gold. They also carved statues of winged creatures on the walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:8**ULT**

⁸ And he made the house of the holy of holies; its length at the front of the width of the house, 20 cubits, and its width 20 cubits. And he overlaid it with pure gold, to 600 talents.

UST

⁸ They also built the very holy place inside the temple. It was nine meters long, the same as the temple's width. The width of the very holy place was the same. They covered its walls with sheets of pure gold that altogether weighed about twenty metric tons.

What was used to overlay the most holy place? (vv8-9)

The most holy place was overlaid with fine gold.

2 Chronicles 3:9**ULT**

⁹ And the weight of the nails was 50 shekels of gold and the upper rooms he overlaid with gold.

UST

⁹ Each gold nails weighed about one-half a kilogram. They also covered the walls of the upper rooms with thin sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he made in the house of the holy of holies two cherubim, a work of casting; and he overlaid them with gold. ^[1]

UST

¹⁰ Solomon's workers made two statues of creatures with wings to put inside the very holy place. They covered those statues with very thin sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the wings of the cherubim, their length was 20 cubits, one wing was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house, and another wing five cubits, reaching to a wing of the other cherub.

UST

¹¹⁻¹² Each statue had two long wings. One wing of each statue touched the wall of the temple. The other wing of each statue touched a wing of the other statue. The wingspan of each cherub was about four and three-fifths meters across. One wing of each cherub touched the wall, while the other reached to the middle of room and touched the inner wing of the other cherub. Each wing was two and one-third meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:12**ULT**

¹² And the wing of the other cherub five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing five cubits, clinging to the wing of the other cherub.

UST

¹¹⁻¹² Each statue had two long wings. One wing of each statue touched the wall of the temple. The other wing of each statue touched a wing of the other statue. The wingspan of each cherub was about four and three-fifths meters across. One wing of each cherub touched the wall, while the other reached to the middle of room and touched the inner wing of the other cherub. Each wing was two and one-third meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:13**ULT**

¹³ The wings of these cherubim spread out 20 cubits. And they were standing on their feet, and their faces toward the house.

UST

¹³ It was nine meters from the outer wing of the one statue to the outer wing of the other statue. The statues faced the doorway leading to the main room.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he made the curtain of violet, and purple, and crimson and fine linen, and he brought up on it cherubim.

UST

¹⁴ Solomon's workers made a curtain to separate the main room from the very holy place. It was made of blue, purple, and red thread and fine linen. Figures of winged creatures were embroidered on the curtain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he made before the house two pillars, 35 cubits in length; and the capital which was on its head, five cubits.

UST

¹⁵ They made two bronze pillars and put them at the entrance of the temple. They were each sixteen meters high. A separate piece was attached to the top of each pillar; each of the top pieces was two and one-third meters high.

What did Solomon put on the two pillars in front of the house of God? (vv15-17)

Solomon joined one hundred pomegranates to the chains which he placed on top of the pillars.

2 Chronicles 3:16**ULT**

16 And he made chains in the inner sanctuary, and he placed on the head of the pillars; and he made 100 pomegranates and he placed on the chains.

UST

16 The workers made carvings that resembled chains and put them on top of the pillars. They made carvings that resembled pomegranates and attached them to the chains. There were one hundred of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:17**ULT**

17 And he set up the pillars on the face of the temple, one on the right hand, and one on the left. And he called the name of the right, Jakin, and the name of the left, Boaz.

3:10 ^[1].

UST

17 They set up the pillars in front of the temple, one the south side of the entrance and the other on the north side. The one of the south side was named Jakin and the one on the north side was named Boaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4

2 Chronicles 4:1

ULT

¹ And he made an altar of bronze, 20 cubits its length, and 20 cubits its width, and 10 cubits its height.

UST

¹ Solomon's workers made a square bronze altar, nine meters long on each side, and four and three-fifths meters high.

What were the dimensions for the altar of bronze?

The altar of bronze was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and ten cubits high.

2 Chronicles 4:2

ULT

² And he made the Sea of cast metal, 10 by the cubit from its edge to its edge, round, all around, and 5 by the cubit its height; and a measuring string 30 by the cubit surrounding it all around.

UST

² They also made a very large round tank that was called "The Sea," and it had a circumference of fourteen meters.

How big was the round sea of cast metal?

The round sea was ten cubits from brim to brim. It was five cubits high and thirty cubits in circumference.

2 Chronicles 4:3

ULT

³ And a likeness of oxen was under it all around; all around, surrounding it, 10 cubits, encircling the Sea all around; two rows of the oxen, cast in its cast metal.

UST

³ Below the outer rim there were small figures of bulls that were set in a circle, the bulls were placed 45 centimeters apart around the whole circle. The bulls were cast together in two rows, and they were also cast together with the metal basin that was called "The Sea." (Each row had three hundred figures of bulls.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:4**ULT**

⁴ Standing on 12 oxen, three turned to the north, and 3 turned to the west, and 3 turned to the south, and three turned to the east. And the Sea was on them above, and all their hindquarters to the house.

UST

⁴ "The Sea" was set on twelve large figures of bulls, with the bulls facing outward. Three bulls faced north, three faced west, three faced south, and three faced east.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:5**ULT**

⁵ And its thickness was a span, and its edge like a work of an edge of a cup, a bud of a lily, taking hold, 3000 baths it could contain.

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⁵ The sides of the tank were eight centimeters thick. The tank's brim was fashioned like the brim of a cup; it resembled a lily blossom. The tank held sixty-six kiloliters of water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:6**ULT**

⁶ And he made 10 pots, and he placed five on the right and five on the left to wash in them; the work of the burnt offering, they will rinse in them. And the Sea for bathing for the priests in it.

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⁶ The craftsmen also made ten basins for washing the articles that were to be used in making offerings, and they set five on the south side, and five on the north side. In them the utensils used for the burnt offering were washed, and the priests washed themselves in the large bronze tank that was called "The Sea."

What was the purpose of the sea which Solomon built for the temple?

The sea was for the priests to wash in.

2 Chronicles 4:7**ULT**

⁷ And he made the 10 lampstands of gold according to their judgment, and he placed in the temple five on the right and five on the left.

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⁷ The craftsmen also made ten gold lampstands according to how Solomon had instructed them. They put them in the temple, five on the south side and five on the north side.

How did Solomon know how to make the ten lampstands of gold?

Solomon made the ten lampstands of gold from the instructions for their design.

2 Chronicles 4:8**ULT**

⁸ And he made 10 tables, and he gave rest in the temple, five on the right, and five on the left. And he made 100 basins of gold.

UST

⁸ They made ten tables and put them in the temple, five on the south side and five on the north side. They also made one hundred gold basins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:9**ULT**

⁹ And he made the courtyard of the priests, and the great court and the doors for the court and their doors he overlaid with bronze.

UST

⁹ They constructed one courtyard for the priests, and a larger courtyard for the other people. They made doors for the courtyards and covered them with thin sheets of bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the Sea he placed on the right side to the east, facing toward the south.

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¹⁰ They placed the large tank that was called "The Sea" at the southeast corner of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Hiram made the tubs, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished making the work that he made for King Solomon in the house of God:

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¹¹ They also made pots and shovels for the ashes of the altar, and other small bowls. So Hiram and his workers finished the work that King Solomon had given him to do at the temple of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:12**ULT**

¹² the two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals on the head of the two pillars, and the two trellises to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the head of the pillars,

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¹² These were the things that they made: the two large pillars the two bowl shaped tops on top of the pillars
the two sets of carvings that resembled chains to decorate the tops of the two pillars

What was the work which Hiram finished for King Solomon in the house of God? (vv12-13)

Hiram finished the work on the two pillars, the bowls, the decorative latticework, and the four hundred pomegranates.

2 Chronicles 4:13**ULT**

¹³ and the 400 pomegranates for the two trellises, two rows of pomegranates for each trellis to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the face of the pillars.

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¹³ the four hundred carvings that resembled pomegranates that were placed in two rows, they were made to decorate the tops of the two pillars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the stands he made, and the pots he made on the stands,

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¹⁴ The pomegranate carvings also were used to decorate the stands, and the basins that were placed on them,

**What did Hiramabi make of polished bronze for King Solomon for the house of Yahweh?
(vv14-16)**

Hiramabi made the stands and the basins, one sea and the twelve bulls under it, and many implements.

2 Chronicles 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ the one Sea, and the 12 oxen under it.

UST

¹⁵ the very large tank called "The Sea," and the figures of twelve bulls underneath it,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the tubs, and the shovels, and the forks, and all items Hiram-Abi made for King Solomon for the house of Yahweh of polished bronze. ^[1]

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¹⁶ the pots, shovels, meat forks, and all the other things needed for the work at the altar. All those things that Hiram-Abi and his craftsmen made for King Solomon were of bronze that they polished for it to gleam brightly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ In the vicinity of the Jordan the king cast them, in the thick ground between Succoth and between Zeredathah.

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¹⁷ They made them by pouring melted bronze into the clay molds that Hiram-Abi had set up near the Jordan River between the cities of Succoth and Zarethan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Solomon made all these items in great abundance; indeed, the weight of the bronze was not sought out.

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¹⁸ All of those things that Solomon told them to make used a very large amount of bronze, so great was the amount they used that no one knew how much it all weighed.

What was the weight of the bronze for all of the vessels Solomon made?

The weight of the bronze all the vessels Solomon made could not be known.

2 Chronicles 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Solomon made all the items that were in the house of God, and the altar of gold, and the tables and on them the bread of the presence;

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¹⁹ Solomon's workers also made all these things that they later put into the temple: the golden altar, the tables on which the priests put the bread to display before God,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ and the lampstands and their lamps for their burning according to the judgment before the inner sanctuary, fine gold;

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²⁰ the pure gold lampstands and the pure gold lamps, in which the priests put oil to burn in front of the very holy place (as God had told Moses that the priests should do),

What were the lampstands with their lamps that were designed to burn before the inner room made of?

The lampstand with their lamps were made of pure gold.

2 Chronicles 4:21**ULT**

²¹ and the buds, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, it was perfection of gold.

UST

²¹ the pure gold decorations that resembled flowers, and the lamps and tongs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:22**ULT**

22 and the lamp trimmers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of fine gold. And the entrance of the house, its inner doors into the Holy of Holies and the doors of the house, for the temple, gold.

4:16 ^[1], some versions have .

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22 The workers also made the pure gold wick trimmers and bowls for sprinkling, and dishes and incense burners,

the gold doors of the temple,

the gold inner doors leading to the very holy place,

the gold doors leading to the main hall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5

2 Chronicles 5:1

ULT

¹ And all the work which Solomon did for the house of Yahweh was completed, and Solomon brought in the sacred things of David, his father; and the silver, and the gold, and all the items, he placed in the treasuries of the house of God.

UST

¹ After Solomon's workers had finished building the temple, Solomon put in the temple storerooms everything that his father David had dedicated to Yahweh—all the silver and gold and all the other things that were used at the temple.

Where did Solomon put the things which David had dedicated to God?

Solomon put all the things including the silver, gold, and all the furnishings, into the storerooms of the house of God.

2 Chronicles 5:2

ULT

² Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers of the sons of Israel to Jerusalem, to bring up the Box of the covenant of Yahweh from the city of David, that is, Zion.

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² Then King Solomon summoned to Jerusalem all the elders of Israel, all the leaders of the tribes and of the families. He wanted them to join in bringing to the temple Yahweh's sacred chest from Mount Zion, where it was in the part of the city called the city of David.

What did Solomon decide to do next? (vv2-3)

Solomon assembled the leaders of Israel to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh from the city of David.

2 Chronicles 5:3

ULT

³ And all the men of Israel assembled to the king at the feast; it was the seventh month.

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³ So all the leaders of Israel gathered together with the king, during the Festival of Shelters, in the seventh month.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:4**ULT**

⁴ And all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites carried the Box.

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⁴ When they had all arrived, the descendants of Levi lifted up the sacred chest,

What did King Solomon and all the assembly of Israel do when the Levites brought up the ark of the covenant? (vv4-6)

King Solomon and all the assembly of Israel came together sacrificing many sheep and oxen.

2 Chronicles 5:5**ULT**

⁵ And they brought up the Box, and the tent of meeting, and all the sacred items that were in the tent; the priests, the Levites, brought them up.

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⁵ and they carried it and the sacred tent and the sacred things that were inside it. The priests, who were also descended from Levi, carried them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:6**ULT**

⁶ And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel were gathering to him before the Box, sacrificing sheep and oxen which was not counted, and it was not numbered because of the abundance.

UST

⁶ King Solomon and many of the other people of Israel who had gathered there walked in front of the sacred chest. And they sacrificed a huge amount of sheep and bulls. No one was able to count them because there were very many.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:7**ULT**

⁷ And the priests brought in the Box of the covenant of Yahweh to its place, to the inner sanctuary of the house, to the holy of holies, to under the wings of the cherubim.

UST

⁷ The priests then brought the sacred chest into the very holy place, into the inner room of the temple, and they placed it under the wings of the figures of winged creatures.

Where did the priests place the ark of the covenant of Yahweh? (vv7-8)

The priests placed the ark of the covenant of Yahweh in the most holy place under the wings of the cherubim.

2 Chronicles 5:8**ULT**

⁸ And the cherubim were spreading out wings over the place of the Box. And the cherubim covered over the Box and over its poles from above.

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⁸ The wings of those figures spread out over the sacred chest and over the poles by which it was carried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:9**ULT**

⁹ And the poles lengthened and the heads of the poles from the Box were seen at the front of the inner sanctuary, but they were not seen outside. And they are there until this day.

UST

⁹ The poles were very long, with the result that they could be seen by people who were standing in the entrance to the very holy place, but they could not be seen by anyone standing outside the temple. Those poles are still there.

What items were in the ark of the covenant? (vv9-10)

There was nothing in the ark of the covenant except the two tablets that Moses had put there at Horeb.

2 Chronicles 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ There was nothing in the Box except the two tablets that Moses had placed at Horeb, which Yahweh cut with the sons of Israel in their going out from Egypt.

UST

¹⁰ The only things that were inside the sacred chest were the two stone tablets that Moses had put there at Mount Sinai, where Yahweh had made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ And it happened in the going out of the priests from the holy place that all the priests who were found consecrated themselves; there was no keeping to the divisions.

UST

¹¹ Then the priests left the holy place in the temple. All the priests who were there set themselves apart to serve the priestly duties, without concern for which group they were from.

What did all the Levites do after the priests came out of the holy place? (vv11-12)

The Levites, who were clothed in fine linen, stood at the east end of the altar playing cymbals, harps, and lyres.

2 Chronicles 5:12**ULT**

¹² And the Levites, the singers, all of them, Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brothers, clothed in fine linen, with cymbals, and with harps and lyres, were standing to the east of the altar. And with them, 120 priests sounding with trumpets.

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¹² All the descendants of Levi who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, their sons and their other relatives—stood on the east side of the altar. They were wearing linen clothes, and they were playing cymbals, harps, and lyres. There were 120 other priests who were blowing trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:13**ULT**

¹³ And it happened, like one were the trumpeters and singers, to cause to hear one voice to praise and to give thanks to Yahweh. And when raising a voice with trumpets and with cymbals and with the items of the song, and when praising Yahweh: "For good, for forever is his covenant faithfulness." And the house filled with a cloud, the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹³ The men blowing trumpets, those playing the cymbals and other musical instruments, and the singers, made music together, praising Yahweh and singing this song: "Yahweh is good to us; he faithfully loves us forever." Then suddenly the temple was filled with a cloud.

How did the trumpeters and singers praise Yahweh?

The trumpeters and singers made music together, singing, "For he is good, for his covenant loyalty endures forever."

2 Chronicles 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the priests were not able to stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Yahweh filled the house of God.

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¹⁴ The glory of Yahweh filled the temple, with the result that the priests were not able to continue doing their work.

Why were the priests unable to stand in order to serve?

The priests could not stand because the cloud, which was the glory of Yahweh, filled Yahweh's house.

2 Chronicles 6

2 Chronicles 6:1

ULT

¹ Then Solomon said, "Yahweh has said he would dwell in thick darkness,

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¹ Then Solomon prayed, "Yahweh, you said that you would live in a dark cloud.

How had Solomon improved the place where Yahweh would live? (vv1-2)

Yahweh had said he would live in thick darkness, but Solomon built him a lofty residence in which he would live forever.

2 Chronicles 6:2

ULT

² but I have built a lofty house for you and a place for you to dwell forever."

UST

² But now I have built a glorious temple for you to live in forever!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:3

ULT

³ And the king turned his face, and he blessed all the assembly of Israel, and all the assembly of Israel was standing.

UST

³ Then while all the people stood there, Solomon turned toward the people and asked God to bless them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:4**ULT**

⁴ And he said, "Blessed be Yahweh the God of Israel who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and with his hands he fulfilled, saying,

UST

⁴ He said to them, "Let us praise Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong, who has caused to happen what he promised to my father David. What he said to David was this:

Where did Yahweh finally decide to live and whom did he chose to rule over Israel? (vv4-6)

Yahweh had chosen no city in which to build his house nor any man to be prince over Israel, but he then chose Jerusalem as the city and David to be over Israel.

2 Chronicles 6:5**ULT**

⁵ 'From the day that I brought out my people from the land of Egypt, I did not choose a city from all the tribes of Israel to build a house, for my name to be there. And I did not choose a man to be leader over my people Israel.

UST

⁵ 'From the time that I brought my people out of Egypt, I have never chosen a city in Israel in which a temple should be built for people to worship me there. Nor did I choose anyone to be the leader of my Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:6**ULT**

⁶ But I have chosen Jerusalem, for my name to be there, and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.'

UST

⁶ But now I have chosen Jerusalem to be the place for people to worship me, and I have chosen you, David, to rule my Israelite people.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:7**ULT**

⁷ And it was with the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

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⁷ Then Solomon said further, "My father David wanted to build a temple for Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong.

What did Yahweh say to David to keep him from fulfilling the desire of his heart? (vv7-9)

Yahweh had told David, "It was in your heart to build a house for my name, but your son will build it instead."

2 Chronicles 6:8**ULT**

⁸ And Yahweh said to David my father, 'On account of what is with your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was with your heart.

UST

⁸ But Yahweh said to him, 'It is good that you wanted to build a house for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:9**ULT**

⁹ Only you yourself must not build the house; instead, your son who comes from your loins, he himself will build the house for my name.'

UST

⁹ However, you are not the one who I want to build the temple, It is one of your own sons who will build it.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Yahweh has established his word that he spoke, and I have risen instead of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, just as Yahweh spoke. And I have built the house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

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¹⁰ And Yahweh has done what he promised to do. I have become the king of Israel to rule after my father, and I am ruling the people, as Yahweh promised, and I have arranged for this temple to be built for us to worship Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong.

How did Yahweh carry out the word that he had spoken? (vv10-11)

Yahweh carried out the word he had spoken by having Solomon sit on David's throne, build the house for the name of Yahweh, and place the ark within it.

2 Chronicles 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ And I set there the Box, in which there is the covenant of Yahweh, which he cut with the sons of Israel."

UST

¹¹ I have put the sacred chest in the temple, in which are the stone tablets showing the covenant that Yahweh made with us Israelite people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:12**ULT**

¹² And he stood before the altar of Yahweh in front of all the assembly of Israel. And he spread out his hands,

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¹² Then Solomon stood in front of the altar that was in front of the people of Israel who had gathered there. He spread out his hands as he began to pray.

How did Solomon stand before the altar of Yahweh? (vv12-13)

Solomon stood on a bronze platform, knelt down before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward the heavens.

2 Chronicles 6:13**ULT**

¹³ for Solomon made a platform of bronze, and he placed it in the midst of the court, five cubits its length, and five cubits its width, and three cubits its height. And he stood on it, and he knelt down on his knees in front of all the assembly of Israel, and he spread out his hands to the heavens.

UST

¹³ Now His workers had built a bronze platform there for him to stand on, which was two and one-third meters square and one and one-half meters high. They had put it in the outer courtyard. Solomon mounted that platform and then knelt down in front of all the people of Israel who had gathered there, and he spread out his arms toward heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he said, "Yahweh, God of Israel, there is not like you a god in the heavens or on the earth, one who keeps the covenant and covenant faithfulness to your servants, walking before you with all their heart;

UST

¹⁴ Then he prayed, "Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelite people belong, there is no God like you in heaven or on the earth. You solemnly promised in your covenant that you would faithfully love us, and that is what you have done for us who earnestly do what you want us to do.

What does Yahweh do for the servants who walk before him with all their heart? (vv14-15)

Yahweh keeps covenant and covenant faithfulness with his servants who walk before him with all their heart.

2 Chronicles 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ who kept for your servant David my father that which he spoke to him. And you spoke with your mouth and by your hand you have fulfilled, like this day.

UST

¹⁵ You have done the things that you promised my father David, who served you very well, that you would do. Truly, you promised to do those things for him, and today we see that by your power you have caused it all to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And now, Yahweh, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father that which you spoke to him saying, 'There will not be cut off for you a man from before me, sitting on the throne of Israel, only if your sons keep their ways to walk in my law, just as you walked before me.'

UST

¹⁶ So now, Yahweh, the God we Israelites worship Israel, as you promised your servant David, my father, please make sure that he will always have a descendant who will be king of Israel. For you promise you would do this if his descendants were faithful to you.

What is the promise which Yahweh made to his servant David? (vv16-17)

Yahweh told David that he would not fail to have a man from his tribe sit on the throne of Israel if his descendants were careful to walk in Yahweh's law.

2 Chronicles 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And now, Yahweh, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you spoke to your servant, to David.

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¹⁷ So now, God of us Israelite people, cause what you promised David, who served you well, to become true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens do not contain you—how much less this house that I have built!

UST

¹⁸ But, my God, will you really live on earth among us? This temple I have built cannot contain you; not even the universe and heaven itself can contain you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Yet turn to the prayer of your servant and to his supplication, Yahweh my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer that your servant is praying before you,

UST

¹⁹ But Yahweh, my God, please listen to my prayer, while I am pleading with this day and do what I am requesting.

What was the basic request which Solomon made of Yahweh? (vv19-20)

Solomon requested that Yahweh listen to his cry and prayer so that his eyes would be open on the temple day and night.

2 Chronicles 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ your eyes to be open to this house days and night, to the place where you said to put your name there, to listen to the prayer which your servant prays toward this place.

UST

²⁰ Always protect this temple, this place where you said you would be present, in order that you might always hear me when I pray, for I am your servant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:21**ULT**

²¹ And listen to the supplications of your servant and your people Israel when they pray toward this place, and you yourself hear from the place of your dwelling from the heavens, and hear and forgive.

UST

²¹ Listen to me when I pray, and listen to your Israelite people when they pray, whether we are here, or even if we just face in this direction. Listen from heaven, where you live; and when you hear us pray, forgive us.

What did Solomon want Yahweh, the God of Israel, to do after Yahweh listened to the requests of Solomon and the people of Israel?

Solomon wanted Yahweh to forgive.

2 Chronicles 6:22**ULT**

²² If a man sins against his neighbor and is made by him to swear an oath, and brings an oath before your altar in this house,

UST

²² If people accuse someone of doing something wrong to another person, and if they bring him in front of your altar outside this holy temple, and if he says, 'I did not do that; may God punish me if I am not telling the truth,'

How could a righteous man be declared innocent if he was charged with sinning against his neighbor? (vv22-23)

A righteous man could be declared innocent by swearing an oath before the altar in Yahweh's house.

2 Chronicles 6:23**ULT**

²³ then you yourself hear from the heavens, and act, and judge your servants, to bring back the wicked, to put his way on his head, and to make righteous the righteous, to give to him according to his righteousness.

UST

²³ then please listen from heaven and decide who is telling the truth. Then punish the person who is guilty as he deserves to be punished, and do good to the other person as a reward for his innocence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:24**ULT**

²⁴ And if your people Israel are struck down before an enemy because they have sinned against you, and they return, and they confess your name, and they pray, and they seek favor before you in this house,

UST

²⁴ And suppose that your Israelite people are defeated by their enemies because they sinned against you, and forced to go to some distant country. Suppose further that they turn away from their sinful behavior and face in the direction of this temple and acknowledge that you have justly punished them; and suppose that they beg you to forgive them.

What did the people of Israel need to do when they had been defeated by an enemy because they had sinned against Yahweh? (vv24-25)

The people of Israel needed to turn back to Yahweh by confessing his name, praying, and requesting forgiveness before him in the temple.

2 Chronicles 6:25**ULT**

²⁵ then you yourself hear from the heavens and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them back to the ground that you gave to them and to their fathers.

UST

²⁵ Then please listen to them from heaven and forgive your them for the sins that they have committed, and bring them back to this land that you gave to our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:26**ULT**

²⁶ When the heavens are restrained and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and they pray toward this place, and they confess your name, from their sin they turn for you afflict them,

UST

²⁶ When you do not allow any rain to fall because the people have sinned against you—then, if they stop acting sinfully and humbly pray to you, you who are present in this place,

How should the people of Israel respond when the skies are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against Yahweh? (vv26-27)

The people of Israel should pray toward the temple, confess Yahweh's name, and turn from their sin so that rain would fall on their land.

2 Chronicles 6:27**ULT**

²⁷ then you yourself hear in the heavens and forgive the sin of your servants and your people Israel, for you teach them the good way in which they should walk in it. And give rain on your land, which you gave to your people for a possession.

UST

²⁷ then listen from heaven and forgive the sins of your people. Teach them the right way to conduct their lives. Then send rain on the land that you gave to your people forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:28**ULT**

²⁸ Famine, if there is, in the land pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or grasshopper, if there is indeed they suffer distress from their enemies in the land at the gates, any plague or any sickness,

UST

²⁸ And when the people of this land experience famines, or if there is a plague or mildew or locusts or grasshoppers, or when their enemies surround any of their cities in order to attack them—if any of these disaster happens to them—

What were some of the conditions where people in Israel needed Yahweh to listen to their prayers and forgive them for their sins? (vv28-31)

The people in Israel needed Yahweh to listen to their prayers when there was famine, disease, blight or mildew, locusts or caterpillars, when enemies attacked the city gates, or if there was any plague or sickness.

2 Chronicles 6:29**ULT**

²⁹ any prayer, any supplication which is by any person or by all your people Israel which they know each his own plague and his own sorrow, and he spreads out his hands toward this house,

UST

²⁹ and then if your Israelite people earnestly plead, or if even just one person does so—if they stretch out their hands toward this temple and pray to you because they know the weakness and sorrow in their own hearts—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:30**ULT**

³⁰ then you yourself hear from the heavens, your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to each according to all his ways; because you know his heart, for you yourself, only you, know the heart of the sons of mankind,

UST

³⁰ then listen from your home in heaven and forgive them. You alone know what each person is thinking, so reward each person according to everything that he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:31**ULT**

³¹ in order that they may fear you, by walking in your ways all the days that they live on the face of the ground that you gave to our fathers.

UST

³¹ Do this in order that they might honor you and conduct their lives as you want them to, all the time that they live in this land that you gave to our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:32**ULT**

³² And also to the foreigner who is not from your people Israel, and he comes from a distant land because of your great name, and your strong hand, and your outstretched arm, and they come and pray toward this house,

UST

³² There will be some foreigners who do not belong to your Israelite people who have come here from countries far away because they have heard that you are very great and powerful. If they turn toward this temple and pray,

Why should Yahweh do what the foreigner asks of him when he came and prayed toward Yahweh's house? (vv32-33)

Yahweh should do what the foreigner asked of him so that all the people groups on earth might know Yahweh's name, fear him, and know the house which is called by his name.

2 Chronicles 6:33**ULT**

³³ and you yourself hear from the heavens, from your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, like your people Israel, and to know that your name is called toward this house that I have built.

UST

³³ then from your home in heaven please listen to their prayer and do for them what they request you to do. Do that in order that all the people groups in the world will honor and obey you, as your people of Israel do. And do this so that they will know that you are present in this temple that I have built.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:34**ULT**

³⁴ When your people go out to battle against their enemies in the way which you send them, and they pray to you toward the way of this city that you have chosen it and the house that I have built for your name,

UST

³⁴ When you send your people to go and attack their enemies, if they pray to you, no matter where they are, and if they turn toward this city that you have chosen and toward this temple that I have caused to be built to honor you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:35**ULT**

³⁵ then hear from the heavens their prayer, and their supplication, and do their judgment.

UST

³⁵ then will you please listen from heaven to their prayers. Listen to what they plead for you to do, and give them help.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:36**ULT**

³⁶ When they sin against you—for there is no person who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them before an enemy, and their captors take them captive, to a land, distant or near,

UST

³⁶ It is true that everyone sins. So when your people sin against you, and you become angry with them, you might allow their enemies to capture them and take them to their countries, even to countries that are far away.

What request did Solomon make of Yahweh? (vv36-39)

Solomon requested that Yahweh would listen to the confession of the people of Israel and forgive them of their sins after they had sinned, been taken captive to the land of their enemy, and repented of their sins.

2 Chronicles 6:37**ULT**

³⁷ and they turn back their heart in the land where they are captive there, and they turn and they seek favor from you in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned; we have committed iniquity, and we have done evil,'

UST

³⁷ When that happens, while they are in those distant countries, if they say 'We have sinned; we have done things that are wrong and have done things that are very wicked,'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:38**ULT**

³⁸ and they turn to you with all their heart and with all their being in the land of their captivity, where they took them captive, and they pray toward the way of their land which you gave to their fathers, and the city that you chose, and toward the house that I have built for your name,

UST

³⁸ suppose that they repent very sincerely and pray facing this land that you gave their ancestors, and facing this city that you chose, and facing this temple that I have built for you to be present in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:39**ULT**

³⁹ then hear from the heavens, from your dwelling place, their prayer and their supplication, and do their judgment, and forgive your people who sinned against you.

UST

³⁹ Then from your home in heaven listen to their prayer, and listen to them while they plead for your help, and do what they ask you to do, and forgive your people who have sinned against you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ Now, my God, please let your eyes be open, and your ears attentive to the prayer of this place.

UST

⁴⁰ Now, my God, look at us as we pray to you in this place, and please listen to us.

What did Solomon want Yahweh to do? (vv40-42)

Solomon wanted Yahweh to be attentive to the prayers of the people, clothe his priests with salvation, and let his saints rejoice in his goodness.

2 Chronicles 6:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And now arise, Yahweh God, to your resting place, you and the Box of your strength. Your priests, Yahweh God, may they be clothed in salvation, and your faithful ones rejoice in goodness.

UST

⁴¹ Yahweh our God, come and stay in this place with the sacred chest, the chest that shows that you are powerful. Yahweh God, cause your priests to know clearly that you have rescued them. Cause us your people to rejoice because of all the good things that you do for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:42**ULT**

⁴² Yahweh God, do not turn away the face of your anointed ones. Remember the covenant faithfulnesses of David your servant."

UST

⁴² Yahweh God, do not reject me, the king whom you have appointed to be the king of Israel; do not forget how faithfully were to David, your servant, because of your covenant with him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7

2 Chronicles 7:1

ULT

¹ And when Solomon finished praying, then the fire came down from the heavens and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of Yahweh filled the house.

UST

¹ When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from the sky and burned up the animals that the people had sacrificed, as well as the other offerings. And the power and light of Yahweh filled the temple.

What happened when Solomon finished his prayer to Yahweh?

When Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven to consume the burnt offerings and sacrifices, and the glory of Yahweh filled the house.

2 Chronicles 7:2

ULT

² And the priests were not able to go into the house of Yahweh because the glory of Yahweh filled the house of Yahweh.

UST

² The light was extremely bright, with the result that the priests could not enter the temple of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:3

ULT

³ And all the sons of Israel were seeing the fire come down and the glory of Yahweh on the house, and they bowed down their faces to the ground on the stone pavement, and they worshiped and gave thanks to Yahweh, "Truly he is good; truly his covenant faithfulness is forever."

UST

³ When all the Israelite people who were there saw the fire coming down and the light of Yahweh above the temple, they prostrated themselves with their faces touching the stone pavement. They worshiped and thanked Yahweh, saying, 'Yahweh is always good to us; he will love us forever, as he promised to do.'

What was the response of the people of Israel when the fire came down and the glory of Yahweh filled the house?

The people of Israel bowed with their faces to the ground, worshiped, and gave thanks to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 7:4**ULT**

⁴ And the king and all the people were offering sacrifice before Yahweh.

UST

⁴⁻⁵ Then the king and all the people who were there dedicated the temple to Yahweh by offering more sacrifices to him. King Solomon offered twenty-two thousand cattle and 120,000 sheep and goats to be sacrificed.

Why did King Solomon and all the people offer sacrifices to Yahweh? (vv4-5)

King Solomon and the people offered sacrifices to Yahweh to dedicate the house of God

2 Chronicles 7:5**ULT**

⁵ And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. And the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

UST

⁴⁻⁵ Then the king and all the people who were there dedicated the temple to Yahweh by offering more sacrifices to him. King Solomon offered twenty-two thousand cattle and 120,000 sheep and goats to be sacrificed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:6**ULT**

⁶ And the priests at their posts were standing; and the Levites with instruments of song of Yahweh which David the king had made to give thanks to Yahweh, "For his covenant faithfulness is forever," when David praised by the hand of them. And the priests were trumpeting in front of them, and all Israel was standing.

UST

⁶ The priests stood in their positions, and the other descendants of Levi stood in their positions holding the musical instruments to praise Yahweh, instruments that King David had ordered to be made for praising Yahweh and thanking him. They sang, "He faithfully loves us forever." Opposite the other descendants of Levi the priests stood, blowing their trumpets, while all the Israelite people were standing and listening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:7

ULT

⁷ And Solomon consecrated the middle of the courtyard which is before the house of Yahweh. For he did there the burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings because the bronze altar which Solomon made was not able to contain the burnt offerings, and the grain offering, and the fats.

UST

⁷ Solomon dedicated the middle part of the courtyard in front of the temple. Then he presented offerings to be completely burned there along with the fat of the animals to be sacrificed to maintain fellowship with Yahweh. The priests burned them there in the courtyard because in addition to those things there were offerings of flour, with the result that there was not enough space on the bronze altar to burn all those sacrifices.

Why did Solomon offer burnt offerings and the fat of the fellowship offerings in the middle of the courtyard?

The burnt offerings and the fat of the fellowship offerings were offered by Solomon in the middle of the courtyard because the bronze altar he made was not able to hold the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.

2 Chronicles 7:8

ULT

⁸ And Solomon did the feast at that time, seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from Lebo Hamath to the brook of Egypt.

UST

⁸ Solomon and the other people celebrated the Festival of Shelters for seven days. There was a huge group of people who celebrated with him. Some of them came from as far away as Lebohamath in the far north and from the border of Egypt in the far south.

Why was Solomon able to send the people of Israel away to their homes with glad and joyful hearts after the festival? (vv8-10)

The people were sent away by Solomon with glad and joyful hearts because of the goodness that Yahweh had shown to David, Solomon, and his people Israel.

2 Chronicles 7:9**ULT**

⁹ And they did on the eighth day an assembly, for the dedication of the altar they did, seven days, and the feast, seven days.

UST

⁹ On the eighth day they gathered again to worship Yahweh. They had celebrated the dedication of the altar for seven days and the Festival of Shelters for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And on the 23rd day of the seventh month, he sent away the people to their tents joyful and good of heart on account of the goodness which Yahweh did for David, and for Solomon, and for Israel his people.

UST

¹⁰ Then on the next day Solomon sent them to their homes. They were very joyful because of all the good things that Yahweh had done for David and Solomon and for all his Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Solomon finished the house of Yahweh and the house of the king. And all that came into the heart of Solomon to do in the house of Yahweh and in his house, he succeeded.

UST

¹¹ In this way, Solomon's workers finished building the temple and Solomon's palace. And Solomon finished doing everything else that he had planned to do.

What was carried out by Solomon in the house of Yahweh and in Solomon's own house?

Everything was carried out that came into Solomon's heart to do in the house of Yahweh and in his own house.

2 Chronicles 7:12**ULT**

¹² And Yahweh appeared to Solomon in the night, and he said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and I have chosen this place for myself for a house of sacrifice.

UST

¹² Then Yahweh appeared to him one night in a dream and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and I have chosen this temple to be the place where my people will offer sacrifices to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:13**ULT**

¹³ If I restrain the heavens and there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people,

UST

¹³ When I prevent any rain from falling, or when I command locusts to eat all the crops, or when I send a plague among my people,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ and my people, whom my name is called over them, humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn back from their evil ways, then I myself will hear from the heavens, and I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land.

UST

¹⁴ then if the people who belong to me, are sorry for their sins and stop doing them, and if they plead with me for me to forgive, then I will indeed listen from heaven. I will forgive them for having sinned, and I will cause them to prosper again.

What did the people of Israel need to do in order for Yahweh to hear their prayer, forgive their sin, and heal their land?

The people who were called by Yahweh's name needed to humble themselves, pray, seek Yahweh's face and turn from their wicked ways.

2 Chronicles 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer of this place.

UST

¹⁵ I will listen to them when they pray to me in this place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And now I have chosen and I have consecrated this house for my name to be there until forever. And my eyes and my heart will be there all the days.

UST

¹⁶ I have decided to be present in this temple, and I have set apart it for myself. I will protect it for all time.

Why did Yahweh choose and consecrate his house?

Yahweh chose and consecrated his house so that his name might be there forever.

2 Chronicles 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And you, if you walk before me just as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and my statutes and my judgments you keep,

UST

¹⁷ And as for you, if you obey me as David, your father, did, and if you do all that I command you to do, and if you obey all my laws and decrees,

What conditions did Yahweh set forth for the people of Israel to meet in order for a descendant of David to always be on the throne of his kingdom? (vv17-18)

Yahweh said that the people of Israel must obey all that he had commanded them and keep his statutes and decrees.

2 Chronicles 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, just as I cut with David your father, saying, 'There will not be cut off from you a man ruling in Israel.'

UST

¹⁸ I will make sure that your descendants will always be kings, which is what I promised to David your father, when I told him, 'Persons from your descendants will always be the kings of Israel.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But if you all turn yourselves, and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I placed before you all, and walk and serve other gods and worship them,

UST

¹⁹ What will I do to you Israelites when you stop worshipping me? What will I do when you disobey the decrees and commands I have given to you? And what will I do when you start worshipping other gods?

What would happen if the people of Israel would disobey Yahweh's statutes and commandments and worship other gods? (vv19-20)

If the people of Israel would disobey Yahweh's statutes and commandments and worship other gods, then he would uproot them from the ground he had given them and the house he had consecrated and make them a joke among all the peoples.

2 Chronicles 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ then I will remove them from upon my ground which I gave to them. And this house which I consecrated for my name, I will cast out from before my face, and I will make it a proverb and a taunt among all the peoples.

UST

²⁰ This is what I will do: I will cause you to be driven away from this land that I have given to you, and I will reject the temple that I have set apart for myself. I will make people from all the other people groups laugh about what happened to house where Yahweh was worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:21**ULT**

²¹ And this house which was exalted to all who pass by it will be devastated, and they will say, 'Why did Yahweh do thus to this land and to this house?'

UST

²¹ Although this temple is now so magnificent, when that happens, all the people who pass by will be appalled, and they will say, 'Why has Yahweh done terrible things like this to this country and to this temple?'

What response would be given to the people who passed by the temple and were shocked at what Yahweh had done to the land and his house? (vv21-22)

The response would be that Yahweh had brought all this disaster upon the land and his house because his people disobeyed him and laid hold of other gods, bowing down to worship them.

2 Chronicles 7:22**ULT**

²² And they will say, 'On account of which they forsook Yahweh, the God of their fathers who brought them out from the land of Egypt, and they laid hold of other gods and worshipped them and served them. On account of thus, he brought on them all this misery.'"

UST

²² And others will reply, 'It happened because they rejected Yahweh, the God to whom their ancestors belonged, the one who brought their ancestors out of Egypt, and they have chosen to worship other gods and try to please them. And that is why Yahweh has caused them to experience all these disasters.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8

2 Chronicles 8:1

ULT

¹ And it happened at the end of 20 years, in which Solomon built the house of Yahweh and his house,

UST

¹ Solomon's workers took twenty years to build the temple and his palace.

What did Solomon do while he was building the house of Yahweh and his own house? (vv1-2)

During the time Solomon built the house of Yahweh and his own house, he was also rebuilding the towns which Hiram had given to him and he made the people of Israel live there.

2 Chronicles 8:2

ULT

² and the cities which Hiram gave to Solomon, Solomon built them. And he caused to dwell there the sons of Israel.

UST

² Then his workers rebuilt the cities that King Hiram had given back to him, and Solomon sent Israelites to live in those cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:3

ULT

³ And Solomon went to Hamathzobah and he prevailed over it.

UST

³ Solomon's army then went to the town of Hamathzobah and captured it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:4**ULT**

⁴ And he built Tadmor in the wilderness and all the cities of stores which he built in Hamath.

UST

⁴ They also rebuilt walls around the city of Tadmor in the wilderness, and in the region of Hamath, for all the towns where they kept supplies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:5**ULT**

⁵ And he built Beth Horon the Upper and Beth Horon the Lower, fortified cities with walls, doors, and a bar,

UST

⁵ They rebuilt the cities of Upper Beth Horon and Lower Beth Horon, and built walls around them with gates and bars for the gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:6**ULT**

⁶ and Baalath and all the cities of stores which were to Solomon, and all the cities of the chariots and the cities of the horsemen, and all the desire of Solomon which he desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his kingdom.

UST

⁶ They also rebuilt the city of Baalath and all the cities where supplies were kept, and the cities where Solomon's chariots and horses were kept. Solomon's workers built whatever he wanted them to build, in Jerusalem and in Lebanon, and in other places in the area that he ruled.

In general where and for what purpose did Solomon build?

Solomon built for his own pleasure in Jerusalem, Lebanon, and in all the lands under his rule.

2 Chronicles 8:7**ULT**

⁷ All the people who were left from the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not from Israel,

UST

⁷ Solomon forced people from many other groups who were not Israelites to work for him as if they were slaves. They were people from the Heth, Amor, Periz, Hiv, and Jebus people groups.

What happened to the people of the land who did not belong to Israel? (vv7-8)

Solomon made the people who did not belong to Israel forced laborers.

2 Chronicles 8:8**ULT**

⁸ from their sons who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel had not brought to an end—and Solomon brought them up for forced laborers, until this day.

UST

⁸ They were descendants of groups whom the Israelites had not completely destroyed. Solomon forced them to become his laborers, and they are still that at this present time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:9**ULT**

⁹ But, from the sons of Israel which Solomon did not make to be laborers for his work, rather, they were men of battle, and chiefs of his officers, and chiefs of his chariots and his horsemen.

UST

⁹ But Solomon did not force Israelites to work for him. Israelites became his soldiers and commanders of his chariots and his chariot drivers.

What jobs did Solomon give the people of Israel? (vv9-10)

Solomon made the people of Israel his soldiers, his commanders, his officers, and the commanders of his chariot forces and horsemen.

2 Chronicles 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ and these, the chiefs of supervisors who were to King Solomon, 250 ruling over the people.

UST

¹⁰ They were also King Solomon's chief officials. There were 250 of them, and they supervised the workers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the daughter of Pharaoh Solomon brought up from the city of David to the house that he built for her, for he said, "My wife must not dwell in the house of David, the king of Israel, because sacred are the places where the Box of Yahweh has come into them."

UST

¹¹ Solomon brought his wife, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt, to the place that his workers had built for her in the place outside Jerusalem called the city of David. He said, "I do not want my wife to live in the palace that my father King David's workers built, because the sacred chest was in that palace for a while, and any place where the sacred chest has been is holy."

Why did Solomon bring the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to a house he had built for her?

Solomon brought the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to a house, because the ark of Yahweh was in the city and so it was a holy place.

2 Chronicles 8:12**ULT**

¹² Then Solomon brought up burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar of Yahweh that he had built before the porch.

UST

¹² On the altar that Solomon's workers had built in front of the entrance to the temple, Solomon brought many offerings that were to be completely burned.

How did Solomon offer burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar he built in front of the portico? (vv12-13)

Solomon offered burnt offerings to Yahweh just as the daily schedule required, following the directions found in the commandment of Moses.

2 Chronicles 8:13**ULT**

¹³ And by the matter day by day to bring up, according to the commandment of Moses, for the Sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the appointed times three times in the year: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths.

UST

¹³ He did that obeying what sacrifices Moses had declared should be made every day, on the Sabbath days, to celebrate each day on which there was a new moon, and on the three other festivals that were celebrated each year: the Festival of Bread with No Yeast, the Festival of Harvest, and the Festival of Shelters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he appointed according to the judgment of David his father the divisions of the priests over their service, and the Levites over their charge to praise and to minister in front of the priests, for the matter of the day in its day, and the gatekeepers in their divisions for gate and gate, for thus was the commandment of David, the man of God.

UST

¹⁴ Obeying what his father David had commanded, Solomon appointed the groups of priests for their work, and he appointed the descendants of Levi to lead the people while they sang to praise Yahweh, and while they assisted the priests in their daily work. He also appointed groups of them to guard all the gates, because that was also what David, God's servant, had commanded.

What were the responsibilities of the priests and the Levites?

The priests and the Levites were appointed by Solomon to their positions in order to praise God and to serve before the priests as the daily schedule required.

How faithful were the gatekeepers in carrying out their responsibilities? (vv14-15)

The gatekeepers obeyed the commands of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter.

2 Chronicles 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And they did not turn from the commandment of the king regarding the priests and the Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasuries.

UST

¹⁵ The priests and other descendants of Levi obeyed completely everything that the king commanded, including the order to take care of the storerooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And all the work of Solomon was completed, from the day of the foundation of the house of Yahweh and until its completion. Complete was the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁶ They did all the work of building the temple that Solomon told them to do, until it was all completed. In the way they finished building the temple.

What was the sign that all of Solomon's work on the house of Yahweh had been accomplished?

The house of Yahweh was completely finished and put into use.

2 Chronicles 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber and to Elath on the edge of the sea, in the land of Edom.

UST

¹⁷ Then some of Solomon's men went to the cities of Ezion Geber and Elath on the coast of the Sea of Reeds, next to a region that belonged to the Edom people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Hiram sent to him by the hand of his servants ships, and servants who knew the sea. And they came with the servants of Solomon to Ophir. And they took from there 450 talents of gold, and they brought to King Solomon.

UST

¹⁸ King Hiram sent him from the city of Tyre some ships that were commanded by his officers. They were men who were experienced sailors. These men went in the ships with Solomon's men to the region of Ophir and brought back about fifteen metric tons of gold, which they delivered to King Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9

2 Chronicles 9:1

ULT

¹ And the queen of Sheba heard the report of Solomon, and she came to test Solomon with difficult questions in Jerusalem with very great wealth and camels carrying spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stone. And she came to Solomon and spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

UST

¹ The queen who ruled the Sheba area in Arabia heard that Solomon had become famous, so she traveled to Jerusalem to ask him questions that were difficult to answer. She came with a large group of servants, and she brought camels that were loaded with spices, and valuable gems. When she arrived, she shared her thoughts with him.

Why did the queen of Sheba come to Jerusalem?

The queen of Sheba came to Jerusalem because she heard of Solomon's fame and wanted to test him with hard questions.

How did Solomon respond when the queen of Sheba asked him all the questions that were on her heart? (vv1-2)

Solomon answered all the questions that the queen of Sheba asked of him.

2 Chronicles 9:2

ULT

² And Solomon declared to her all her matters; and a matter was not concealed from Solomon which he did not declare to her.

UST

² Solomon answered all her questions. He explained everything that she asked about, even things that were very difficult.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:3**ULT**

³ And the queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he built,

UST

³ The queen realized that Solomon was very wise. She saw his palace,

What was the response from the queen of Sheba when she saw Solomon's wisdom and all the buildings, food, clothing, and servants he had in his possession? (vv3-4)

When the queen of Sheba saw all the possessions which Solomon had, there was no more spirit in her.

2 Chronicles 9:4**ULT**

⁴ and the food of his table, and the seating of his servants, and the standing of his ministers and their attire, and his cupbearers and their attire, and his burnt offering that he brought up to ^[1] the house of Yahweh, and there was not still breath in her.

UST

⁴ she saw the food that was served on his table every day, she saw where his officials lived, their uniforms, the servants who served the food and wine, and the sacrifices that he took to the temple to be offered. She was extremely amazed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:5**ULT**

⁵ And she said to the king, "True was the word that I heard in my land concerning your words and concerning your wisdom.

UST

⁵ She said to the king, "Everything that I heard in my own country about you and about how wise you are is true!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:6**ULT**

⁶ But I did not believe their words until when I came, and my eyes saw. And behold, it was not told to me half of the greatness of your wisdom you have added on to the report that I heard.

UST

⁶ But I did not believe it was true until I came here and saw it myself. You are extremely wise and rich, even more than what people told me.

What was the queen of Sheba's assessment of king Solomon?

The queen of Sheba told King Solomon that his wisdom and wealth exceeded what she had heard about him.

2 Chronicles 9:7**ULT**

⁷ How blessed are your men! And how blessed are these servants of yours, who are standing before you continually and are hearing your wisdom. ^[2]

UST

⁷ The men who work for you are very fortunate! Your servants who are constantly standing in front of you and listening to the wise things that you say are also fortunate!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:8**ULT**

⁸ Let Yahweh your God be blessed, who delighted in you to place you on his throne, to be king for Yahweh your God, because your God loved Israel to establish them forever. And he has placed you over them to be king, to do justice and righteousness!"

UST

⁸ I praise Yahweh your God, who has shown that he is pleased with you by appointing you to be the king of Israel for him. God has always loved the Israelite people, and he desires to assist them forever, so he has appointed you to be their king, in order that you will rule them fairly and righteously."

What did the queen of Sheba say to remind Solomon how he had come to be on the throne of Israel as their king?

The queen of Sheba reminded Solomon that Yahweh had made him king over Israel and had placed him on the throne because Yahweh loved Israel and wanted to establish it forever.

2 Chronicles 9:9**ULT**

⁹ And she gave to the king 120 talents of gold and spices in great abundance and precious stone. And there was not like that spice which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

UST

⁹ Then the queen gave to Solomon about four metric tons of gold and a large amount of spices and gemstones. Never had King Solomon received more spices than the queen gave him at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And also the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought algum wood and precious stone.

UST

¹⁰⁻¹² King Solomon gave to the queen from Sheba everything that she wanted. He gave her more than she had given to him. Then she and those who came with her returned to her own land. The men of Hiram worked with the men of Solomon to bring gold from Ophir. They also brought a large amount of algum wood. The wood was used to make steps for the house of Yahweh, and they also used the wood to make harps and lyres for those who played music. No one in all the land of Judah had ever seen anything like the quality of the algum wood that was used to make the steps and the instruments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the king made the algum wood into staircases for the house of Yahweh and for the house of the king, and lyres and harps for the singers. And there was not seen like them before in the land of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:12**ULT**

¹² And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire which she asked besides that which she brought to the king. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

UST

¹⁰⁻¹² King Solomon gave to the queen from Sheba everything that she wanted. He gave her more than she had given to him. Then she and those who came with her returned to her own land. The men of Hiram worked with the men of Solomon to bring gold from Ophir. They also brought a large amount of alghum wood. The wood was used to make steps for the house of Yahweh, and they also used the wood to make harps and lyres for those who played music. No one in all the land of Judah had ever seen anything like the quality of the alghum wood that was used to make the steps and the instruments.

What was the outcome of the queen of Sheba's trip to see King Solomon?

King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba everything she asked for in addition to what she had brought to the king, and then she left and went back to her own land.

2 Chronicles 9:13**ULT**

¹³ And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold,

UST

¹³ Each year there was brought to Solomon about twenty-two metric tons of gold. That was in addition to the taxes paid to him by the merchants and traders.

How much gold came to Solomon in one year?

The weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents.

2 Chronicles 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ besides from the traveling men and the traders who brought in; and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the land were bringing gold and silver to Solomon.

UST

¹⁴ Also, the kings of Arabia and the governors of the districts in Israel brought gold and silver to Solomon.

Who brought gold to Solomon?

The traders, the merchants, all the kings of Arabia and the governors in the country brought gold to Solomon.

2 Chronicles 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold; 600 of beaten gold he brought up for one large shield.

UST

¹⁵ King Solomon's workers took this gold and hammered it into thin sheets and covered two hundred large shields with those thin sheets of gold; they put about six and one-half kilograms of gold on each shield.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And 300 shields of beaten gold; 300 gold he brought up for one shield. And the king placed them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

UST

¹⁶ His workers made three hundred smaller shields. They covered each of them with one and three-quarters kilograms of gold. Then the king put those shields in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

How many gold shields did Solomon make?

King Solomon made five hundred shields of beaten gold.

2 Chronicles 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold.

UST

¹⁷ His workers also made for him a large throne. Part of it was covered with ivory and part of it was covered with very fine gold.

What was King Solomon's throne made of?

King Solomon's throne was made of ivory overlaid with the finest gold.

2 Chronicles 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And six steps to the throne, and a footstool with gold to the throne was fastened. And hands from this and from this on the place of the seat and two lions standing beside the hands.

UST

¹⁸ There were six steps in front of the throne. There was a gold footstool that was attached to the throne. At each side of the throne there was an armrest, and alongside each armrest there was a statue of a lion.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And 12 lions were standing there on six steps, from this and from this; it had not been done thus for any kingdom.

UST

¹⁹ So there were twelve statues of lions. No throne like that had ever existed in any other kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ And all the vessels of drink of King Solomon were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were refined gold. Nothing of silver; it was not thought in the days of Solomon for anything.

UST

²⁰ All of Solomon's cups were made of gold, and all the various dishes in the House of the Forest of Lebanon were made of gold. They did not make things from silver, because during the years that Solomon ruled, silver was not considered to be valuable.

Why were none of King Solomon's drinking cups made of silver?

None of King Solomon's drinking cups were made of silver because silver was not considered valuable in Solomon's day.

2 Chronicles 9:21**ULT**

²¹ For the ships belonging to the king went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram. Once every three years the ships of Tarshish would come carrying gold and silver, ivories, and apes and baboons.

UST

²¹ The king had a fleet of ships capable of sailing far out on the ocean. It sailed along with Hiram's merchant fleet. Every three years the fleet brought gold, silver, ivory, apes, and baboons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:22**ULT**

²² And King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

UST

²² King Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king on the earth.

Why did all the earth seek the presence of Solomon? (vv22-23)

All the earth sought the presence of Solomon because of his riches, and in order to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

2 Chronicles 9:23**ULT**

²³ And all the kings of the earth were seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom which God placed in his heart.

UST

²³ Kings from all over the world wanted to come and listen to the wise things that Solomon said, things that God had put into his mind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:24**ULT**

²⁴ And they were bringing each his gift, items of silver and items of gold, and garments, armor, and spices, and horses and mules, a matter of year by year.

UST

²⁴ All the people who came to him brought presents: things made from silver or gold; they also brought robes, weapons, spices, horses, and mules. The merchants continued to do this every year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:25**ULT**

²⁵ And there were to Solomon 4,000 stalls for horses and chariots, and 12,000 horsemen; and he placed them in chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

UST

²⁵ Solomon had four thousand stalls for his horses and chariots, and twelve thousand men who rode horses. Solomon put some of them in Jerusalem and some of them in other cities where he kept his chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:26**ULT**

²⁶ And it happened he was ruling over all the kings from the River and until the land of the Philistines, and until the border of Egypt.

UST

²⁶ Solomon ruled over all the kings in the area from the Euphrates River in the northeast, to the region of Philistia in the west, and to the border of Egypt in the south.

What kings did Solomon rule over?

King Solomon ruled over all the kings from the Euphrates River to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

2 Chronicles 9:27**ULT**

²⁷ And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and the cedars he made as sycamore trees that were in the lowlands, in abundance.

UST

²⁷ During the years that Solomon was king, he caused silver to become as common in Jerusalem as stone; and he caused cedar trees in the foothills of Judah to become as plentiful as sycamore fig trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:28**ULT**

²⁸ And they were bringing out horses from Egypt to Solomon and from all the lands.

UST

²⁸ Solomon's agents brought horses to the land of Judah from Egypt and from many other lands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:29**ULT**

²⁹ And the remainder of the matters of Solomon, the first things and the last things, are they not written in the words of Nathan the Prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the Seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

UST

²⁹ Lists of all the other things that Solomon did are written in the scrolls written by the prophet Nathan, and by the prophet Ahijah from the city of Shiloh, and in the scroll in which was written the visions of the prophet Iddo (a scroll in which Iddo's visions about Jeroboam son of Nebat were also written).

How long did Solomon reign as king in Jerusalem over all Israel? (vv29-30)

Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel for forty years.

2 Chronicles 9:30**ULT**

³⁰ And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel 40 years.

UST

³⁰ Solomon ruled in Jerusalem over all of Israel for forty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:31**ULT**

³¹ And Solomon lied down with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam, his son, reigned in his place.

9:4 ^[1] to say, .

9:7 ^[2] , assuming that the text should read as in 1 Kings 10:8.

UST

³¹ Then Solomon died; they buried him in the part of Jerusalem called 'the city of David.' And his son Rehoboam became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10

2 Chronicles 10:1

ULT

¹ And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for to Shechem all Israel had come to make him king.

UST

¹ All the people of northern Israel went to the city Shechem in order to appoint Rehoboam to be their king. So Rehoboam also went there.

Why was all of Israel coming to Shechem?

All of Israel was coming to Shechem to make Rehoboam their king.

2 Chronicles 10:2

ULT

² And it happened when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard, for he was in Egypt where he had fled from the face of King Solomon. And Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

UST

² Now Jeroboam son of Nebat had fled to Egypt to escape from King Solomon. While he was in Egypt he heard about the people wanting to appoint Rehoboam to be their king, and so he returned to Israel from Egypt.

What stood in the way of Rehoboam becoming the king of all Israel?

Jeroboam's return from exile in Egypt stood in the way of Rehoboam becoming king of all Israel.

2 Chronicles 10:3

ULT

³ And they sent and they called to him, and Jeroboam and all Israel came. And they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

UST

³ So the leaders of the northern tribes summoned Jeroboam, and he went with them to talk to Rehoboam. They said to Rehoboam,

What request did Jeroboam and all Israel make of Rehoboam? (vv3-4)

Jeroboam and all Israel asked Rehoboam to lighten the heavy yoke that King Solomon had put on them.

2 Chronicles 10:4**ULT**

⁴ "Your father hardened our yoke. But now, lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he gave to us, and we will serve you."

UST

⁴ "Your father Solomon forced us to work very hard, but if you charge us fewer taxes than we were paying to him, and if you make us work not so much we will serve you faithfully."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:5**ULT**

⁵ And he said to them, "Yet three days and return to me." And the people went.

UST

⁵ He replied, "Come back three days from now, and I will give you my answer." So those leaders and Jeroboam left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:6**ULT**

⁶ And King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had been standing before Solomon his father when he was alive, saying, "How do you all advise to bring back an answer to this people?"

UST

⁶ Then King Rehoboam consulted his older men who had advised his father Solomon while he was still alive. He asked them, "What shall I say to answer these men?"

What did the old men, who had stood before Solomon when he was alive, advise King Rehoboam to do? (vv6-7)

The old men advised King Rehoboam to be good to the people and please them with good words, and then they would always be his servants.

2 Chronicles 10:7**ULT**

⁷ And they spoke to him, saying, "If you are good to this people and are favorable to them, and speak to them good words, then they will be for you servants all the days."

UST

⁷ They replied, "If you will be kind to these people and do things that will please them, and if you say kind things to them when you answer them, they will always serve you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:8**ULT**

⁸ But he abandoned the advice of the elders who had advised him, and he consulted the young men who had grown with him, standing before him.

UST

⁸ But he did not agree with what the older men advised him to do. Instead, he consulted the younger men who had grown up with him, who were now his advisors.

What did Rehoboam do after he ignored the advice the old men gave him? (vv8-9)

Rehoboam consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, by asking them how he should respond to the request to lighten the load of the people.

2 Chronicles 10:9**ULT**

⁹ And he said to them, "What do you all advise, that we may bring back an answer to this people who spoke to me, saying, 'Lighten from the yoke that your father gave us?'"

UST

⁹ He said to them, "What do you say that I should answer the men who are asking me to reduce the work and taxes that my father required from them?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the young men who had grown with him spoke, saying, "Thus you shall say to the people who spoke to you, saying 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you yourself lighten from on us.' Thus you shall say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than the loins of my father.

UST

¹⁰ The young men who had grown up with him replied, "Those men have said that your father forced them to work very hard for him, so they want you to reduce the work and taxes that your father required from them. But this is what you should tell them: 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist.'

What advice did the young men who had grown up with Rehoboam give him concerning the request of the people to lighten their load? (vv10-11)

The young men advised Rehoboam to tell the people that although my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke.

2 Chronicles 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ So now, my father loaded on you all a heavy yoke, but I myself will add to your yoke. My father rebuked you all with whips, but I with scorpions."

UST

¹¹ My father required you people to work hard and pay high taxes, but I will make the loads you carry even heavier. My father whipped you with leather whips, but I will whip you with scorpions."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:12**ULT**

¹² And Jeroboam came and all the people to Rehoboam on the third day, just as the king spoke saying, "Return to me on the third day."

UST

¹² Three days later, Jeroboam and all the leaders came to King Rehoboam again, as he had instructed them to do.

What happened when Jeroboam and all the people of Israel came to Rehoboam on the third day? (vv12-14)

King Rehoboam ignored the advice of the old men and answered them roughly by following the advice of the young men.

2 Chronicles 10:13**ULT**

¹³ And the king answered them harshly. And King Rehoboam abandoned the advice of the elders.

UST

¹³ The king ignored the advice of the older men and spoke harshly to the Israelite leaders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "I will make heavy your yoke, and I myself will add to it. My father rebuked you all with whips, but I with scorpions."

UST

¹⁴ He told them what the younger men had advised. He said, "My father put heavy burdens of work and taxes on you, but I will put heavier burdens on you. It was as though he beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs from God, in order that Yahweh would establish his word that he spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

UST

¹⁵ So the king did not pay any attention to the people's leaders. All this happened in order that what Yahweh wanted would occur, what he had told the prophet Ahijah about Jeroboam becoming king of the ten tribes out of the twelve.

Why did King Rehoboam not listen to the people of Israel?

The king's decision not to listen to the people of Israel was a turn of events brought about by Yahweh to carry out the word he had spoken by Ahijah to Jeroboam.

2 Chronicles 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, and the people answered the king, saying, "What for us is a portion with David? And no inheritance with the son of Jesse. Each to your tents, Israel! Now, see your house, David." And all Israel went to his tents.

UST

¹⁶ When the Israelite leaders realized that the king did not pay any attention to what they said, they shouted, "We do not want anything to do with this descendant of King David! We will not pay attention to what this grandson of Jesse says! You people of Israel, let us go home! As for this descendant of David, he can look after his family himself!" So the Israelite leaders returned to their homes.

What was Israel's response to King Rehoboam's statement that he would make their yoke heavier?

When Israel heard from King Rehoboam, the people of Israel said they did not have any share in David, told the people of Israel to go back to their tents, and told Rehoboam to see to his own house.

2 Chronicles 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But the sons of Israel dwelling in the cities of Judah, and Rehoboam reigned over them.

UST

¹⁷ And after that, the only Israelite people whom Rehoboam ruled over were those who lived in the territory of the tribe of Judah, in the countryside and in the cities, towns, and villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the forced labor, but the sons of Israel stoned him with stones and he died. And King Rehoboam strengthened himself to go up in the chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁸ Then King Rehoboam went with Adoniram to talk to the Israelite people. Adoniram was the man who supervised all the men who were forced to work for Rehoboam. But the Israelite people killed him by throwing stones at him. When that happened, King Rehoboam quickly got in his chariot and escaped to Jerusalem.

How did the people of Israel respond when King Rehoboam sent Adoniram, who was over the forced laborers, to them?

The people of Israel stoned Adoniram to death and King Rehoboam fled in his chariot to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 10:19

ULT

¹⁹ And Israel has rebelled against the house of David until this day.

UST

¹⁹ Ever since that time, the people of the northern tribes of Israel have been rebelling against the descendants of King David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11

2 Chronicles 11:1

ULT

¹ And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, and he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, 180,000 chosen who do battle, to fight against Israel, to bring back the kingdom to Rehoboam.

UST

¹ When Rehoboam arrived in Jerusalem, he gathered 180,000 of the best soldiers from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. He wanted them to fight against the northern tribes of Israel and defeat them, in order that he could rule all twelve tribes again.

Why did Rehoboam assemble the house of Judah and Benjamin to fight against Israel when he arrived in Jerusalem?

Rehoboam assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin in order to restore the kingdom to himself.

2 Chronicles 11:2

ULT

² But the word of Yahweh was to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

UST

² But Yahweh spoke to the prophet Shemaiah and said this to him:

What message from Yahweh did Shemaiah deliver to Rehoboam and all of Israel? (vv2-4)

The message from Yahweh was that they must not attack or fight against their brothers.

2 Chronicles 11:3

ULT

³ "Say to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

UST

³ "Go and tell this to Solomon's son Rehoboam, the king of Judah, and to all the Israelite people of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:4**ULT**

⁴ Thus says Yahweh, "Do not go up and do not fight with your brothers. Return, each to his house, for from with me, this thing is." And they listened to the words of Yahweh and returned from going against Jeroboam.

UST

⁴ Yahweh says that you must not go to fight against the people of Israel; it is as though they are your own relatives. All of you must go home. What has happened is what Yahweh wanted to happen." So Shemaiah went and told that to them, and they all paid attention to what Yahweh had commanded them to do; they did not attack Jeroboam and his soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:5**ULT**

⁵ And Rehoboam dwelled in Jerusalem, and he built cities for fortification in Judah.

UST

⁵ Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and his workers built walls around several of the cities and towns in Judah to protect them against enemy attacks.

Why did Rehoboam build cities in Judah? (vv5-10)

Rehoboam built cities in Judah for defense.

2 Chronicles 11:6**ULT**

⁶ And he built Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

UST

⁶ In the area that belonged to the tribes of Judah and Benjamin they built walls around Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:7

ULT

⁷ and Beth Zur, and Soko, and Adullam,

UST

⁷ Beth Zur, Soko, Adullam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:8

ULT

⁸ and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,

UST

⁸ Gath, Mareshah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:9

ULT

⁹ and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

UST

⁹ Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:10

ULT

¹⁰ and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which were in Judah and in Benjamin, fortified cities.

UST

¹⁰ Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ And he strengthened the fortifications. And he placed in them leaders and storehouses of food and oil and wine,

UST

¹¹ He also appointed an army commander in each of those cities and towns, and gave them supplies of food, olive oil, and wine.

What were some of the accomplishments of Rehoboam? (vv11-12)

Rehoboam fortified the fortresses, put commanders in them, and put shields and spears in every city.

2 Chronicles 11:12**ULT**

¹² and in each, city by city, large shields and spears, and he very much strengthened them greatly. And to him were Judah and Benjamin.

UST

¹² He put shields and spears in all the cities and made them well-protected. So he continued to control the tribes of Judah and Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:13**ULT**

¹³ And the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel presented themselves to him from all their territories.

UST

¹³ The priests and other descendants of Levi throughout Israel supported Rehoboam.

Why did the Levites leave their pasture lands and property in order to come to Judah and Jerusalem? (vv13-14)

The Levites left their pastureland and property because Jeroboam and his sons had driven them away, so that they could no longer perform priestly duties for Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For the Levites left their open lands and their property. And they went to Judah and to Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons rejected them from serving as priests to Yahweh.

UST

¹⁴ The descendants of Levi abandoned their property and their pastureland, and they came to Jerusalem and to other places in Judah, because Jeroboam and his sons would not allow them to do the work of priests of Yahweh.

How did Jeroboam replace the priests and Levites who moved to Judah? (vv14-15)

Jeroboam appointed for himself priests for the shrines and the idols of calves and goats that he had made.

2 Chronicles 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he established for himself priests for the high places and for the goats and for the calves which he had made.

UST

¹⁵ Instead, Jeroboam appointed the priests that he wanted to work at the altars he commanded to be built on the hills all around the cities, to offer sacrifices to the idols that he commanded to be made that resembled goats and calves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And after them from all the tribes of Israel, the ones giving their heart to seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

UST

¹⁶ And people from every tribe in Israel who wanted to worship Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelites belonged, went with the descendants of Levi to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices to Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

What did people from the tribes of Israel do to strengthen Rehoboam and the kingdom of Judah? (vv16-17)

People, who set their hearts to seek Yahweh, came from all the tribes of Israel to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and they made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years, for they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

UST

¹⁷ They caused the kingdom of Judah to be strong, and for three years they were happy that Solomon's son Rehoboam was the king. During that time they conducted their lives righteously as David and Solomon had done previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Rehoboam took for himself a wife: Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth, the son of David, Abihail, the daughter of Eliab, the son of Jesse.

UST

¹⁸ Rehoboam married Mahalath. She was the daughter of David's son Jerimoth, and her mother was Abihail, the daughter of Eliab and granddaughter of Jesse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And she bore to him sons: Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham.

UST

¹⁹ Rehoboam and Mahalath had three sons: Jeush, Shemariah, and Zaham.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ And after her, he took Maacah, the daughter of Absalom; and she bore to him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

UST

²⁰ Later Rehoboam married Maacah, the daughter of Absalom, and they had four sons: Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:21**ULT**

²¹ And Rehoboam loved Maacah, the daughter of Absalom, more than all his wives and his concubines, for he lifted 18 wives and 60 concubines, and he fathered 28 sons and 60 daughters.

UST

²¹ Rehoboam loved Maacah more than he loved any other of his wives and slave wives. Altogether he had eighteen wives and sixty slave wives, and twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:22**ULT**

²² And Rehoboam appointed to be head Abijah the son of Maacah, to be leader among his brothers; for he caused to make him king.

UST

²² Rehoboam appointed his son Abijah to be the leader of his older and younger brothers, because he wanted to appoint Abijah to be the next king.

What was one way in which Rehoboam ruled wisely? (vv22-23)

Rehoboam ruled wisely by scattering all his sons throughout all the land of Judah and Benjamin to every fortified city.

2 Chronicles 11:23

ULT

²³ And he dealt wisely, and he scattered all his sons to all the lands of Judah and Benjamin to all the fortified cities. And he gave to them provisions in abundance, and he asked for a multitude of wives.

UST

²³ He very wisely sent some of his other sons to other cities in the areas of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and to other cities that had walls around them. He gave them plenty of supplies and many wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12

2 Chronicles 12:1

ULT

¹ And it happened when the reign of Rehoboam was established and when he had become strong, he abandoned the law of Yahweh—and all Israel with him.

UST

¹ After Rehoboam had obtained complete control of his kingdom, he and all the other people in Judah stopped obeying the laws of Yahweh.

What wrong thing did Rehoboam do when his reign was established?

Rehoboam and all Israel abandoned the law of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 12:2

ULT

² And it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak, the king of Egypt, came up against Jerusalem, because they were unfaithful to Yahweh.

UST

² As a result, after Rehoboam had been king for almost five years, Yahweh sent Shishak, the king of Egypt, with his army to attack Jerusalem.

Why did Shishak, king of Egypt, come up against Jerusalem?

Shishak came up against Jerusalem because the people had been unfaithful to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 12:3

ULT

³ With 1200 chariots, and 60,000 horsemen, and there was no number for the people who came with him from Egypt: Libyans, Sukkites, and Cushites.

UST

³ He brought with his army twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand soldiers who rode horses and a very large number of troops from two regions in Libya, and from Ethiopia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:4**ULT**

⁴ And he captured the fortified cities that belonged to Judah, and he came to Jerusalem.

UST

⁴ They captured many of the cities in Judah that had walls around them, and they came as far as Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:5**ULT**

⁵ And Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the chiefs of Judah who had gathered to Jerusalem because of Shishak. And he said to them, "Thus says Yahweh: You all yourselves have abandoned me, and I myself have also abandoned you all into the hand of Shishak."

UST

⁵ Then the prophet Shemaiah came to Rehoboam and the other leaders of Judah who had gathered in Jerusalem because they were afraid of the army of Shishak. Shemaiah said to them, "Yahweh says this: 'You have abandoned me; so now I am abandoning you, to allow you to be captured by the army of Shishak.'"

What was the response of Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah when Shemaiah the prophet told them they had been given over into Shishak's hand because they had forsaken Yahweh? (vv5-6)

Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah humbled themselves and proclaimed that Yahweh was righteous.

2 Chronicles 12:6**ULT**

⁶ And the chiefs of Israel and the king humbled themselves. And they said, "Righteous is Yahweh."

UST

⁶ Then the king and the other Israelite leaders humbled themselves and said, "What Yahweh is doing to us is just."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:7**ULT**

⁷ And when Yahweh saw that they had humbled themselves, the word of Yahweh was to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves. I will not destroy them; and I will give to them like a little for escape, and my rage will not pour out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

UST

⁷ When Yahweh realized that they had humbled themselves, he gave this message to Shemaiah: "Because they have humbled themselves, I will not allow them to be destroyed. Instead, I will soon rescue them. I will not use Shishak's army to completely destroy the people of Jerusalem,

How did Yahweh respond when he saw that Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah had humbled themselves?

Yahweh rescued them to some extent, but still allowed them to become servants under Shishak.

2 Chronicles 12:8**ULT**

⁸ Nevertheless, they will be to him for servants, and they will know my service and the service of the kingdoms of the lands."

UST

⁸ but they will conquer Jerusalem and force the people there to do what Shishak wants them to do. As a result, the people of Jerusalem will learn that it is better to serve me than to serve the kings of other countries."

Why did Yahweh allow the leaders of Judah to become the servants of Shishak?

Yahweh allowed them to become servants of Shishak so they could understand what it was to serve him as well as to serve the rulers of other countries.

2 Chronicles 12:9**ULT**

⁹ And Shishak, the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem and took the treasures of the house of Yahweh and the treasures of the house of the king. Everything he took; and he took the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

UST

⁹ When Shishak's army attacked Jerusalem, they took away the valuable things that were in the temple of Yahweh and in the king's palace. They took everything that was valuable, including the gold shields that Solomon's workers had made.

What did Shishak take away from Jerusalem?

Shishak took away the treasures in the house of Yahweh and the king's house, as well as the shields of gold that Solomon made.

2 Chronicles 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And King Rehoboam made in their place shields of bronze, and he appointed over the hand of the chiefs of the runners, the keepers of the entrance of the house of the king.

UST

¹⁰ So King Rehoboam's workers made bronze shields to be used instead of the gold ones, and gave the bronze shields to the commanders of the men who guarded the entrance to the his palace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ And it happened as often as the king came into the house of Yahweh, the runners came and carried them and brought them back to the chamber of the runners.

UST

¹¹ After that, whenever the king went to the temple, the guards went with him, carrying those bronze shields. Then when the king left, they would return the shields to the guards' room.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:12**ULT**

¹² And when he humbled himself, the anger of Yahweh turned from him, and did not destroy to completion. And also, in Judah there were good matters.

UST

¹² Because Rehoboam humbled himself, Yahweh stopped being angry with him, and did not get rid of him. Instead, he caused good things to happen in Judah.

Why was Yahweh's anger turned away from Rehoboam?

Yahweh's anger was turned away because Rehoboam humbled himself and there was still some good to be found in Judah.

2 Chronicles 12:13**ULT**

¹³ And King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and he reigned. For a son of 41 years Rehoboam was in his reigning, and 17 years he reigned in Jerusalem, the city that Yahweh had chosen to put his name there from all the tribes of Israel. And the name of his mother, Naamah the Ammonitess.

UST

¹³ King Rehoboam again obtained complete control in Jerusalem, and continued to be the king of Judah. He was forty-one years old when he became the king. He ruled for seventeen years in Jerusalem, which is the city that Yahweh had chosen from all the tribes in Israel to be the place in which people were to worship him.

Why was it said that "King Rehoboam did what was evil"? (vv13-14)

It was said that Rehoboam did what was evil because he did not fix his heart to seek Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he did evil, for he did not establish his heart to seek Yahweh.

UST

¹⁴ Rehoboam's mother's name was Naamah. She was from the Ammon people group. Rehoboam did evil things because he did not try to find out what Yahweh wanted him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the matters of Rehoboam, the first things and the last things, are they not written in the words of Shemaiah the prophet and Iddo the seer, according to genealogy? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days.

UST

¹⁵ An account of all the things that Rehoboam did while he was the king, and lists of the members of his family, are in the scrolls written by the prophets Shemaiah and Iddo. The armies of Rehoboam and Jeroboam were constantly fighting each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Rehoboam lied down with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David. And Abijah his son reigned in his place.

UST

¹⁶ When Rehoboam died, he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Abijah became the king.

What happened after Rehoboam died and was buried in Jerusalem?

Abijah his son became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 13

2 Chronicles 13:1

ULT

¹ In the 18th year of King Jeroboam, then Abijah reigned over Judah.

UST

¹ When Jeroboam had been ruling Israel for almost eighteen years, Abijah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:2

ULT

² Three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother, Macaiah, the daughter of Uriel from Gibeah. And war was between Abijah and between Jeroboam.

UST

² He ruled in Jerusalem for three years. His mother was Micaiah, the daughter of Uriel from the city of Gibeah. There was a war between the armies of Abijah and Jeroboam.

Against whom did Abijah fight?

Abijah fought against Jeroboam.

2 Chronicles 13:3

ULT

³ And Abijah began the battle with an army of mighty ones of battle, 400,000 chosen men. And Jeroboam deployed against him in battle 800,000 chosen men, mighty ones of strength.

UST

³ Abijah went into the battle, taking 400,000 of his capable soldiers, and Jeroboam prepared to fight them, taking 800,000 of his capable troops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:4**ULT**

⁴ And Abijah rose on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hills of Ephraim, and he said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel!

UST

⁴ Abijah stood on the top of Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country that belonged to the tribe of Ephraim, and he shouted, "Jeroboam and all you other people of Israel, listen to me!

Where is Mount Zemaraim?

Mount Zemaraim is in the hill country of Ephraim.

2 Chronicles 13:5**ULT**

⁵ Is it not to you all to know that Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave the kingdom to David over Israel forever, to him and to his sons, a covenant of salt?

UST

⁵ You certainly know that Yahweh, whom we Israelites are to worship, made a covenant with David by which he promised that his descendants would always rule over Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:6**ULT**

⁶ But Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon, the son of David, arose, and he rebelled against his lord.

UST

⁶ But Jeroboam, who was only an official of David's son King Solomon, rebelled against his king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:7**ULT**

⁷ And empty men, sons of wickedness, assembled about him, and they strengthened themselves over Rehoboam, the son of Solomon. And Rehoboam was young and tender of heart, and he did not strengthen himself before them.

UST

⁷ And when Solomon's son Rehoboam became king and was still young and inexperienced, a group of worthless scoundrels gathered around you and rebelled against him.

Who gathered to Jeroboam?

Worthless men, base fellows, gathered to Jeroboam.

2 Chronicles 13:8**ULT**

⁸ And now, you all are saying to strengthen self before the kingdom of Yahweh, by the hand of the sons of David, and you all are a great abundance, and with you all are calves of gold which Jeroboam made for you all for gods.

UST

⁸ And now you are planning to fight against the kingdom that Yahweh established to be governed by David's descendants. It is true that you have a huge army, and you and your soldiers have brought with you the golden statues of calves that Jeroboam's workers made to be your gods.

According to Abijah, who said he could resist the ruling might of Yahweh?

According to Abijah, Jeroboam said he could resist the ruling might of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 13:9**ULT**

⁹ Did you all not drive out the priests of Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and make for yourselves priests like the peoples of the lands? Any who comes to fill his hand with a young bull, a son of a herd, and seven rams, and he will be a priest of what are not gods.

UST

⁹ But you drove out the priests that Yahweh appointed, men who are descendants of Aaron the first high priest. You also drove out the descendants of Levi, and you appointed the priests that you wanted, like the people of other countries do. And so one may even come to set himself apart for the work of a priest, even sacrificing a young bull and seven rams as a sign of his ordination and his dedication to become a priest. But what kind of priest is he? He is consecrated to serve idols that are not gods at all!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But us, Yahweh is our God, and we have not abandoned him. And priests, are ministering to Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, in the work.

UST

¹⁰ As for us, Yahweh is our God, and we have not abandoned him. Our priests who serve Yahweh are descendants of Aaron, and the descendants of Levi assist them.

Who had not forsaken Yahweh?

Abijah's nation, Judah, had not forsaken him.

2 Chronicles 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they are making sacrifices to Yahweh, burnt offerings, morning by morning and evening by evening, and spiced incense, and a line of bread on the pure table, and the gold lampstand and its lamps to burn evening by evening. For we are keeping the charge of Yahweh, our God, but you all yourselves have abandoned him.

UST

¹¹ Every morning and every evening they present to Yahweh offerings to be completely burned on the altar, and they burn fragrant incense. Each week they place on the sacred table the bread to display before Yahweh, and each morning they light the lamps that are on the gold lampstand. We are obeying what Yahweh our God requires us to do. But you have abandoned him; you no longer worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:12**ULT**

¹² And behold, with us, at our head, is God, and his priests and the trumpets of shouting to raise a shout against you all. Sons of Israel, do not fight against Yahweh, the God of your fathers, for you will not succeed."

UST

¹² Yahweh is with us; he is our leader. The priests whom he has appointed will blow their trumpets to signal that we are ready to fight a battle against you. You Israelite men, do not fight against Yahweh, the God to whom your ancestors belonged, because you will not be successful against him."

Who would not succeed if they fought against Yahweh?

The people of Israel would not succeed if they fought against Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 13:13**ULT**

¹³ But Jeroboam had caused to circle around an ambush to come from behind them; and they were before Judah, and the ambush from behind them.

UST

¹³ While he was speaking, Jeroboam sent some of his troops around the army of Judah. So while the soldiers who were with Jeroboam were in front of the army of Judah, the other soldiers of Israel were behind the army of Judah.

What was Jeroboam's plan for the battle?

Jeroboam prepared an ambush behind them; his army was in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.

2 Chronicles 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Judah turned, and behold, to them was the battle before them and behind. And they cried out to Yahweh, and the priests were blowing trumpets.

UST

¹⁴ When the soldiers of Judah turned and saw that they were going to be attacked from the front and from the rear, they cried out to Yahweh. The priests blew their trumpets,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the men of Judah raised a shout; and it happened when the men of Judah raised a shout, then God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

UST

¹⁵ and the men of Judah shouted a loud battle cry. Then Yahweh enabled Abijah and the army of Judah to defeat Jeroboam and the army of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the sons of Israel fled from before Judah, and God gave them into their hand.

UST

¹⁶ The soldiers of Israel fled from the soldiers of Judah, and God enabled the army of Judah to defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Abijah and his people struck them a great striking, and they fell slain from Israel, 500,000 chosen men.

UST

¹⁷ Abijah and his troops struck the capable soldiers of Israel and killed 500,000 of them, the best soldiers there were in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the sons of Israel were humbled at that time, and the sons of Judah were strong because they relied on Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

UST

¹⁸ So the soldiers of Israel were defeated, and the soldiers of Judah won the battle because they trusted in Yahweh, the God to whom their ancestors belonged.

Why did the people of Judah win?

The people of Judah won because they relied on Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam; and he captured from him cities: Bethel and its daughters, and Jeshanah and its daughters, and Ephron and its daughters.

UST

¹⁹ Abijah's army pursued the army of Jeroboam, and they captured from the people of Israel the cities of Bethel, Jeshanah, and Ephron, and the surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ And the strength of Jeroboam did not hold again in the days of Abijah; and Yahweh struck him down, and he died.

UST

²⁰ During the remaining time that Abijah ruled, Jeroboam did not become powerful again. Then Yahweh caused him to become very ill, and he died.

How did Jeroboam die?

Yahweh struck him, and he died.

2 Chronicles 13:21**ULT**

²¹ And Abijah strengthened himself; and he lifted to himself 14 wives, and he fathered 22 sons and 16 daughters.

UST

²¹ But Abijah became more powerful. He married fourteen wives and had twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:22

ULT

²² And the remainder of the matters of Abijah, and his ways, and his words are written in the writing of the prophet Iddo.

UST

²² An account of the other things that Abijah did while he was the was king, including what he said and what he did, is in the scroll written by the prophet Iddo.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14

2 Chronicles 14:1

ULT

¹ And Abijah lied down with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And Asa, his son, reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

UST

¹ When Abijah died, he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. His son Asa became the king. While Asa was ruling, there was peace in Judah for ten years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:2

ULT

² And Asa did the good and the right in the eyes of Yahweh his God.

UST

² Asa did things that Yahweh his God considers to be right and good.

What actions of Asa were proof that he did what was good and right in the eyes of Yahweh? (vv2-3)

Asa took away the foreign altars and the shrines, broke down the sacred stone pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles.

2 Chronicles 14:3

ULT

³ And he took away the foreign altars and the high places, and he shattered the pillars, and he cut to pieces the Asherim.

UST

³ His workers got rid of the altars to worship foreign gods that were at the hilltops where the idols were worshiped. They smashed the stone pillars and cut down the poles that were there for the goddess Asherah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:4**ULT**

⁴ And he said to Judah to seek Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

UST

⁴ Asa commanded the people of Judah to worship only Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped, and to seek his will and obey his commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:5**ULT**

⁵ And he took away from all the cities of Judah the high places and the incense altars. And the kingdom was quiet before him.

UST

⁵ His workers destroyed all the places where idols were worshiped on the hilltops, and the altars for burning incense to idols, in every town in Judah. As a result, there was peace while Asa ruled the kingdom of Judah.

Why was the land quiet and there were no wars during the reign of Asa? (vv5-6)

The land was quiet and there were no wars during the reign of Asa because Yahweh had given him peace.

2 Chronicles 14:6**ULT**

⁶ And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land was quiet. And there was not with him war in these years, because Yahweh had given rest to him.

UST

⁶ His workers built cities and constructed walls around them. No army attacked Judah during those years, because Yahweh enabled them to have peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:7**ULT**

⁷ And he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and let us surround with a wall, and towers, doors, and bars; still the land is before us because we have sought Yahweh our God. We have sought, and he has given rest to us all around." And they built, and they succeeded.

UST

⁷ Asa said to the people of Judah, "We should protect these towns by building walls around them, with watchtowers and gates that have bars. This country still belongs to us because we have requested Yahweh our God to help us. We requested him for his help, and he has given us peace in our entire country." So they built buildings and succeeded in what they did.

Why did Asa make plans to build walled cities?

Asa made plans to build walled cities because Yahweh had given them the land along with peace on every side.

2 Chronicles 14:8**ULT**

⁸ And there was to Asa an army carrying large shield and spear; from Judah, 300,000. And from Benjamin, ones carrying shield and drawing bow, 280,000. All these were mighty ones of strength.

UST

⁸ Asa had an army of 300,000 men from Judah. They all carried large shields and spears. He also had 280,000 men from the tribe of Benjamin in his army. They also carried shields, and also bows and arrows. They were all brave soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:9**ULT**

⁹ And Zerah the Cushite came out against them with an army of 1,000 thousands and 300 chariots; and he came to Mareshah.

UST

⁹ Zerah, a man from Ethiopia, attacked Judah with an army of one million men and three hundred chariots. He came to Mareshah, southwest of Jerusalem.

What was Asa's response when the vast army of Zerah the Ethiopian came against the people of Israel? (vv9-11)

Asa cried out to Yahweh for his help by acknowledging that he and his army were coming in Yahweh's name against the vast army of Zerah.

2 Chronicles 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Asa went out before him, and they deployed for battle in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

UST

¹⁰ Asa went with his army to fight against them, and both armies took their positions in the Zephathah Valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Asa called to Yahweh his God and said, "Yahweh, it is nothing for you to help between many and one without strength. Help us, Yahweh our God, for on you we rely, and in your name we have come against this multitude. Yahweh, our God you are; do not let man prevail against you."

UST

¹¹ Then Asa cried out to Yahweh his God, saying, "Yahweh, there is no one like you who can help those who have very little power to resist large armies. We have come to fight against this huge army. Yahweh, you are our God; do not allow anyone to defeat you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:12**ULT**

¹² And Yahweh struck down the Cushites before Asa and before Judah; and the Cushites fled.

UST

¹² Then Yahweh enabled Asa and the army of Judah to defeat the army from Ethiopia. They fled,

Who struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah?

Yahweh struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah.

2 Chronicles 14:13**ULT**

¹³ And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them until Gerar. And there fell from the Cushites so that there was none to them something living; for they were broken before Yahweh and before his camp. And they carried away very much plunder.

UST

¹³ and Asa and his army pursued them to the southwest as far as Gerar. A huge number of the soldiers from Ethiopia were killed, with the result that those who were not killed were unable to fight anymore. They were completely defeated by Yahweh and his army, and the men of Judah carried away a great amount of their possessions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And they struck all the cities around Gerar, for the dread of Yahweh was on them. And they plundered all the cities, for great spoils was in them.

UST

¹⁴ The men of Judah were able to destroy the villages near to the city of Gerar because Yahweh had caused the people there to become terrified and unable to fight. The army of Judah took away all the valuable things from those villages.

What did the army do to the villages around Gerar?

The army destroyed and plundered the villages around Gerar.

2 Chronicles 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And also the tents of cattle they struck; and they took captive sheep in abundance, and camels, and they returned to Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁵ They also attacked the places where the local people who took care of domestic animals had set up their tents, and they took away large flocks and herds of sheep and goats and camels. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15

2 Chronicles 15:1

ULT

¹ And Azariah the son of Oded, on him came the Spirit of God.

UST

¹ The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded.

What message from God did Azariah deliver to King Asa? (vv1-2)

The message was that Yahweh was with Asa, while Asa was with Yahweh, but if Asa left Yahweh, Yahweh would leave Asa.

2 Chronicles 15:2

ULT

² And he went out before Asa, and he said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: Yahweh is with you all, when you all are with him. And if you all seek him, he will be found by you all; but if you all abandon him, he will abandon you all.

UST

² Azariah went to talk with Asa and said to him, "Asa and all you men of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, listen to me. Yahweh is with you whenever you are with him. If you request him to help you, he will help you, but if you abandon him, he will abandon you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:3

ULT

³ And many days were to Israel without the true God, and without a priest teaching, and without the law.

UST

³ For many years the Israelite people did not have the true God, and they did not have priests or God's laws.

What was Israel without for a long time?

Israel was without the true God, a teaching priest, and the law for a long time.

2 Chronicles 15:4**ULT**

⁴ But they turned in their distress to Yahweh, the God of Israel, and they sought him, and he was found by them.

UST

⁴ But when they experienced trouble, they turned to Yahweh, our God, and requested him to help them. And he helped them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:5**ULT**

⁵ And in those times there was no peace for one going out, nor for one coming in; for great dismay was upon all the inhabitants of the lands.

UST

⁵ At that time, people were not safe when they traveled, because all the people who lived in those countries were experiencing many difficulties.

In those times, what were on all the inhabitants of the lands?

In those times, great troubles were on all the inhabitants of the lands.

2 Chronicles 15:6**ULT**

⁶ And they were beaten down, nation by nation, and city by city, for God confused them in all distress.

UST

⁶ The people of various nations were crushed by armies of other nations, and people in some cities were crushed by armies from other cities, because God was allowing them to experience many difficulties.

How did God trouble the inhabitants of the lands?

God troubled the inhabitants of the lands with all kinds of suffering.

2 Chronicles 15:7**ULT**

⁷ But you all, be strong, and do not let your hands grow slack, for there is reward for your work."

UST

⁷ But you people, you must be strong and do not become discouraged, because God will reward you for what you do to please him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:8**ULT**

⁸ And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he strengthened himself and caused to pass away the abhorrences from all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and from the cities that he had captured from the hill country of Ephraim. And he restored the altar of Yahweh which was before the porch of Yahweh.

UST

⁸ Asa was encouraged when he heard what Azariah son of Oded, prophesied. Asa commanded his workers to remove all the detestable idols from everywhere in the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and from the towns that his soldiers had captured in the hills of the tribe of Ephraim. Asa's workers repaired the altar where people offered sacrifices to Yahweh that was in front of the entrance to the temple in Jerusalem.

What did Asa rebuild when he heard the prophet's message?

Asa rebuilt the altar of Yahweh when he heard the prophet's message.

2 Chronicles 15:9**ULT**

⁹ And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the sojourners with them from Ephraim and Manasseh, and from Simeon; for they fell on him from Israel in abundance when they saw that Yahweh his God was with him.

UST

⁹ He gathered together all the people of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and many people had come from the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon who were living among them. He was able to do that because many people had left those tribes in Israel, when they realized that Yahweh was helping him.

Why did great numbers of people come to King Asa from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon?

They came because they saw that Yahweh was with King Asa.

2 Chronicles 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And they gathered at Jerusalem in the third month, in the 15th year of the reign of Asa.

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¹⁰ After Asa had been ruling for almost fifteen years, in the third month of that year, those people gathered in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they sacrificed to Yahweh in that day from the plunder they brought: 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep.

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¹¹ At that time they sacrificed to Yahweh seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep and goats, from the animals that they had captured when they defeated the army of Ethiopia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:12**ULT**

¹² And they entered into a covenant to seek Yahweh, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their being.

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¹² They solemnly made an agreement to worship very sincerely Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped.

What did the people make a covenant to do?

The people made a covenant to seek Yahweh with all their heart and with all their soul.

2 Chronicles 15:13**ULT**

¹³ And any who does not seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, will be killed, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

UST

¹³ They promised to execute all those who would not worship Yahweh, including those who were important and who were not important, both men and women.

What would happen to anyone who refused to seek Yahweh?

Anyone who refused to seek Yahweh would be put to death.

2 Chronicles 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And they swore to Yahweh with a great voice, and with a shout, and with trumpets and with horns.

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¹⁴ They shouted and blew trumpets and other horns while they solemnly promised to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And all Judah rejoiced about the oath, for with all their heart they swore, and with all their will they sought him, and he was found by them. And Yahweh gave rest to them all around.

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¹⁵ All the people who were living in Judah were happy to promise to do that because they had solemnly promised to do it very sincerely. They eagerly asked Yahweh to guide them, and he helped them. So he enabled them to have peace throughout their country.

What did Yahweh give the people after they swore to him with all their heart?

Yahweh gave the people peace all around them.

2 Chronicles 15:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And also Maacah, the mother of King Asa, he took her away from being queen, because she made to Asherah an abominable image. And Asa cut down her abominable image, and crushed and burned at the brook Kidron.

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¹⁶ King Asa's grandmother Maacah had made a disgusting pole for worshiping the goddess Asherah. So Asa commanded his workers to cut down that pole, chop it into pieces, and burn it in the Kidron Valley. He did not allow Maacah to continue to influence the people because she was the mother of the previous king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But the high places they did not take away from Israel. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was undivided all his days.

UST

¹⁷ Although Asa's workers did not get rid of places where people worshiped idols, and those high places remained on the hills throughout Asa's reign. But still, Asa was determined to do what pleased Yahweh all during the years that he was alive.

What was the condition of King Asa's heart?

King Asa's heart was completely devoted to Yahweh all his days.

2 Chronicles 15:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he brought the sacred things of his father and his sacred things into the house of God, silver and gold and items.

UST

¹⁸ He ordered his workers to bring into God's temple all the silver and gold and other valuable items that he and his father had dedicated to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:19

ULT

¹⁹ And war was not until the 35th year of the reign of Asa.

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¹⁹ There were no more wars in Judah until Asa had been ruling Judah almost thirty-five years.

What did not occur until Asa's thirty-fifth year of reigning?

There was no war until Asa's thirty-fifth year of reigning.

2 Chronicles 16

2 Chronicles 16:1

ULT

¹ In the 36th year of the reign of Asa, Baasha, the king of Israel, went up against Judah and built Ramah, so as to not allow one to go out or come in to Asa, the king of Judah.

UST

¹ When Asa had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-six years, King Baasha of Israel went with his army to attack Judah. They captured the town of Ramah north of Jerusalem and started to build a wall around it, in order to prevent any people from entering or leaving the area in Judah that King Asa ruled.

Why did Baasha, king of Israel, act aggressively against Judah by building up Ramah?

Baasha acted aggressively so he might not allow anyone to leave or enter into the land of Asa.

2 Chronicles 16:2

ULT

² And Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of Yahweh and the house of the king. And he sent to Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, who was dwelling in Damascus, saying,

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² So Asa told his workers to take all the silver and gold that was in the storerooms of the temple and in his own palace, and take and give it to Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, who was ruling in Damascus. He sent him a message, saying,

Why did Asa bring the silver and gold out of the storerooms and send it to Benhadad, king of Aram? (vv2-3)

Asa sent the silver and gold to Ben Hadad to encourage him to break his treaty with Baasha and establish a treaty with Asa.

2 Chronicles 16:3**ULT**

³ "A covenant between me and between you, and between my father and between your father. Behold, I have sent to you silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha, the king of Israel, and he will go up from against me."

UST

³ "I want there to be a peace treaty between me and you, like there was between my father and your father. Look, I am sending you much silver and gold. So please cancel the treaty that you have made with Baasha, the king of Israel, in order that he will take his soldiers away from attacking mine, because he will be afraid of your army."

Why did Asa want Ben Hadad to break his treaty with Baasha?

Asa wanted Ben Hadad to break the treaty so that Baasha would leave Asa alone.

2 Chronicles 16:4**ULT**

⁴ And Ben Hadad listened to King Asa and he sent the chiefs of the armies which belonged to him against the cities of Israel. And they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Maim ^[1], and all the stores of the cities of Naphtali.

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⁴ Ben Hadad agreed to do what King Asa suggested. He sent the commanders of his armies with their soldiers to attack some of the towns in Israel. They captured Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the cities in the tribe of Naphtali where supplies were kept.

What happened when Baasha stopped building up Ramah due to the attacks from Ben Hadad? (vv4-6)

Asa and all Judah carried away the stones and timbers which Baasha was using to build up Ramah and used them to build up Geba and Mizpah.

2 Chronicles 16:5**ULT**

⁵ And it happened when Baasha heard, then he ceased building Ramah, and he stopped his work.

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⁵ When Baasha heard about that, he commanded his troops to stop fortifying Ramah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:6**ULT**

⁶ And King Asa took all Judah. And they carried away the stones of Ramah and its wood with which Baasha had been building, and he built with them Geba and Mizpah.

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⁶ Then King Asa gathered all the men of Judah, and they took away from Ramah all the stones and timber that Baasha's men had been using to build the wall around that town. They took those materials to the cities of Geba and Mizpah north of Jerusalem and built walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:7**ULT**

⁷ And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa, the king of Judah, and he said to him, "Because you relied on the king of Aram, and you did not rely on Yahweh your God, therefore the army of the king of Aram escaped from your hand.

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⁷ At that time the prophet Hanani went to King Asa and said to him, "Because you relied on the king of Aram and not on Yahweh our God, the army of the king of Aram has escaped from you.

Why did Hanani the seer rebuke Asa? (vv7-8)

Hanani rebuked Asa because he relied on a treaty with the king of Aram instead of relying on Yahweh as he did against the Ethiopians.

2 Chronicles 16:8**ULT**

⁸ Were not the Cushites and the Lubites an abundant army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on Yahweh, he gave them into your hand.

UST

⁸ Remember that the huge armies from Ethiopia were very powerful. But when you relied on Yahweh, he enabled your army to defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:9**ULT**

⁹ For Yahweh, his eyes, are going quickly in all the earth to strengthen himself with their heart undivided to him. You have acted foolishly regarding this. For from now, there will be with you wars.”

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⁹ That happened because Yahweh sees what is happening all over the earth, and he strengthens those who completely trust him. You have done a very foolish thing, so from now on other armies will be fighting your army.”

Why do the eyes of Yahweh run everywhere throughout the whole earth?

The eyes of Yahweh run everywhere to show himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward him.

2 Chronicles 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Asa was angry at the seer; and he put him in the house of the stocks, for in rage with him regarding this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

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¹⁰ Asa was very angry with the prophet because of what the prophet had said. So he commanded his officials to put Hanani in prison. At that same time, he started to treat some of his people very cruelly.

What was Asa’s reaction to the rebuke of Hanani?

Asa was angry with Hanani and put him into prison.

2 Chronicles 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ And behold, the matters of Asa, the first things and the last things, behold, they are written on the scroll of the kings of Judah and Israel.

UST

¹¹ All the things that Asa did while he was ruling, from the time he started to rule until he died, are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:12**ULT**

¹² And Asa became sick in the 39th year of his reign, in his feet, until increasing his sickness. And yet, in his sickness, he did not seek Yahweh, but among the healers.

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¹² When Asa had been ruling for almost thirty-nine years, he was afflicted with a disease in his feet. The disease was very severe, but in spite of that, he did not request help from Yahweh. Instead he sought help only from doctors.

How did Asa react to the severe disease of his feet?

Asa did not seek help from Yahweh, but only from physicians.

2 Chronicles 16:13**ULT**

¹³ And Asa lied down with his fathers, and he died in the 41st year of his reign.

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¹³ Asa had been ruling for about forty-one years when he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And they buried him in his graves, which he hollowed out for himself in the city of David. And they laid him on a bed which he filled with spices and kinds of mixtures with an ointment mixture of a work. And they burned for him a great burning until abundance.

16:4 ^[1]

UST

¹⁴ People buried him in the tomb that his workers had made for him in the part of Jerusalem called "the city of David." They laid his corpse on a bed covered with spices and various perfumes that had been mixed together. They also lit a huge fire to honor him.

How was Asa honored after his death?

The people laid Asa on a bier filled with various spices and made a very great fire in his honor.

2 Chronicles 17

2 Chronicles 17:1

ULT

¹ And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and he strengthened himself against Israel.

UST

¹ Then Asa's son Jehoshaphat became the king of Judah, and he enabled his army to become very strong, with the result that they could resist attacks from the army of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:2

ULT

² And he placed a force in all the unassailable cities of Judah, and he placed garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had captured.

UST

² He put soldiers in all the cities in Judah around which they had built walls, and he put soldiers in other places in Judah and in the towns in the tribe of Ephraim that soldiers of his father Asa had captured.

Where did Jehoshaphat place forces?

Jehoshaphat placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah.

2 Chronicles 17:3

ULT

³ And Yahweh was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the first ways of David his father, and he did not seek the Baals. ^[1]

UST

³ Yahweh helped Jehoshaphat because in his earlier years, when he first began his rule, he did the things that pleased Yahweh just as his ancestor King David had done. Jehoshaphat did not worship Baal.

Why was Yahweh with Jehoshaphat?

Yahweh was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the first ways of his father David.

2 Chronicles 17:4**ULT**

⁴ Instead, the God of his father he sought, and in his commandments he walked and not according to the work of Israel.

UST

⁴ Instead, he sought advice from the God whom his father had worshiped, and he obeyed God's commands and he did not do the evil things that the kings of Israel kept doing.

Whose behavior did Jehoshaphat not walk after, because he walked in God's commandments?

He walked in God's commandments, not after the behavior of Israel.

2 Chronicles 17:5**ULT**

⁵ And Yahweh established the kingdom in his hand, and all Judah gave tribute to Jehoshaphat. And there was to him wealth and glory in abundance.

UST

⁵ Yahweh enabled him to completely control his kingdom. All the people of Judah brought gifts to him, with the result that he became very rich and was greatly honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:6**ULT**

⁶ And his heart was high in the ways of Yahweh. And also, he took away the high places and the Asherim from Judah.

UST

⁶ He was completely devoted to doing what pleased Yahweh. His workers got rid of the places on hilltops where idols were worshiped and the places where poles were set up and used to worship the goddess Asherah all throughout Judah.

On what was Jehoshaphat's heart fixed?

Jehoshaphat's heart was fixed on Yahweh's ways.

2 Chronicles 17:7**ULT**

⁷ And in the third year of his reign he sent his chiefs, Ben-Hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

UST

⁷ When he had been ruling Judah for almost three years, he sent some of his officials—Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah—to teach the people in various cities in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:8**ULT**

⁸ And with them the Levites: Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-Adonijah, the Levites; and with them, Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

UST

⁸ With them he sent several descendants of Levi—Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tob-Adonijah, along with two priests, Elishama and Jehoram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:9**ULT**

⁹ And they taught in Judah, and with them, the scroll of the law of Yahweh. And they went around in all the cities of Judah, and they taught among the people.

UST

⁹ They took with them a scroll on which was written the laws of Yahweh and they taught them to the people in all the towns throughout Judah.

What book did the officials and Levites and priests have when they taught in Judah?

They taught in Judah, having the book of the law of Yahweh with them.

2 Chronicles 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the dread of Yahweh was on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, and they did not fight with Jehoshaphat.

UST

¹⁰ The people in all the kingdoms surrounding Judah became very afraid of what Yahweh might do to punish them if they fought against Judah, so they did not try to fight Jehoshaphat's army.

What did the monarchies around Judah not do because the terror of Yahweh fell on them?

The terror of Yahweh fell on them that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

2 Chronicles 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ And some of the Philistines were bringing to Jehoshaphat tribute, and a silver load. Also, the Arabians were bringing to him flocks, 7,700 rams and 7,700 goats.

UST

¹¹ Some people from Philistia brought gifts to Jehoshaphat, and they also brought to him the silver that he demanded that they pay to him. Some Arabs brought to him 7,700 rams and 7,700 goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:12**ULT**

¹² And it happened Jehoshaphat was walking and becoming increasingly great. And he built in Judah palaces and cities of stores.

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¹² Jehoshaphat continued to become more powerful. His workers built forts and places to store supplies in various towns in Judah.

What two things did Jehoshaphat build in Judah?

Jehoshaphat built fortresses and store cities in Judah.

2 Chronicles 17:13**ULT**

¹³ And much work was to him in the cities of Judah, and men of battle, mighty ones of strength in Jerusalem.

UST

¹³ Then they put large amounts of supplies in those storehouses. Jehoshaphat also placed in Jerusalem soldiers who were experienced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And these were their mustering according to the house of their fathers: for Judah, chiefs of thousands, Adnah the chief, and with him mighty ones of strength, 300,000;

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¹⁴ The leaders and numbers from each tribe were as follows: From the tribe of Judah, Adnah was the leader of the soldiers, and he commanded 300,000 soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:15**ULT**

¹⁵ and on his hand, Jehohanan the chief and with him 280,000;

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¹⁵ His assistant was Jehohanan, who commanded 280,000 soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:16**ULT**

¹⁶ and on his hand Amasiah the son of Zichri, who freely offered himself to Yahweh, and with him 200,000 mighty ones of strength.

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¹⁶ Next was Zicri's son Amasiah, who volunteered to serve Yahweh in this way; he commanded 200,000 courageous soldiers.

What did Amasiah, the son of Zichri, willingly offer?

Amasiah willingly offered to serve Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 17:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And from Benjamin: a mighty one of strength, Eliada, and with him, ones armed with bow and shield, 200,000;

UST

¹⁷ From the tribe of Benjamin, Eliada, who was a brave soldier, was the leader of the soldiers; he commanded 200,000 men who had bows, arrows, and shields.

What kind of man was Eliada from Benjamin?

Eliada was a powerful man of courage.

2 Chronicles 17:18**ULT**

¹⁸ and on his hand, Jehozabad and with him 180,000 equipped for war.

UST

¹⁸ Next was Jehozabad, who commanded 180,000 men who had weapons for fighting battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:19

ULT

¹⁹ These ministered to the king, besides those whom the king placed in the cities of fortification in all Judah. 17:3 ^[1], and some modern versions leave it out.

UST

¹⁹ Those were the soldiers who served the king in Jerusalem, in addition to the men whom the king had placed in the other cities in Judah that had walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18

2 Chronicles 18:1

ULT

¹ And it was to Jehoshaphat wealth and glory in abundance; and he became son-in-law to Ahab.

UST

¹ Jehoshaphat became very wealthy and was greatly honored. But then he arranged for one of his family to marry someone from the family of King Ahab of Israel.

How did Jehoshaphat ally himself with Ahab?

Jehoshaphat allied himself with Ahab by having one of his family marry his daughter.

2 Chronicles 18:2

ULT

² And he went down at the end of years to Ahab in Samaria, and Ahab sacrificed for him sheep and oxen in abundance and for the people who were with him. And he incited him to go up against Ramoth Gilead.

UST

² Several years later, he went down from Jerusalem to Samaria to visit Ahab. Ahab welcomed him, and the people who had come with him by slaughtering many sheep and cattle for a feast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:3

ULT

³ And Ahab, the king of Israel, said to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth Gilead?" And he said to him, "Like me, like you, and like your people, my people, and with you in battle."

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³ Then he asked Jehoshaphat, "Will you and your army go with my army to attack the city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead?" Jehoshaphat replied, "My soldiers and I are at your orders. We will go to war when you tell us to go."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:4**ULT**

⁴ And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please seek as the day the word of Yahweh."

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⁴ Then he added, "But we should ask Yahweh first, to find out what he wants us to do."

What did Jehoshaphat tell the king of Israel to do to find his answer?

Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please first seek the word of Yahweh for your answer."

2 Chronicles 18:5**ULT**

⁵ And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, 400 men. And he said to them, "Should we go against Ramoth Gilead in battle, or should I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, and God will give into the hand of the king."

UST

⁵ So the king of Israel gathered all his four hundred prophets and asked them, "Should we go to fight the people of Ramoth, or should we not?" They replied, "Yes, go and attack them because God will enable your army to defeat them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:6**ULT**

⁶ And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here another prophet of Yahweh, that we might seek from him?"

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⁶ But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there no prophet of Yahweh here whom we can ask?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:7**ULT**

⁷ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Still one man to seek Yahweh from him. But I myself hate him for nothing does he prophesy about me that is good, but all his days evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imlah." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say thus."

UST

⁷ The king of Israel replied, "There is still one man here, whom we can ask to find out what Yahweh wants, His name is Micaiah son of Imlah. But I hate him because he never says that anything good about me. He always predicts that bad things will happen to me." Jehoshaphat replied, "King Ahab, you should not say that!"

Why did the king of Israel hate Micaiah the son of Imlah?

The king of Israel hated Micaiah because he never prophesied anything good about the king, but only hardships.

2 Chronicles 18:8**ULT**

⁸ And the king of Israel called to one officer, and he said, "Hasten Micaiah the son of Imlah."

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⁸ So the king of Israel told one of his officials to summon Micaiah immediately.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:9**ULT**

⁹ And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting, each on his throne, clothed with robes. And they were sitting at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

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⁹ Now the king of Israel and the king of Judah were sitting there on thrones, wearing their royal robes. They were sitting by the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were busy saying words of prophecy to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah made for himself horns of iron, and he said, "Thus says Yahweh: With these you will gore Aram until they are finished."

UST

¹⁰ One of them whose name was Zedekiah son of Kenaanah, had made from iron something that resembled the horns of a bull. He proclaimed to Ahab, "This is what Yahweh says: 'With horns like these, your army will keep attacking the army of Aram like a bull attacks another animal, until you completely destroy them.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:11**ULT**

¹¹ And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and succeed. And Yahweh will give into the hand of the king."

UST

¹¹ All the other prophets of Ahab agreed. They said, "Yes! If you attack Ramoth in Gilead, you will be successful, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat them."

Who did the prophets say had given Ramoth Gilead into the hand of the king?

They all prophesied saying that Yahweh had given Ramoth Gilead into the hand of the king.

2 Chronicles 18:12**ULT**

¹² And the messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Behold, the words of the prophets, one mouth, good to the king. And please let your word be as one from them, and speak good."

UST

¹² The messenger who went to summon Micaiah said to him, "Listen to me! All the other prophets are predicting the same thing. You had better do as they are doing!"

What did the messenger tell Micaiah the words of the prophets declared to the king?

The messenger told Micaiah that the words of the prophets declared good things to the king with one mouth.

2 Chronicles 18:13**ULT**

¹³ And Micaiah said, "As Yahweh lives, surely that which my God says, it I will speak."

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¹³ But Micaiah said, "As surely as Yahweh lives, I will tell him only what he tells me to say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he came to the king, and the king said to him, "Micaiah, should we go against Ramoth Gilead for battle, or should I refrain?" And he said, "Go up and succeed. And they will be given into your hand."

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¹⁴ When Micaiah arrived, the king of Israel asked him, "Should we go to attack Ramoth, or not?" Micaiah replied, "Sure, go! Yahweh will enable your army to defeat them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the king said to him, "How many times must I myself make you swear that you will speak not to me, only truth in the name of Yahweh?"

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¹⁵ But King Ahab wished to appear reverent toward Yahweh in front of Jehoshaphat. He said to Micaiah, "I keep telling you to say only what Yahweh tells you to say!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the hills, like sheep which do not have to them one who shepherds. And Yahweh said, 'No master to these; they will turn, each to his house in peace.'"

UST

¹⁶ Then Micaiah replied, "The truth is that in a vision I saw all the troops of Israel scattered on the mountains. They seemed to be like sheep that did not have a shepherd. And Yahweh said, 'Their master has been killed. So tell them all to go home peacefully.'"

To what did Micaiah compare Israel when he saw them scattered on the mountains?

Micaiah said that he saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep who have no shepherd.

2 Chronicles 18:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not say to you, he will not prophesy about me good, but only evil?"

UST

¹⁷ Ahab turned to Jehoshaphat and said, "I told you that Micaiah never says anything good will happen to me! He only predicts bad things for me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he said, "Therefore, hear the word of Yahweh: I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne and all the host of heaven standing on his right and his left.

UST

¹⁸ But Micaiah continued, saying, "Listen to what Yahweh showed to me! In a vision I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, with all the armies of heaven standing around him, on his right side and on his left side.

When Micaiah saw Yahweh on his throne where were the hosts of heaven?

Micaiah saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven were standing on his right hand and on his left.

2 Chronicles 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Yahweh said, 'Who will entice Ahab, the king of Israel, so he will go up, and he will fall at Ramoth Gilead?' And this speaker said thus, and this speaker thus.

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¹⁹ And Yahweh said, 'Who can persuade Ahab, the king of Israel, to go to fight against the people of Ramoth, in order that he may be killed there?' Some suggested one thing, and others suggested something else.

What was Yahweh asking to happen when Ahab went up to Ramoth Gilead?

Yahweh was asking for one to entice Ahab, king of Israel, so that he would go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead.

2 Chronicles 18:20**ULT**

²⁰ And the spirit went out, and he stood before Yahweh. And he said, 'I myself will entice him.' And Yahweh said to him, 'With what?'

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²⁰ Finally one spirit forward and said, 'I can do it!' Yahweh asked him, 'How will you do it?'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:21**ULT**

²¹ And he said, 'I will go out and I will become a spirit of deception in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You will entice, and also you will be able. Go out and do thus.'

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²¹ The spirit replied, 'I will go and inspire all of Ahab's prophets to tell lies.' Yahweh said, 'You will be successful; go and do it!'

To whom was the spirit going to become a lying spirit?

The spirit said that he would go out and become a lying spirit in the mouth of all Ahab's prophets.

2 Chronicles 18:22**ULT**

²² And now, behold, Yahweh placed a spirit of deception in the mouth of these your prophets, and Yahweh, he has spoken against you disaster."

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²² So now I tell you that Yahweh has caused your prophets to lie to you. Yahweh has decided that something terrible will happen to you."

What did Micaiah say Yahweh had decreed for the king of Israel?

Micaiah said that Yahweh had decreed disaster for him.

2 Chronicles 18:23**ULT**

²³ And Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah, drew near, and he struck Micaiah on the cheek. And he said, "Where is this, the way the Spirit of Yahweh passed over from me to speak with you?"

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²³ Then Zedekiah walked over to Micaiah and slapped him on his face. He said, "Do you think that Yahweh's spirit left me in order to speak to you?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:24**ULT**

²⁴ And Micaiah said, "Behold, you will see on that day, when you go chamber by chamber to hide yourself."

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²⁴ Micaiah replied, "You will find out for yourself to which of us Yahweh's spirit has truly spoken on the day when you go into a room of some house to hide from the Aramean soldiers!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:25**ULT**

²⁵ And the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah and return him to Amon, the chief of the city, and to Joash, the son of the king,

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²⁵ King Ahab commanded his soldiers, "Arrest Micaiah and take him to Amon, the governor of this city, and to my son Joash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:26**ULT**

²⁶ and say, 'Thus says the king: Put this in the house of imprisonment and feed him bread of oppression and water of oppression, until my returning in peace.'

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²⁶ Tell them that I have commanded that they should put this man in prison and give him only bread and water. Do not give him anything else to eat until I return safely from the battle!"

Where was Micaiah to be until the king of Israel returned safely?

The king said to put Micaiah in prison until he returned safely.

2 Chronicles 18:27**ULT**

²⁷ And Micaiah said, "If you certainly return in peace, Yahweh did not speak with me." And he said, "Hear, O peoples, all of them!"

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²⁷ Micaiah replied, "If you return safely, it will be clear that it was not Yahweh who told me what to say to you!" Then he said to all those who were standing there, "Do not forget what I have said to King Ahab!"

If the king returned safely, what did that mean about Micaiah's words?

Micaiah said that if the king returned safely, then Yahweh had not spoken by him.

2 Chronicles 18:28**ULT**

²⁸ And the king of Israel went up, and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, against Ramoth Gilead.

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²⁸ So the king of Israel and the king of Judah led their armies to Ramoth in Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:29**ULT**

²⁹ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into the battle, and now put on your garments." And the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into the battle.

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²⁹ King Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "I will put on different clothes, in order that no one will recognize that I am the king. But you should wear your royal robe." So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they both went into the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the king of Aram had commanded the chiefs of the chariots which were to him, saying, "Do not fight the small or the great, but with the king of Israel alone."

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³⁰ The king of Aram had told his soldiers who were driving the chariots, "Attack only the king of Israel! Do not attack anyone else."

Who had the king of Aram told the captains to attack?

The king of Aram told the captains of his chariots not to attack the soldiers, but instead, to attack only the king of Israel.

2 Chronicles 18:31**ULT**

³¹ And it happened when the chiefs of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, and they said, "It is the king of Israel." And they turned against him to fight. And Jehoshaphat cried out, and Yahweh helped him, and God incited them from him.

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³¹ So when the soldiers who were driving the Aramean chariots saw Jehoshaphat wearing the royal robes, they thought, "He must be the king of Israel!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:32**ULT**

³² And it happened when the chiefs of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, and they turned back from after him.

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³² So they turned to attack him. But when Jehoshaphat cried out, Yahweh helped him, and they realized that he was not the king of Israel. And God caused them to stop pursuing him.

What did the commanders do when they realized Jehoshaphat was not the king of Israel?

When the commanders saw that he was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him.

2 Chronicles 18:33**ULT**

³³ And a man drew the bow in his innocence and struck the king of Israel between the joinings and between the armor. And he said to the charioteer, "Turn your hand and bring me out from the camp, for I have been seriously wounded."

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³³ But one Aramean soldier shot an arrow at Ahab, without knowing who he was. The arrow struck Ahab between the places where the parts of his armor joined together. Ahab told the driver of his chariot, "Turn the chariot around and take me out of here! I have been severely wounded!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:34

ULT

³⁴ And the battle went up that day, and the king of Israel was set up in the chariot opposite Aram until the evening. And he died at the time of the going of the sun.

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³⁴ The battle continued all the day. Ahab was sitting propped up in his chariot, facing the Aramean soldiers. And late in the afternoon, when the sun was setting, he died.

What time of day was it when Ahab died?

About the time that the sun was going down, Ahab died.

2 Chronicles 19

2 Chronicles 19:1

ULT

¹ And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace, to Jerusalem.

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¹ When King Jehoshaphat returned safely to his palace in Jerusalem,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:2

ULT

² But Jehu, the son of Hanani the seer, went out to his face, and he said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should the wicked you help and the ones who hate Yahweh you love? And because of this, upon you is wrath from before Yahweh.

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² the prophet Jehu son of the prophet Hanani, went out of the city to meet the king, and said to him, "It was not right for you to help a wicked man and to love those who hate Yahweh. Because of what you have done, Yahweh is angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:3

ULT

³ However, good things have been found with you, for you removed the Asherah from the land, and you established your heart to seek God."

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³ But you have done some good things; you got rid of the poles in this country for worshiping the goddess Asherah, and you have been determined to do what pleases God."

What good was found in Jehoshaphat's heart?

Some good was found in Jehoshaphat, that he had fixed his heart to seek God.

2 Chronicles 19:4**ULT**

⁴ And Jehoshaphat dwelt in Jerusalem. And he turned and he went out among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim. And he brought them back to Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

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⁴ Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem. But one time, like he had done once previously, he went out among all the people in the country, from the city of Beersheba in the far south to the hill country of the tribe of Ephraim in the far north, and he convinced them to return to worshiping Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:5**ULT**

⁵ And he appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, for city and city.

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⁵ He appointed judges throughout Judah, in each of the cities that had walls around them.

Where did Jehoshaphat place judges?

Jehoshaphat placed judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah.

2 Chronicles 19:6**ULT**

⁶ And he said to the judges, "See what you all are doing. For not for man do you all judge but for Yahweh; and with you all in the matter of judgment.

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⁶ He told them, "Make your decisions carefully, because you are judging cases not in order to please people, but to please Yahweh. And he will be watching you whenever you make a decision.

Where did Jehoshaphat say Yahweh was when the judges passed judgement?

He told the judges that Yahweh was with them in the act of judging.

2 Chronicles 19:7**ULT**

⁷ And now, let the dread of Yahweh be upon you all. Watch and act for there is not with Yahweh our God injustice or lifting of faces or taking a bribe.”

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⁷ So now revere Yahweh and judge cases carefully and do not forget that Yahweh our God never acts unjustly, and that he never does what people want because they offer him money.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:8**ULT**

⁸ And also in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed from the Levites and the priests, and from the heads of fathers for Israel, for the judgment of Yahweh, and for dispute. And they returned to Jerusalem.

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⁸ In Jerusalem, Jehoshaphat also appointed some priests and other descendants of Levi and some leaders of Israelite families to be judges. He told them to do what Yahweh’s laws said was right when they settled disputes. Those men lived in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:9**ULT**

⁹ And he commanded them, saying, “Thus you will do in the fear of Yahweh in trustworthiness and with a complete heart.

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⁹ He told them this: “You must always do your work faithfully, honoring Yahweh.

What kind of heart did Jehoshaphat say the judges in Jerusalem should have in reverence for Yahweh?

Jehoshaphat instructed them that in reverence for Yahweh, judge faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

2 Chronicles 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And any dispute that comes to you all from your brothers, the ones dwelling in their cities, between blood to blood, between law to command, to statutes, and to judgments, and you all must caution them, so they will not be guilty to Yahweh, and there will be wrath on you all and on your brothers. Thus you will do, and you all will not be guilty.

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¹⁰ In every dispute that your fellow Israelites who live in the cities want you to settle, you must warn them to not sin against Yahweh by telling lies during the trial—regardless of whether the trial is about murder, or about various laws, or about various royal decrees. If you do not warn them, God will punish you. Do this so that he does not become angry with you or your fellow Israelites.

What would not come down on them if the people did not sin against Yahweh?

The people were told not to sin against Yahweh, so that anger would not come down on them.

2 Chronicles 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ And behold, Amariah the head priest is over you all for any matter of Yahweh. And Zebadiah, the son of Ishmael, is the leader of the house of Judah for any matter of the king. And officials of the Levites are before you all. Be strong and act! And let Yahweh be with the good!"

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¹¹ Amariah, the high priest, will supervise you in any matter that Yahweh is concerned about, and Zebadiah son of Ishmael, the leader of the tribe of Judah, will supervise you in any matter that I am concerned about. And the descendants of Levi will assist you. Act courageously, and I pray that Yahweh will help those who do their work well."

With whom did Jehoshaphat pray that Yahweh abides?

Jehoshaphat prayed for Yahweh to be with those who were good.

2 Chronicles 20

2 Chronicles 20:1

ULT

¹ And it happened after this, the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon, and with them some Meunites came against Jehoshaphat for battle. ^[1]

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¹ Later armies from Moab and Ammon and some soldiers from region of Meun, near Edom, came to fight against Jehoshaphat's army.

For what reason did the people of Moab, Ammon, and the Meunites come against Jehoshaphat?

They came against Jehoshaphat to do battle.

2 Chronicles 20:2

ULT

² And they came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Aram. And behold, they are in Hazezon Tamar;" that is, Engedi. ^[2]

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² Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A huge army is coming to attack your army. They are coming from the region of Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. They have already come to Hazezon Tamar!" Another name for that place is Engedi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:3

ULT

³ And he feared, and Jehoshaphat set his face to seek Yahweh. And he proclaimed a fast over all Judah.

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³ Jehoshaphat became very afraid, so he decided to ask Yahweh what he should do. He also proclaimed that all the people of Judah should fast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:4**ULT**

⁴ And Judah gathered to seek from Yahweh; also from all the cities of Judah, they came to seek Yahweh.

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⁴ The people of Judah gathered together to request Yahweh to help them. They came to Jerusalem from every town in Judah to seek help from Yahweh.

Where did the people of Judah come from to seek Yahweh?

The people came to seek Yahweh from all the cities of Judah.

2 Chronicles 20:5**ULT**

⁵ And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Yahweh, before the new court.

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⁵ Then Jehoshaphat stood up in front of the people of Judah in front of the new courtyard of the temple,

Where did Jehoshaphat stand in the assembly of the people?

Jehoshaphat stood at the house of Yahweh, in front of the new courtyard.

2 Chronicles 20:6**ULT**

⁶ And he said, "Yahweh, the God of our fathers, are you not he, the God in the heavens? And you rule in all the kingdoms of the nations. And in your hand are power and might and none stands himself with you.

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⁶ and he prayed this: "Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors belonged to, you rule from heaven. You rule over all the kings and nations on earth. You can do anything; no one can successfully oppose you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:7**ULT**

⁷ Did you yourself our God not drive out the inhabitants of this land from before your people Israel, and give it to the seed of Abraham, the one who loved you, forever?

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⁷ Our God, you drove out the people who lived in this land while your Israelite people advanced into it, and you certainly gave it to us who are descendants of Abraham, so that the land would belong to us forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:8**ULT**

⁸ And they have dwelled in it, and they built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying,

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⁸ Our ancestors lived here and built a temple at which to worship you. At that time they prayed:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:9**ULT**

⁹ 'If disaster comes on us—the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this house, and before you for your name is in this house. And we will cry to you from our distress, and you will hear and deliver.' ^[3]

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⁹ 'If we experience disasters, either from our enemies attacking us, or from disease or hunger, we will assemble at this temple in your presence, for you agreed to be present here. We will plead with you because of the things we are suffering, and you will hear us and will rescue us.'

What promise of Yahweh did Jehoshaphat repeat when the people cried to him in their affliction?

Jehoshaphat said that when the people cry to Yahweh in their affliction, he would hear them and save them.

2 Chronicles 20:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And now behold the sons of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir whom you did not give to Israel to enter against them when they were coming from the land of Egypt, for they turned from against them, and they did not destroy them.

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¹⁰ You would not allow our Israelite ancestors to enter the countries of Ammon, Moab, or Edom when they were traveling from Egypt to Canaan. So our ancestors turned away from those areas and did not attack the people there and did not destroy them. But now they are coming here to attack us.

What did Yahweh not let Israel do to Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir when they came out of Egypt?

Yahweh would not let Israel invade them when they came out of the land of Egypt.

2 Chronicles 20:11**ULT**

¹¹ And behold they are repaying us, to come to drive us out from your possession which you caused us to possess.

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¹¹ We did good things for them. But now look at how they are repaying us by trying to drive out us from the land that you gave to our ancestors to belong to them and their descendants forever!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:12**ULT**

¹² Our God, will you not judge them, for there is not in us strength before this great multitude coming against us. And we ourselves do not know what we should do, but on you are our eyes."

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¹² So, our God, please punish them. We cannot defeat the enormous army that is coming to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are depending on you to help us."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:13**ULT**

¹³ And all Judah was standing before Yahweh, even their children, their wives, and their sons.

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¹³ All the men of Judah and their wives, children, and babies were standing there in the presence of Yahweh while Jehoshaphat prayed.

What part of the people of Judah stood before Yahweh?

All Judah stood before Yahweh, with their little ones, wives, and children.

2 Chronicles 20:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite from the sons of Asaph, the Spirit of Yahweh was on him in the midst of the assembly.

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¹⁴ Then the Spirit of Yahweh came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, who was son of Benaiah, who was son of Jeiel, who was son of Mattaniah. He was a descendant of Levi and a descendant of Asaph. He stood up in front of the whole group that was gathered there,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he said, "Give attention, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat. Thus says Yahweh to you all, 'You yourselves, do not fear; and do not be dismayed from before this great multitude, for not to you all is the battle but to God.

UST

¹⁵ and said, "King Jehoshaphat and all you who live in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah, listen! This is what Yahweh says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this huge army that is coming to attack you, because it is not you who will win this battle. It is God who will win it.

Why did Yahweh say not to fear or be discouraged by the great army against them?

Yahweh told them not to fear or be discouraged because of this great army, for the battle did not belong to them, but to God.

2 Chronicles 20:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Tomorrow, go down against them. Behold, they are coming up by the Ascent of Ziz. And you will find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

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¹⁶ Tomorrow march down toward them. They will be climbing up through the pass of Ziz north of En Gedi. You will meet them at the end of the gorge near wilderness of Jeruel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Not to you all is it to fight in this. Station yourselves, stand and see the deliverance of Yahweh with you all, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow, go out before them, and Yahweh is with you all.”

UST

¹⁷ But you will not need to fight this battle. You soldiers from Jerusalem and other places in Judah, just take your positions, and then stand still and watch what will happen. You will see Yahweh rescue you. Do not be afraid or discouraged. March toward them tomorrow, and Yahweh will be with you.”

What did Yahweh say the people would see when they stood still in their positions?

Yahweh told them to stand still, and see the rescue of Yahweh with them.

2 Chronicles 20:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Jehoshaphat bowed down, face to the earth. And all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before Yahweh to worship Yahweh.

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¹⁸ Jehoshaphat prostrated himself with his face touching the ground, and all the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah who were there knelt down to worship Yahweh.

What did Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem do in worship before Yahweh?

All Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before Yahweh, worshipping him.

2 Chronicles 20:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And the Levites, from the sons of the Kohathites and from the sons of the Korahites, stood up to praise Yahweh, the God of Israel, with a great voice upwards.

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¹⁹ Then some descendants of Levi who were descendants of Kohath and Korah stood up and loudly praised Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites belonged to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:20**ULT**

²⁰ And they rose early in the morning, and they went out to the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Believe in Yahweh your God, and be confirmed. Believe in his prophets and succeed."

UST

²⁰ Early the next morning the army left to go to the desert near the town of Tekoa. While they were leaving, Jehoshaphat stood up and said to them, "You people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, listen to me! Trust in Yahweh our God; if you do that, you will be strong. Trust in what his prophets have said; if you do that, you will be successful."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:21**ULT**

²¹ And he consulted with the people, and he appointed ones who sing to Yahweh and ones who praise the holy majesty as they went out before the equipped. And they were saying, "Give thanks to Yahweh, for his covenant faithfulness is forever."

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²¹ Then, after consulting with the people's leaders, Jehoshaphat assigned some persons to sign praise of Yahweh for his greatness, and for these individuals to lead the entire army to the enemy. They were singing, "Thank Yahweh, because he faithfully loves us forever."

As the army went out, why did Jehoshaphat say to give thanks to Yahweh?

As they went out preceding the army, Jehoshaphat told them to say, "Give thanks to Yahweh; for his covenant faithfulness endures forever."

2 Chronicles 20:22**ULT**

²² And at the time they began in cry of jubilation and praise, Yahweh placed ambushers against the sons of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who were coming to Judah. And they were struck.

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²² While they began to sing and praise Yahweh, Yahweh caused some enemy soldiers to unexpectedly attack the others from Ammon and Moab and Edom. They defeated the others in their army.

What did Yahweh do when the people of Judah began to sing and praise?

When they began to sing and praise, Yahweh set men in ambush against their enemies.

2 Chronicles 20:23**ULT**

²³ And the sons of Ammon and Moab stood against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, to devote to destruction and to destroy. And when they finished with the inhabitants of Seir, they helped a man against his neighbor for destruction.

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²³ Then the soldiers from Ammon and Moab attacked the soldiers from Edom and completely annihilated them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Edom, they slaughtered each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:24**ULT**

²⁴ And Judah came to the watchtower of the wilderness, and they turned toward the multitude. And behold, corpses fallen to the earth! And there none who escaped.

UST

²⁴ When the soldiers from Judah came to the place where they could look down over the wilderness, they looked toward that huge army of their enemies, and they saw only corpses lying on the ground. No one had survived.

What did the people of Judah see when they looked out on the enemy's army?

When they looked out on the army, they were dead, fallen to the ground.

2 Chronicles 20:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Jehoshaphat and his people came to plunder the spoils, and they found among them in abundance goods, and corpses, and precious items. And they took for themselves, so there was no carrying away. And there were three days of plundering the spoils, for it was great. ^[4]

UST

²⁵ So Jehoshaphat and his soldiers went to take the possessions of their enemies, and they saw that there was a lot of equipment and clothing and other valuable things; there was more than they could carry away. There were very many things, with the result that it took three days for them to collect them all.

How long did it take the people to carry off the plunder from the army?

It took the people three days to carry off the plunder, because there was so much of it.

2 Chronicles 20:26**ULT**

²⁶ And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah. For there they blessed Yahweh. Therefore they called the name of that place "Valley of Berakah" until today.

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²⁶ The following day they gathered in Berakah Valley and praised Yahweh there. That is why that valley is still called Berakah, which means praise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:27**ULT**

²⁷ And they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem and Jehoshaphat at their head, to return to Jerusalem with joy, for Yahweh had made them rejoice over their enemies.

UST

²⁷ Then while Jehoshaphat led them, all the soldiers who were from Jerusalem and other places in Judah returned to Jerusalem. They were happy because Yahweh had enabled them to defeat their enemies.

Why did Jehoshaphat and his people return to Jerusalem with joy?

They returned to Jerusalem with joy for Yahweh had made them rejoice over their enemies.

2 Chronicles 20:28**ULT**

²⁸ And they came to Jerusalem with harps and with lyres and with trumpets to the house of Yahweh.

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²⁸ When they arrived at Jerusalem, they went to the temple, playing harps, lutes, and trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:29**ULT**

²⁹ And the dread of God was on all the kingdoms of the lands when they heard that Yahweh had fought with the enemies of Israel.

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²⁹ People in the kingdoms of the nearby countries became very afraid when they heard how Yahweh had fought against the enemies of the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was quiet, and his God gave rest to him all around.

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³⁰ Then there was peace in the kingdom that Jehoshaphat ruled, because God had enabled him to have peace throughout the country.

What did God give Jehoshaphat that made his kingdom quiet?

Jehoshaphat's kingdom was quiet, for his God gave him peace all around him.

2 Chronicles 20:31**ULT**

³¹ And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. The son of 35 years when he became king, and 25 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother, Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

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³¹ Jehoshaphat continued to rule Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king of Judah, and he ruled in Jerusalem for twenty-five years. His mother's name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:32**ULT**

³² And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and he did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

³² He did things that were pleasing to Yahweh, like his father Asa had done, and he did not stop doing those things.

What had Jehoshaphat done in the eyes of Yahweh?

Jehoshaphat did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 20:33**ULT**

³³ However, the high places did not turn aside. And still the people did not establish their heart to the God of their fathers.

UST

³³ But he did not get rid of the places where idols were worshiped on the hills in the countryside, and most of the people still not erious about obeying the God whom their ancestors had worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:34**ULT**

³⁴ And the remainder of the matters of Jehoshaphat, the first things and the last things, behold, they are written in the words of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is taken up on the scroll of the kings of Israel.

UST

³⁴ A record of the other things that Jehoshaphat did while he ruled, from the beginning until he died, is in the scrolls written by the prophet Jehu son of Hanani. They are also in the scroll on which was written a record of the activities of the kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:35**ULT**

³⁵ And after this Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, allied himself with Ahaziah, the king of Israel; he made himself guilty in so doing.

UST

³⁵ Later, Jehoshaphat made a treaty with Ahaziah, the king of Israel, who was a very wicked king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:36**ULT**

³⁶ And he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish. And they made ships at Ezion Geber.

UST

³⁶ They agreed that their workers would build a fleet of ships to use to buy and sell things with other countries. After those ships were built at Ezion Geber,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:37

ULT

³⁷ And Eliezer the son of Dodavahu from Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "When you allied yourself with Ahaziah, Yahweh broke through your works." And the ships were broken, and they were not able to go to Tarshish.

20:1 ^[1] represents a correction to the Hebrew text, which reads, . It is thought that was original, and that a copyist changed it to . But this last reading makes no sense, because Ammonites have already been mentioned in this verse. However, different versions deal with this problem in different ways.

20:2 ^[2], some ancient and modern versions have .

20:9 ^[3], some ancient and modern versions read .

20:25 ^[4], some ancient and modern versions read . Instead of , some ancient manuscripts and most modern versions read .

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³⁷ Eliezer son of Dodavahu of the city of Mareshah, prophesied against Jehoshaphat. He said, "You have made an alliance with Ahaziah, who is a wicked king. Therefore, Yahweh will destroy the ships that your workers have made." And the ships were wrecked, and were never able to sail to other countries.

What was prophesied against Jehoshaphat, because he allied himself with Ahaziah?

Because Jehoshaphat had allied himself with Ahaziah, Yahweh destroyed his projects.

2 Chronicles 21

2 Chronicles 21:1

ULT

¹ And Jehoshaphat laid down with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram, his son, reigned in his place.

UST

¹ Then Jehoshaphat died and was buried where his ancestors were buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. His son Jehoram became the next king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:2

ULT

² And to him brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariahu, and Michael, and Shephatiah. All these, the sons of Jehoshaphat, the king of Israel.

UST

² Jehoram's younger brothers were Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:3

ULT

³ And their father gave to them many gifts of silver and of gold and of precious things with fortified cities in Judah. And the kingdom he gave to Jehoram for he was the firstborn.

UST

³ Before Jehoshaphat died, he had given them large gifts of silver and gold and other valuable things. He also appointed them to rule various cities in Judah that had walls around them. But he appointed Jehoram to be the king of Judah, because Jehoram was his oldest son.

Why did Jehoshaphat give the throne to Jehoram?

Jehoshaphat gave the throne to Jehoram because Jehoram was his firstborn.

2 Chronicles 21:4**ULT**

⁴ And Jehoram rose over the kingdom of his father and he strengthened himself. And he killed all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the chiefs of Israel.

UST

⁴ After Jehoram was completely in control of his father's kingdom, he caused all of his younger brothers to be killed, along with some of the leaders of the nation.

What did Jehoram do to his brothers after he was established as king?

When Jehoram had firmly established himself as king, he killed all his brothers with the sword.

2 Chronicles 21:5**ULT**

⁵ A son of 32 years Jehoram was when he became king, and eight years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST

⁵ Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became the king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eight years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:6**ULT**

⁶ And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did, for the daughter of Ahab was to him a wife, and he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

⁶ But he did many of the evil things that the kings of Israel had done. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, things that the family of Ahab had done, because he married one of Ahab's daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:7**ULT**

⁷ But Yahweh was not willing to destroy the house of David on account of the covenant which he had cut with David; and just as he said to give to him a lamp and to his sons all the days.

UST

⁷ However, because of the covenant that Yahweh had made with King David, Yahweh did not want to get rid of the descendants Judah.

Why did Yahweh not wish to destroy the house of David?

Yahweh did not wish to destroy the house of David because of the covenant he had made with David.

2 Chronicles 21:8**ULT**

⁸ In his days, Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah, and they caused to reign over themselves a king.

UST

⁸ While Jehoram was ruling, the people in the region of Edom rebelled against the king of Judah and appointed their own king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:9**ULT**

⁹ And Jehoram passed over with his chiefs and all his chariots with him. And it happened he rose at night and he struck Edom surrounding him and the chiefs of the chariots.

UST

⁹ So Jehoram and his officers and his men in chariots went to Edom. There, the army of Edom surrounded them. However, Jerhoram and his army attacked them and broke free from them; then they escaped during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah until this day. Then Libnah rebelled at that time from under his hand, for he abandoned Yahweh, the God of his fathers.

UST

¹⁰ But the king of Judah was never able to regain control of Edom, and Edom is still not controlled by Judah. The people in the city of Libnah between Judah and Philistia also rebelled against Judah. Those things happened because Jehoram stopped obeying Yahweh, the God whom his ancestors belonged to.

Why did Libnah revolt from the power of Judah?

They revolted from Judah's power, because Jehoram had forsaken Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ Also, he himself made the high places in the hills of Judah, and he caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit adultery, and he drove Judah away.

UST

¹¹ On the hilltops in Judah he had also built high places, where they worshiped idols. He caused the people of Judah to stray away from Yahweh by worshiping foreign gods.

What did Jehoram build in the mountains of Judah?

Jehoram also built shrines in the mountains of Judah.

2 Chronicles 21:12**ULT**

¹² And a writing came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father: 'Because you did not walk in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father and in the ways of Asa, the king of Judah,

UST

¹² One day, Jehoram received a letter from the prophet Elijah. Elijah had written this:

"This is what Yahweh, the God whom your ancestor King David worshiped, says: 'You have not done things that please me like your father Jehoshaphat did or what King Asa did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:13**ULT**

¹³ but you walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and he caused Judah to commit adultery and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, like the house of Ahab committed adultery, and also your brothers, the house of your father, the ones better than you, you have killed.

UST

¹³ Instead, you have continually done the evil things that the kings of Israel have done. You have encouraged the people in Jerusalem and other places in Judah to stop worshiping Yahweh and to be unfaithful to him. And you have killed your brothers, men who were better than you are.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Behold, Yahweh is striking a great striking among your people, and among your sons, and among your wives, and among all your goods,

UST

¹⁴ So now Yahweh is about to cause disasters to strike very severely the people in your kingdom and even your own children and your wives, and everything that you own.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:15**ULT**

¹⁵ and you with many sicknesses, with a disease of your intestines, until your intestines come out from the sickness, days upon days."

UST

¹⁵ And you yourself will have an intestinal disease that will continue to become worse, and you will suffer from it until you die."

What did Elijah say would happen to Jehoram's intestines in his sickness?

Jehoram would have much sickness until his intestines fell out because of the sickness.

2 Chronicles 21:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Yahweh stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabians who were at the hand of the Cushites.

UST

¹⁶ Then Yahweh stirred up some men from the Philistia people group and some Arabs who lived near the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, where people from Ethiopia had settled, to come against Jehoram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And they came up against Judah, and they broke it up. And they captured all the goods that were found in the house of the king, and also his sons and his wives, and there was not left to him a son except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

UST

¹⁷ Their army invaded Judah and took away from Jerusalem all the valuable things that they found in the king's palace; they also took away his sons and wives. His youngest son, Jehoahaz, was the only one of his sons whom they did not take away.

What did the Philistines and Arabians carry away from the king's house?

They carried away all the wealth that was found in the king's house.

2 Chronicles 21:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And after all this, Yahweh struck him in his intestines with a sickness for which there is no cure.

UST

¹⁸ After that happened, Yahweh caused Jehoram to be afflicted with an intestinal disease that no doctor could cure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And it happened from days to days, and at the time of the going out for the end of days, two, his intestines came out with his sickness, and he died with evil diseases. And his people did not make for him a burning like the burning of his fathers.

UST

¹⁹ About two years later, while he had great pain, he died because of that disease. The people of Judah had made bonfires to honor his ancestors when they died, but they did not make a bonfire for Jehoram.

What did his people not do for Jehoram that they had done for his ancestors?

His people made no fire in his honor as they had done for his ancestors.

2 Chronicles 21:20**ULT**

²⁰ A son of 32 he was when he became king; and eight years he reigned in Jerusalem, and he went with no delight. And they buried him in the city of David, but not in the grave of the kings.

UST

²⁰ Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became the king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eight years. No one regretted it when he died. His corpse was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, but he was not buried where the other kings of Judah had been buried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22

2 Chronicles 22:1

ULT

¹ And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, his youngest son, king in his place, for all the older the band had killed coming with the Arabians to the camp. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, reigned.

UST

¹ The people of Jerusalem appointed Jehoram's youngest son Ahaziah to be their king, because the men from Philistia who had invaded Judah with some Arabs had killed all of Jehoram's other sons. So Ahaziah started to rule Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:2

ULT

² A son of 42 years was Ahaziah when he became king, and one year he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri.

UST

² Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king. He ruled in Jerusalem for one year. His mother's name was Athaliah, a granddaughter of King Omri of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:3

ULT

³ Also he himself walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his advisor to do wickedly.

UST

³ King Ahab conducted his life just like the members of Ahab's family had done, because his mother encouraged him to do things that are wrong.

In whose ways did Ahaziah walk because of the advice of his mother?

Ahaziah walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his adviser in doing wicked things.

2 Chronicles 22:4**ULT**

⁴ And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the house of Ahab, for they themselves were to him advisors after the death of his father, for destruction to him.

UST

⁴ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, like the descendants of Ahab had done, because after Ahaziah's father died, they became his advisors. And Ahaziah died as a result of heeding their bad advice.

How did Ahaziah act in Yahweh's sight, as the house of Ahab was doing?

Ahaziah did what was evil in Yahweh's sight, as the house of Ahab was doing.

2 Chronicles 22:5**ULT**

⁵ Also, with their counsel he walked, and he went with Jehoram the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, for battle against Hazael, the king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead. And the Arameans struck Joram.

UST

⁵ Before he died, he did what they encourage him to do by going with Joram son of King Ahab of Israel, to fight against the army of Hazael, the king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead. Joram was wounded there by the Arameans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:6**ULT**

⁶ And he returned to get healed in Jezreel because of the strikings that they struck him at Ramah when he fought Hazael, the king of Aram. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram, the son of Ahab, in Jezreel because he was wounded.

UST

⁶ After he was wounded, Joram went back to the city of Jezreel to recover from his battle wounds. Then King Ahaziah went down to Jezreel to see Joram son of King Ahab, because he had been wounded.

Why did Ahaziah go to visit Joram, the son of Ahab?

Ahaziah went down to Jezreel to see him because Joram had been wounded.

2 Chronicles 22:7**ULT**

⁷ And from God was the downfall of Ahaziah for going to Joram. And when he came, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh anointed him to cut off the house of Ahab.

UST

⁷ God caused Ahaziah to die as a result of his going to visit Joram. When Ahaziah arrived, he went with Joram to meet Jehu son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh had appointed to kill all the descendants of Ahab.

What did God bring about through Ahaziah's visit to Joram?

The destruction of Ahaziah was brought about by God through his visit to Joram.

2 Chronicles 22:8**ULT**

⁸ And it happened when Jehu was judging on the house of Ahab, and he found the chiefs of Judah and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, ones ministering to Ahaziah, and he killed them.

UST

⁸ While Jehu and the men who were with him were killing Ahab's descendants, they found the leaders of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's relatives who had been working for Ahaziah, and they killed all of them also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:9**ULT**

⁹ And he sought Ahaziah; and they captured him, and he was hiding himself in Samaria. And they brought him to Jehu, and they killed him. And they buried him, for they said, "The son of Jehoshaphat is he, who sought Yahweh with all his heart." And there was none belonging to the house of Ahaziah to retain power for the kingdom.

UST

⁹ Then Jehu went to find Ahaziah, and his soldiers found Ahaziah while he was hiding in the city of Samaria. They brought him to Jehu and executed him. Then they buried his corpse, because they said, "He deserves to be buried, because he was a descendant of Jehoshaphat, who tried hard to please Yahweh." After that, there were no descendants of Ahaziah who were powerful enough to become the kings of Judah.

What did Jehu recall of Ahaziah's father?

Jehu said that Ahaziah was a son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Yahweh with all his heart.

2 Chronicles 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son died, and she arose, and she destroyed all the seed of the kingdom of the house of Judah.

UST

¹⁰ When Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son had been killed, she commanded that all the members of Ahaziah's family who might become king must be executed.

What did Ahaziah's mother do when she saw that he was dead?

When she saw that her son was dead, she arose and killed all the royal children in the house of Judah.

2 Chronicles 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ But Jehoshabeath, ^[1] the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and she stole him from the midst of the sons of the king who were being killed, and she placed him and his nurse in the room of beds. And Jehoshabeath the daughter of the king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoida the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah) hid him from the face of Athaliah, and she did not kill him.

UST

¹¹ But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram, took Joash, Ahaziah's very young son, away from the other sons of the king who were about to be murdered, and she hid him and his nursemaid in a bedroom in the temple. Because Jehosheba, who was the daughter of King Jehoram and the wife of the high priest Jehoiada, was Ahaziah's sister, she was able to hide the child, with the result that Athaliah could not kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:12**ULT**

¹² And he was with them in the house of God, hiding himself six years. And Athaliah was reigning over the land.

22:11 ^[1] Jehoshaba in some versions.

UST

¹² He remained hidden there for six years while Athaliah ruled Judah.

How long was Joash hidden in the house of God while Athaliah reigned?

Joash was hidden in the house of God for six years while Athaliah reigned over the land.

2 Chronicles 23

2 Chronicles 23:1

ULT

¹ And in the seventh year, Jehoiada strengthened himself and took the chiefs of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri with him into the covenant.

UST

¹ The next year, Jehoiada decided that it was necessary to do something. So he made an agreement with the army commanders of groups of one hundred soldiers: Azariah son of Jeroham, Ishmael son of Jehohanan, Azariah son of Obed, Maaseiah son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat son of Zicri.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:2

ULT

² And they went around in Judah, and they gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah and the heads of the fathers of Israel. And they came to Jerusalem.

UST

² They went throughout Judah and gathered the descendants of Levi and the leaders of Israelite families from all the cities. When they came to Jerusalem,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:3

ULT

³ And all the assembly cut a covenant in the house of God with the king. And he said to them, "Behold, the son of the king will reign, just as Yahweh spoke concerning the sons of David.

UST

³ the whole group went to the temple and made an agreement with the young king there. Jehoiada said to them, "This is the son of the previous king of Judah. So he is the one who must rule, like Yahweh promised that the descendants of King David must do.

What made Jehoiada bold to speak to the leaders that the king's son would reign?

Jehoiada said the king's son would reign, as Yahweh had said concerning the descendants of David.

2 Chronicles 23:4**ULT**

⁴ This is the thing that you must do: A third from you all who come in on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, will be gatekeepers at the threshold.

UST

⁴ So this is what you must do: One-third of you priests and other descendants of Levi who are starting to work on the Sabbath day must guard the temple doors.

What work was assigned to the priests and Levites serving on the Sabbath?

Those who come to serve on the Sabbath would be guards at the doors.

2 Chronicles 23:5**ULT**

⁵ And a third at the house of the king, and a third at the Gate of the Foundation. And all the people will be in the courts of the house of Yahweh.

UST

⁵ One-third of you must guard the king's palace, and one-third of you must guard the Foundation Gate. All the other people will be in the courtyard outside the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:6**ULT**

⁶ And do not let one enter the house of Yahweh, except the priests and the ministering ones from the Levites; they are entering for sacred are they. And all the people must keep the charge of Yahweh.

UST

⁶ Only the priests and the descendants of Levi who work there are allowed to enter the temple, because they are set apart for that work. All the others must remain in the courtyard, obeying what Yahweh has commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:7**ULT**

⁷ And the Levites will surround the king all around, each and his weapon in his hand. And the one going into the house will be killed. And they will be with the king in his coming in and his going out.”

UST

⁷ You descendants of Levi must stand around the young king, each of you with your weapon in your hand. You must kill anyone else who tries to enter the temple. And stay close to the king, wherever he goes.”

When were the Levites told to stay with the king?

They were told to stay with the king when he came in and when he went out.

2 Chronicles 23:8**ULT**

⁸ And the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each took his men, those coming in on the Sabbath, with those going out on the Sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest did not release the divisions.

UST

⁸ So the descendants of Levi and all the men of Judah did what Jehoiada had told them. He did not allow anyone to go home after he finished his work on that day. Each commander took his men, the ones who were finishing their work on that Sabbath day and those who were starting their work on that day.

How completely did the Levites and all Judah follow Jehoiada's command?

They served in every way in the manner in which Jehoiada the priest commanded.

2 Chronicles 23:9**ULT**

⁹ And Jehoiada the priest gave to the chiefs of the hundreds the spears and the shields and the large shields which belonged to King David which were in the house of God.

UST

⁹ Then Jehoiada gave each of the commanders the spears and the large and small shields that had been put there in the temple by King David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he stationed all the people, and each, his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, at the altar and at the house, about the king all around.

UST

¹⁰ He commanded all the guards to stand in their positions, each with his sword in his hand, all around the king—near the altar and near the temple, from the north side to the south side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they brought out the son of the king, and they placed on him the crown and the testimony. And they made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him. And they said, "May the king live!"

UST

¹¹ Then Jehoiada and his sons brought Joash out. They put a crown on his head and gave him a scroll on which were written the rules that the kings needed to obey, and they proclaimed that he was now the king. They anointed him with olive oil and shouted, "We desire that the king will live for many years!"

What did they give to the king's son when they put the crown on him?

They brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, and gave him the covenant decrees.

2 Chronicles 23:12**ULT**

¹² And Athaliah heard the sound of the people running and praising the king, and she came to the people at the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹² When Athaliah heard the noise being made by the people running toward the king and cheering, she ran to the temple.

What noise made Athaliah come to the people in the house of Yahweh?

When she heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 23:13**ULT**

¹³ And she looked, and, behold, the king was standing by his pillar at the entrance, and the chiefs and the trumpets were by the king. And all the people of the land were joyful and blowing trumpets, and the singers with the articles of the song and leading the praising. And Athaliah ripped to pieces her clothes, and she said, "Conspiracy! Conspiracy!"

UST

¹³ She saw the young king there standing alongside the pillar at the entrance of the temple, which is the place at the temple where the kings usually stood. The army commanders and trumpet players were standing beside the king, and all the people of Judah were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, and singers with their musical instruments were leading the people while they praised God. Then Athaliah tore her robes and started screaming, "You are committing treason!"

What did Athaliah do while shouting out "Treason!"?

She tore her clothes and shouted, "Treason!"

2 Chronicles 23:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Jehoiada the priest brought out the chiefs of the hundreds who were appointed over the army, and he said to them, "Bring her out to before the house of the ranks; and the one who goes after her, let him be killed with the sword." For the priest had said, "Do not kill her in the house of Yahweh."

UST

¹⁴ Jehoiada the high priest said to the army commanders, "Kill her, but do not kill her at the temple of Yahweh!" Then he said to them, "Bring Athaliah out between your ranks and kill anyone who tries to follow her!"

What did Jehoiada command to be done to anyone who followed Athaliah?

Jehoiada said to let anyone who followed her be killed with the sword.

2 Chronicles 23:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And they laid hands on her, and she went into the entrance of the Horse Gate of the house of the king. And they put her to death there.

UST

¹⁵ She tried to flee, but they seized her as she reached the Horse Gate, before the palace, and they killed her there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Jehoiada cut a covenant between himself, and between all the people, and between the king, to become a people for Yahweh.

UST

¹⁶ Then Jehoiada made an agreement that he and the king and all the other people would be Yahweh's people.

What covenant did Jehoiada make between himself, the people, and the king?

Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, all the people, and the king, that they should be Yahweh's people.

2 Chronicles 23:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And all the people entered the house of Baal, and they tore it down, and its altars and its images they smashed, and Mattan, the priest of Baal, they killed before the altars.

UST

¹⁷ Then all the people who were there went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars of Baal. They also killed Mattan, the priest of Baal, in front of those altars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Jehoiada set the musterings of the house of Yahweh by the hand of the priests, the Levites whom David assigned over the house of Yahweh, to offer the burnt offerings of Yahweh, as is written in the law of Moses, with joy and with song, by the hands of David.

UST

¹⁸ Then Jehoiada appointed the priests, who were also descended from Levi, to take care of the temple. They were part of the group to whom King David had given various work at the temple, to sacrifice the animals that were to be completely burned on the altar, doing what was written in the laws that Moses had given to them. He also told them to rejoice and sing, which was also what David had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And he stationed gatekeepers at the gates of the house of Yahweh, and unclean in any way did not enter.

UST

¹⁹ He also put gatekeepers at the gates of the temple in order that anyone who was unacceptable to God would not be allowed to enter.

Whom did Jehoiada keep from entering the house of Yahweh by setting guards at the gates?

Jehoiada set guards at the gates of the house of Yahweh, so that no one that was unclean in any way should enter.

2 Chronicles 23:20**ULT**

²⁰ And he took the chiefs of the hundreds, and the majestic ones, and the rulers among the people, and all the people of the land. And he brought down the king from the house of Yahweh; and they came into the midst of the Upper Gate of the house of the king, and they sat the king on the throne of the kingdom. ^[1]

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²⁰ Jehoiada took with him the army commanders, the important men, the leaders and many others, and brought the king down from the temple. They went into the palace through the Upper Gate, and put the king on his throne.

Where did Jehoiada and the people set the king after coming through the Upper Gate?

The people came through the Upper Gate to the king's house and sat the king on the throne of the kingdom.

2 Chronicles 23:21**ULT**

²¹ And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And Athaliah they put to death with the sword.
23:20 ^[1].

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²¹ Then all the people of Judah rejoiced. And there was quiet throughout the city, because Athaliah had been killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24

2 Chronicles 24:1

ULT

¹ A son of seven years was Joash when he became king; and 40 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Zibiah from Beersheba.

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¹ Joash was seven years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled in Jerusalem for forty years. His mother's name was Zibiah; she was from the city of Beersheba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:2

ULT

² And Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

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² Joash did what pleased Yahweh all during the years that Jehoiada was the high priest.

How long did Joash do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh?

Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the days of Jehoiada, the priest.

2 Chronicles 24:3

ULT

³ And Jehoiada lifted up for him two wives, and he fathered sons and daughters.

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³ Jehoiada chose two women to be Joash's wives. And they bore Joash sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:4**ULT**

⁴ And it happened after this, there was with the heart of Joash to restore the house of Yahweh.

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⁴ Some years later, Joash decided that the temple should be repaired.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:5**ULT**

⁵ And he gathered the priests and the Levites, and he said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah and gather from all Israel enough money to make strong the house of your God year by year. And you all yourselves, hasten to the matter." But the Levites did not hasten.

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⁵ He summoned the priests and other descendants of Levi and said to them, "Go to the cities of Judah and collect from the people the tax money that they are required to pay each year, and use that money to pay for repairing the temple. Do it immediately." But the descendants of Levi did not do it immediately.

For what work did Joash send the priests and Levites out to gather money from all Israel?

Joash sent them to gather from all Israel money to repair the house of their God.

2 Chronicles 24:6**ULT**

⁶ And the king called for Jehoiada the head, and he said to him, "Why did you not seek after the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem the tribute of Moses, the servant of Yahweh, and of the assembly of Israel for the tent of the testimony?"

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⁶ So the king summoned Jehoiada and said to him, "Why have you not required the descendants of Levi to bring to Jerusalem from various places in Judah the annual tax that Moses said that the people of Judah must pay, for taking care of the sacred tent?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:7**ULT**

⁷ For wicked Athaliah, her sons had broken into the house of God and also, all the sacred things of the house of Yahweh, they used for the Baals.

UST

⁷ The temple needed to be repaired because the sons of that wicked woman Athaliah had entered into the temple and had wrecked some of the things, and had also used some of the sacred items that were in it for the worship of Baal.

What had the sons of Athaliah taken from the house of Yahweh and given to the Baals?

They had given all the dedicated furnishings of the house of Yahweh to the Baals.

2 Chronicles 24:8**ULT**

⁸ And the king commanded, and they made one chest. And they placed it by the gate of the house of Yahweh outside.

UST

⁸ So, obeying what the king commanded, the descendants of Levi made a chest and placed it outside the temple, at one of the entrances.

Where was the chest the king had commanded to be made placed?

The king commanded, and they made a chest and placed it outside at the entrance to the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 24:9**ULT**

⁹ And they gave voice in Judah and in Jerusalem to bring in to Yahweh the tribute of Moses, the servant of God, over Israel in the wilderness.

UST

⁹ Then the king sent letters everywhere in Judah, requesting everyone to bring their tax money to the temple, as Moses had required the Israelite people to do when they were in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And all the chiefs and all the people rejoiced. And they brought in and they threw into the chest until completed.

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¹⁰ All the officials and the other people agreed, and they brought their contributions gladly. They put the money into the chest until it was full.

What part of the people rejoiced and brought money to put into the chest?

All the leaders and all the people rejoiced and brought money in and put it into the chest.

2 Chronicles 24:11**ULT**

¹¹ And it happened at the time one brings in the chest to the oversight of the king by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was an abundance of money, then a scribe of the king would come, and the officer of the head priest. And they would empty the chest, and they would carry it, and they would return it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and they gathered money in abundance.

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¹¹ Whenever the descendants of Levi brought the chest to the king's officials, and they saw that there was a lot of money in it, the king's secretary and the assistant to the high priest would take all the money from the chest and then put the chest back in its place. They did this frequently, and they collected a huge amount of money.

As the officials emptied the chest day after day what did they gather?

They emptied the chest day after day, gathering large amounts of money.

2 Chronicles 24:12**ULT**

¹² And the king and Jehoiada gave it to the ones doing the work of the service of the house of Yahweh. And they were hiring stonemasons and craftsmen to restore the house of Yahweh, and also for craftsmen of iron and bronze to make strong the house of Yahweh.

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¹² The king and Jehoiada gave the money to the men who were supervising the work of repairing the temple. Those men hired stoneworkers and carpenters to repair the temple. They also hired men who worked with iron and bronze to repair the things in the temple that were broken.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:13**ULT**

¹³ And the doers of the work did, and the restoration of the work went up by their hand. And they made stand the house of God according to its measurement, and they strengthened it.

UST

¹³ The men who did the repair work worked hard, and the work of repairing the temple progressed. They rebuilt the temple to make it as it was originally, and they made it stronger.

How did the workmen set up the house of God as they repaired it?

The workmen set up the house of God in its original design and strengthened it.

2 Chronicles 24:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And when they finished, they brought in before the king and Jehoiada the remainder of the money. And they made items for the house of Yahweh, items of ministry and of burnt offerings and pans and items of gold and silver. And they were offering up burnt offerings at the house of Yahweh regularly all the days of Jehoiada.

UST

¹⁴ When they had finished the repair work, they brought to the king and to Jehoiada the money that they had not used for the repairs. That money was used to make things to use for performing the sacrifices that were to be completely burned on the altar, and to make bowls and other gold and silver things for the temple. As long as Joash lived, the people continually brought to the temple sacrifices that were to be completely burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died, a son of 130 years at his death.

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¹⁵ Jehoiada became very old. He died when he was 130 years old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And they buried him in the city of David with the kings, because he did good in Israel and toward God and his house.

UST

¹⁶ He was buried where the kings had been buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. He was buried there because of the good things that he had done in Judah for God and for God's temple.

Why was Jehoiada buried among the kings in the city of David?

They buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, toward God, and to God's house.

2 Chronicles 24:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And after the death of Jehoiada, the chiefs of Judah came and bowed down to the king. Then the king listened to them.

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¹⁷ After Jehoiada died, the leaders of Judah went to Joash, bowed in front of him, and persuaded him to do what they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And they abandoned the house of Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and they served the Asherim and the idols. And there was wrath on Judah and Jerusalem on account of this, their guilt.

UST

¹⁸ So they and the other people stopped worshiping at the temple, and they started worshiping the poles dedicated to the goddess Asherah and other idols. Because they were doing those sinful things, God was very angry with the people of Jerusalem and with the people in other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And he sent among them prophets to bring them back to Yahweh. And they testified against them, but they did not listen.

UST

¹⁹ Although Yahweh sent prophets to persuade them to return to him, and although the prophets testified about the evil things that they had done, the people would not pay attention.

What did the people do when Yahweh sent prophets to testify against them?

Yahweh sent prophets who testified against the people, but they refused to listen.

2 Chronicles 24:20**ULT**

²⁰ And the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest. And he stood above the people, and he said to them, "Thus says God: Why are you passing over the commands of Yahweh, and you do not prosper? Because you all abandoned Yahweh, then he has abandoned you all."

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²⁰ Then God's Spirit came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the high priest. He stood up front of the people and said, "This is what God says: Why are you violating Yahweh's commandments? You will not be able prosper if you do that. Since you have stopped obeying Yahweh, he will stop taking care of you."

Why did Zechariah tell the people Yahweh had forsaken them?

Zechariah told the people that since they had forsaken Yahweh, Yahweh had also forsaken them.

2 Chronicles 24:21**ULT**

²¹ But they conspired against him, and they stoned him with stones by the command of the king in the court of the house of Yahweh.

UST

²¹ But the people planned to kill Zechariah. And the king permitted them to kill him. They killed him by throwing stones at him in the temple courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:22**ULT**

²² And King Joash did not remember the covenant faithfulness that Jehoiada, his father did with him, and he killed his son. And when he died, he said, "May Yahweh see and seek."

UST

²² King Joash forgot about how Zechariah's father Jehoiada had been kind to him. So he commanded them to kill Jehoiada's son Zechariah, who said as he was dying, "I hope that Yahweh will see what you are doing to me and punish you for doing it."

How did King Joash ignore the kindness that Zechariah's father had done to him?

In this manner, Joash, the king, ignored the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had done to him. Instead, he killed Jehoiada's son.

2 Chronicles 24:23**ULT**

²³ And it happened at the turn of the year, the army of Aram came up against him, and they came to Judah and Jerusalem. And they destroyed all the chiefs of the people from the people. And all the plunder they sent to the king of Damascus.

UST

²³ Near the end of that year, the army of Aram marched to attack the army of Joash. They invaded Judah and attacked Jerusalem and killed all the leaders of the people. They seized many valuable things and sent them to their king in Damascus, their capital city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:24**ULT**

²⁴ Indeed with a small amount of men the army of Aram came, yet Yahweh gave into their hand a very large army because they abandoned Yahweh, the God of their fathers. And they did judgment on Joash.

UST

²⁴ The army of Aram that came to Judah was very small, but Yahweh allowed them to defeat the large army of Judah, because he was punishing Joash and the other people of Judah for having abandoned him, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

What did Yahweh give the small army of the Arameans because Judah had forsaken him?

The Arameans had come with a small army, but Yahweh gave them victory over a very great army, because Judah had forsaken Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 24:25**ULT**

²⁵ And when they went from him, for they left him with many wounds, his servants conspired against him on account of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest. And they killed him on his bed, and he died. And they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the graves of the kings.

UST

²⁵ Before the battle ended, Joash was severely wounded. Then his officials decided to kill him for murdering Zechariah son of Jehoiada the high priest. They killed him while he was in his bed. They buried him in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, but they did not bury him in the place where the other kings had been buried.

Why did the servants of Joash plot against him?

Joash's own servants plotted against him because of the murder of the sons of Jehoiada, the priest.

2 Chronicles 24:26**ULT**

²⁶ And these were the ones who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath, the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith, the Moabitess.

UST

²⁶ Those who conspired to kill him were Zabad son of Shimeath, who was a woman from the Ammon people group, and Jehozabad son of Shimrith, who was a woman from the Moab people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:27**ULT**

²⁷ And his sons, and many oracles against him, and the establishing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the exposition of the scroll of the Kings. And Amaziah his son became king in his place.

UST

²⁷ An account of the things that were done by the sons of Joash and the many prophecies about Joash and what he did to repair the temple are written in the commentary on the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. Then after Joash died, Amaziah his son became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25

2 Chronicles 25:1

ULT

¹ A son of 25 years, Amaziah became king. And 29 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Jehoaddan from Jerusalem.

UST

¹ Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Jehoaddan. She was from Jerusalem.

How old was Amaziah when he began to reign and how long did he reign?

Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned for twenty-nine years.

2 Chronicles 25:2

ULT

² And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, only not with a complete heart.

UST

² Amaziah did many things that pleased Yahweh, but he did not want to do them very much.

What was the condition of Amaziah's heart?

Amaziah's heart was not perfectly devoted to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 25:3

ULT

³ And it happened when the kingdom was strong upon him, then he killed his servants, the ones who struck down the king, his father.

UST

³ As soon as he was in complete control of his kingdom, he caused others to execute the officials who had murdered his father.

Why did Amaziah not kill the children of the servants who had murdered his father, the king? (vv3-4)

Amaziah did not kill the children of the servants who had murdered his father because the laws in the book of Moses said that the children must not die for the fathers, but that every person must die for his own sin.

2 Chronicles 25:4**ULT**

⁴ But their sons he did not put to death for as it is written in the law, in the scroll of Moses, whom Yahweh commanded saying, "Fathers must not die on account of their sons, and sons must not die on account of their fathers, but each for his sin, they must die."

UST

⁴ But he did not order their sons to be executed; he obeyed what was in the laws that Moses had written. In those laws Yahweh had commanded, "People must not be executed because of what their children have done, and children must not be executed for what their parents have done. People must be executed only for the sins that they themselves have committed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:5**ULT**

⁵ And Amaziah gathered Judah, and he appointed them according to the house of the fathers, for chiefs of thousands and for chiefs of hundreds for all of Judah and Benjamin. And he mustered them from a son of 20 years and upward. And he found them, 300,000 chosen, going out to war grasping spear and large shield.

UST

⁵ Amaziah summoned the men of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin to come to Jerusalem, and there he put them into groups, each clan in a group by themselves. Then he appointed officers to command each group. Some officers commanded one hundred men, and some commanded one thousand men. They counted the men who were at least twenty years old; altogether there were 300,000 men. They were all men who were ready to be in the army, and able to fight well, using spears and shields.

How did Amaziah add to the 300,000 chosen men from Judah and Benjamin that were registered by their ancestor's houses? (vv5-6)

Amaziah hired 100,000 fighting men from Israel to add to the 300,000 chosen men from Judah.

2 Chronicles 25:6**ULT**

⁶ And he hired from Israel 100,000 mighty ones of strength for 100 talents of silver.

UST

⁶ Amaziah also hired 100,000 capable soldiers from Israel; he paid almost 3,300 kilograms (or about three and one-third metric tons) of silver for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:7**ULT**

⁷ But a man of God came to him, saying, "O King, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for Yahweh is not with Israel, all the sons of Ephraim."

UST

⁷ But a prophet came to him and said, "Your Majesty, you must not allow those soldiers from Israel to march with your soldiers, because Yahweh does not help the people of the tribe of Ephraim or from anywhere else in Israel."

Why did the man of God tell the king he should not let the army of Israel go with him?

The man of God told the king the army of Israel should not go with him because Yahweh was not with Israel.

2 Chronicles 25:8**ULT**

⁸ But if you go, act, be strong in battle; God will cause you to fall before the enemy, for there is power in God to help and to cause to fall."

UST

⁸ Even if your soldiers go and fight courageously in battles, God will cause your enemies to defeat you; do not forget that God has the power to help armies or to cause them to be defeated."

What did the man of God say would happen even if Amaziah was courageous and strong in battle?

The man of God said that God would throw him down before the enemy.

2 Chronicles 25:9**ULT**

⁹ And Amaziah said to the man of God, "And what will we do with the 100 talents that I have given to the troop of Israel?" And the man of God said, "There is to Yahweh to give to you much more than this."

UST

⁹ Amaziah asked that prophet, "If I do that, what about 3,300 kilograms of silver that I paid to hire those soldiers from Israel?" The prophet replied, "Yahweh is able to pay you back more money than you paid to hire those soldiers."

How did the man of God answer Amaziah's question about what to do about the one hundred talents that he had given to the army of Israel?

The man of God told Amaziah that Yahweh was able to give him much more than that.

2 Chronicles 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Amaziah separated them, the troop that had come to him from Ephraim to go to their place. And their anger burned greatly against Judah, and they returned to their place in the burning of anger.

UST

¹⁰ So Amaziah told those soldiers from Israel to return home. They left to go home, but they were very angry with the king of Judah for not allowing them to stay and fight.

Why was the anger of the army from Ephraim kindled against Judah?

Their anger was kindled against Judah because Amaziah separated the army and sent them home.

2 Chronicles 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Amaziah, he strengthened himself, and he led out his people. And he went to the Valley of Salt. And he struck down the sons of Seir, 10,000.

UST

¹¹ Then Amaziah became brave, and he led his army to the Valley of Salt. There they killed ten thousand soldiers from the Edom people group.

What happened to the ten thousand men of Seir when Amaziah led his people out to the Valley of Salt?

Amaziah led his people out to the Valley of Salt and he defeated ten thousand men of Seir.

2 Chronicles 25:12**ULT**

¹² And 10,000 alive the sons of Judah took captive. And they brought them to the head of the cliff, and they threw them from the head of the cliff. And all of them were dashed to pieces.

UST

¹² The army of Judah also captured ten thousand other soldiers, took them to the top of a cliff, and threw them all down over the cliff, with the result that their bodies were all smashed to pieces.

What did the army of Judah do to the additional ten thousand men of Seir who they carried away alive?

The army of Judah threw the men of Seir down from the top of the cliff.

2 Chronicles 25:13**ULT**

¹³ But the sons of the troop that Amaziah sent back from going with him to battle, and they raided against the cities of Judah from Samaria and until Beth Horon. And they struck down from them 3,000 and they plundered much plunder.

UST

¹³ While that was happening, the soldiers from Israel whom Amaziah had sent home raided cities and towns in Judea, from the city of Samaria to the city of Beth Horon. They killed three thousand people and took away a great amount of valuable things.

What did the army of Israel do to the cities of Judah from Samaria to Bethhoron?

The army of Israel attacked the cities, struck down three thousand of the people and took much plunder.

2 Chronicles 25:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And it happened after Amaziah had come from striking the Edomites, and he brought the gods of the sons of Seir, and set them up for himself to be gods. And before them he bowed down and to them he made sacrifices.

UST

¹⁴ When Amaziah returned to Jerusalem after his army had slaughtered the soldiers from Edom, he brought the idols that his enemies had worshiped. He set them up to be his own gods. Then he bowed down to worship them and offered sacrifices to them.

What did Amaziah do with the gods that he brought back from the people of Seir?

Amaziah set the gods up to be his own gods, bowed down before them, and burned incense to them.

2 Chronicles 25:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the anger of Yahweh burned against Amaziah. And he sent to him a prophet, and he said to him, "Why do you seek the gods of the people who did not deliver their people from your hand?"

UST

¹⁵ Because of that, Yahweh was very angry with Amaziah. He sent a prophet to him, who said, "Why do you worship these foreign gods who were not even able to save their own people when your army attacked them?"

What did the prophet sent by Yahweh ask Amaziah about the gods of the people of Seir?

The prophet asked Amaziah why he sought after the gods of a people whose gods did not even save their own people from the hand of Amaziah.

2 Chronicles 25:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And it happened when he was speaking with him, and he said to him, "For a counselor to the king have we placed you? Stop yourself! Why should they strike you down?" And the prophet stopped. And he said, "I know that God has counselled to destroy you because you have done this and you did not listen to my counsel."

UST

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, the king said to him, "We certainly did not appoint you to be one of my advisors. So stop talking! If you say anything more, I will tell my soldiers to kill you!" So the prophet said, "I know that God has determined to get rid of you, because you have begun to worship idols, and have not heeded my advice." Then the prophet said nothing more.

What did the prophet say was God's reason for his decision to destroy Amaziah?

The reason God decided to destroy Amaziah was that Amaziah had done this deed and had not listened to the advice of the prophet.

2 Chronicles 25:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Amaziah, the king of Judah, took counsel and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us meet each other face to face."

UST

¹⁷ Some time later Amaziah, the king of Judah, consulted his advisors. Then he sent a message to Jehoash, the king of Israel. He wrote, "Come and meet me face to face in battle."

What was the message that Amaziah sent to Jehoash, king of Israel?

Amaziah sent a message asking Jehoash to come and meet with Amaziah face to face in battle.

2 Chronicles 25:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Joash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah, the king of Judah, saying, "A bramble that was in Lebanon sent to a cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son for a wife,' but an animal passed over the field that was in Lebanon and trampled the bramble.

UST

¹⁸ But Jehoash replied this to King Amaziah: "One time a thistle growing in the mountains in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar tree, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in order that he can marry her.' But a wild animal in Lebanon came along and trampled the thistle under his feet.

Why did the messengers of Jehoash tell Amaziah that he should stay at home? (vv18-19)

The messengers of Jehoash told Amaziah to stay at home because both Amaziah and Judah would fall.

2 Chronicles 25:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You have said, Behold, you have struck down Edom, and your heart has lifted you to boast. Now, sit in your house. Why excite yourself in evil and fall, you and Judah with you?"

UST

¹⁹ What I mean is that you are saying to yourself that your army has defeated the army of Edom, so you have become very proud. You can be proud of your victory, but you should not fight me. If you do, you will only make trouble for yourself. I will defeat you, and Judah with you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:20**ULT**

²⁰ But Amaziah did not listen, because from God it was, in order to give them into the hand because they sought the gods of Edom.

UST

²⁰ But Amaziah paid no attention to Jehoash's message. This happened because God wanted Jehoash's army to defeat them, because they were worshipping the gods of Edom.

Why would God hand over the people of Judah into the hand of their enemies?

God would hand them over to their enemies because they had sought advice from the gods of Edom.

2 Chronicles 25:21**ULT**

²¹ And Joash, the king of Israel, went up, and he and Amaziah, the king of Judah, looked at each other face to face at Beth Shemesh, which belonged to Judah.

UST

²¹ So Jehoash's army attacked. Their two armies faced each other at the city of Beth Shemesh in Judah.

What was the result when Jehoash, king of Israel, and Amaziah, king of Judah, met each other face to face at Beth Shemesh? (vv21-22)

The result was that Judah was struck down before Israel and every man fled home.

2 Chronicles 25:22**ULT**

²² And Judah was struck down before Israel, and each fled to his tent.

UST

²² The army of Judah was badly defeated by the army of Israel, and all the soldiers of Judah fled to their homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:23**ULT**

²³ And Amaziah, the king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, Joash, the king of Israel, seized at Beth Shemesh. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and he broke through the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim until the gate of the Corner, 400 cubits.

UST

²³ King Jehoash's army also captured King Amaziah there. Then he brought Amaziah to Jerusalem, and his soldiers tore down the wall that was around the city, from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate. That was a section that was one-hundred and eighty meters long.

To what place did Jehoash return after he tore down the wall of Jerusalem and took many valuable objects from the temple and palace, along with hostages? (vv23-24)

Jehoash returned to Samaria after he tore down the wall of Jerusalem and took all the valuables and hostages.

2 Chronicles 25:24**ULT**

²⁴ And with all the gold and the silver and all the items that were found in the house of God with Obed Edom, and the treasures in the house of the king, and the sons of the hostages, he returned to Samaria.

UST

²⁴ His soldiers also carried away the gold, silver, and other valuable objects from the temple that the descendants of Obed Edom had been guarding. They also took away the valuable things in the palace, and they took to Samaria some prisoners whom they had captured.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Amaziah the son of Joash, the king of Judah, lived after the death of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel, 15 years.

UST

²⁵ King Jehoash of Israel died, and King Amaziah of Judah lived for fifteen years after that.

For how many years did Amaziah, king of Judah, live after the death of Jehoash, king of Israel?

Amaziah lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash.

2 Chronicles 25:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the remainder of the matters of Amaziah, the first things and the last things, behold, are they not written on the scroll of the kings of Judah and Israel?

UST

²⁶ An account of all the other things that Amaziah did while he was the king of Judah is written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

Where are other matters written concerning Amaziah?

Other matters concerning Amaziah are written in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

2 Chronicles 25:27**ULT**

²⁷ And from the time that Amaziah turned from after Yahweh, and they bound against him a conspiracy in Jerusalem. And he fled to Lachish. And they sent after him to Lachish, and they put him to death there.

UST

²⁷ From the time that Amaziah started to disobey Yahweh, some men in Jerusalem planned to kill him. He was able to escape to the city of Lachish, but those who wanted to kill him sent another group of people to Lachish and killed him there.

What was begun against Amaziah after he turned away from following Yahweh?

After Amaziah turned away from following Yahweh, a conspiracy was begun against him.

Where was Amaziah buried after he was killed in Lachish? (vv27-28)

Amaziah was buried with his ancestors in the City of Judah.

2 Chronicles 25:28

ULT

²⁸ And they carried him on horses, and they buried him with his fathers in a city of Judah.

UST

²⁸ They put his corpse on a horse and brought it back to Jerusalem and buried it where his ancestors had been buried in what is called the city of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26

2 Chronicles 26:1

ULT

¹ And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, and he was a son of 16 years. And they made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

UST

¹ All the people took Uzziah and made him their king, in the place of his father Amaziah. Uzziah was sixteen years old at that time.

Who made Uzziah king after the death of his father Amaziah?

The people of Judah took Uzziah and made him king in place of his father Amaziah.

2 Chronicles 26:2

ULT

² He himself built Elath, and he restored it to Judah after the lying down of the king with his fathers.

UST

² While he was the king, after his father King Amaziah had died, he had his workers rebuild the city of Elath and brought that city under the protection of Judah.

What did Uzziah do to the town of Elath after he became king?

Uzziah rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah.

2 Chronicles 26:3

ULT

³ A son of 16 years was Uzziah when he became king. And 52 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Jekoliah from Jerusalem.

UST

³ Uzziah ruled in Jerusalem for fifty-two years. His mother was Jekoliah; she was from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:4**ULT**

⁴ And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, according to all that Amaziah his father had done.

UST

⁴ Uzziah did the things that Yahweh said were good, like his father Amaziah had done.

How did Uzziah follow the example of his father in his relationship to Yahweh? (vv4-5)

Uzziah did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh and set himself to seek God.

2 Chronicles 26:5**ULT**

⁵ And he was seeking God in the days of Zechariah, the one instructing to see God ^[1]. And in the days of his seeking Yahweh, God caused him to prosper.

UST

⁵ He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah. Zechariah is the one who taught him to give honor to God. For as long as he sought Yahweh, God made him successful.

What happened to Uzziah as long as he sought Yahweh?

As long as Uzziah sought Yahweh, God made him prosper.

2 Chronicles 26:6**ULT**

⁶ And he went out, and he fought against the Philistines. And he broke through the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod. And he built cities in Ashdod and among the Philistines.

UST

⁶ Uzziah and his army went to attack the army of Philistia. They tore down the walls of the cities of Gath, Jabneh, and Ashdod. Then they rebuilt the cities near Ashdod and in other places in Philistia.

What was the result of God helping Uzziah as he fought against his enemies? (vv6-8)

God helped Uzziah fight against his enemies, and his fame spread to other lands, and he became very powerful.

2 Chronicles 26:7**ULT**

⁷ And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who dwelled in Gurbaal, and the Meunites.

UST

⁷ God helped them to fight the army of Philistia and the Arabs who lived in the city of Gur Baal, and the descendants of Meun who had come to that area from Edom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:8**ULT**

⁸ And the Ammonites gave tribute to Uzziah. And his name went as far as the border of Egypt because he was becoming strong increasingly.

UST

⁸ Even the Ammon people group paid taxes to Uzziah each year. So Uzziah became famous as far as the border of Egypt, because he had become very powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:9**ULT**

⁹ And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate, and at the Angle, and he made them strong.

UST

⁹ Uzziah's workers built watchtowers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the place where the wall turns, and they placed weapons in those towers.

What did Uzziah build at the gates in Jerusalem and in the wilderness? (vv9-10)

Uzziah built towers at the corner gates of Jerusalem and at the turning wall. He also built watch towers in the wilderness.

2 Chronicles 26:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he built towers in the wilderness, and he dug out many cisterns, for much cattle was to him, both in the lowlands and in the plains, and plowmen and vinedressers in the hills and in Carmel, for a lover of the ground he was.

UST

¹⁰ They also built watchtowers in the wilderness and dug many wells. They did that to provide water for a lot of the king's cattle that were in the foothills and in the plains. Uzziah was very interested in farming, so he also stationed workers to take care of his fields, vineyards in the hills, and in the fertile areas.

Why did Uzziah build watch towers, and why did he dig cisterns in the wilderness?

Uzziah built watch towers and dug cisterns in the wilderness because he had cattle and people who farmed and he loved farming.

2 Chronicles 26:11**ULT**

¹¹ And there was to Uzziah an army of doers of battle who went out for war according to the troop by the numbering of the mustering by the hand of Jeiel, the scribe, and Maaseiah, the official, under the hand of Hananiah, from the chiefs of the king.

UST

¹¹ Uzziah's army was trained for fighting battles. They were in groups that were always ready to go into battles. Jeiel, the king's secretary, and Maaseiah, one of the army officers, counted the men and placed them in groups. Hananiah, one of the king's officials, was their commander.

How did Uzziah's army make war?

Uzziah's army made war with mighty power to help the king against the enemy.

2 Chronicles 26:12**ULT**

¹² All the number of the heads of the fathers according to the mighty ones of strength, 2,600.

UST

¹² The total number of the family leaders who led the strongest soldiers in battle was 2,600 in number.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:13**ULT**

¹³ And under their hand, an army of war 307,500 doers of battle with strength of power to help the king against the enemy.

UST

¹³ In the groups that those leaders commanded there was a total of 307,500 well-trained soldiers. It was a very powerful army, ready to fight the king's enemies.

How did Uzziah's army make war?

Uzziah's army made war with mighty power to help the king against the enemy.

2 Chronicles 26:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Uzziah prepared for them—for all the army—shields, and spears, and helmets, and armor, and bows, and stones of slings.

UST

¹⁴ Uzziah gave to each soldier a shield, a spear, a helmet, a vest made of iron plates, a bow and arrows, and a sling for throwing stones.

What was invented by skillful men in Jerusalem as Uzziah equipped his army? (vv14-15)

In Jerusalem, Uzziah built engines that were invented by skillful men.

2 Chronicles 26:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he made in Jerusalem war machines, invention of an inventor, to be on the towers and on the corners to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name went out as far as a distance, for he did wondrously to be helped until when he was strong.

UST

¹⁵ In Jerusalem his skilled workers made machines to put on the watchtowers and on the corners of the walls, to shoot arrows and to hurl large stones. He became very famous even in distant places, because God helped him very much and enabled him to become very powerful.

How far did Uzziah's fame spread when he was greatly helped by Yahweh, until he became very powerful?

Uzziah's fame spread to distant lands.

2 Chronicles 26:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But at his strength, his heart was high until destroying, and he acted unfaithfully against Yahweh, his God, and he went into the temple of Yahweh to sacrifice on the altar of incense.

UST

¹⁶ But because Uzziah was very powerful, he became very proud, and that caused him to be punished. He disobeyed what Yahweh his God had commanded. He went into the temple to burn incense on the altar where God had said that only the priests should burn incense.

How did Uzziah trespass against Yahweh, his God, when he became powerful?

Uzziah trespassed against Yahweh when he went into the house of Yahweh to burn incense on the altar of incense.

2 Chronicles 26:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Azariah, the priest, went in after him, and with him the priests of Yahweh, 80 sons of strength.

UST

¹⁷ Azariah, the high priest, and eighty other brave priests followed him into the temple.

Why did Azariah and the eighty priests go in after Uzziah, and why did Azariah say that Uzziah had trespassed when he burned incense in the sanctuary? (vv17-18)

The priests told Uzziah that it is only the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense in the sanctuary, so Uzziah had trespassed when he burned incense to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 26:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And they stood against Uzziah the king, and they said to him, "Not for you, Uzziah, to sacrifice to Yahweh, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, the ones consecrated to sacrifice. Go out from the sanctuary, for you acted unfaithfully, and not for you for honor from Yahweh God."

UST

¹⁸ They rebuked him and said to him, "Uzziah, it is not right for you to burn incense to Yahweh because you are not set apart to serve as a priest, and only a priest can burn incense to Yahweh. The priests are the descendants of Aaron our first high priest, and you are not one of them! You must leave immediately, because you have disobeyed Yahweh our God, and he will not honor you for what you have done!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Uzziah raged, and in his hand was a censer to sacrifice. And when he raged against the priests, and the leprosy, it appeared on his forehead before the priests in the house of Yahweh from beside the altar of incense.

UST

¹⁹ Now Uzziah was holding in his hand a pan for burning incense, and he became very angry with the priests. While he was expressing his anger, while he stood beside the altar of incense in front of the priests, suddenly spots of leprosy appeared on his forehead.

What happened to Uzziah as he was holding a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he was angry with the priests?

While Uzziah was holding a censer, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead.

2 Chronicles 26:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Azariah the head priest turned to him, and all the priests, and, behold, he was leprous on his forehead. And they hastened him from there. And also, he himself hastened to go out, for Yahweh afflicted him.

UST

²⁰ When Azariah the high priest and all the other priests who were there looked at him, they saw the leprosy on his forehead, so they quickly took him outside. And truly the king was eager to leave the temple, because he knew that it was Yahweh who had caused him to have that leprosy, and he did not want it to become worse.

Why did leprosy break out on Uzziah's forehead?

Leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead because Yahweh had struck him.

2 Chronicles 26:21**ULT**

²¹ And Uzziah the king was leprous until the day of his death. And he dwelled in the house of separation, being leprous, for he was cut off from the house of Yahweh. And Jotham his son was over the house of the king, judging the people of the land.

UST

²¹ King Uzziah had leprosy until he died. Because he had leprosy, he lived in a house that was not near other houses, and he was not allowed to enter the courtyard of the temple. His son Jotham supervised the palace and ruled the people of Judah.

Why did Uzziah have to live in a separate house until the day of his death?

Uzziah had to live in a separate house because he was a leper and he was cut off from the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 26:22**ULT**

²² And the remainder of the matters of Uzziah, the first things and the last things, Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet wrote.

UST

²² A record of all the other things that Uzziah did while he was the king of Judah was written by the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:23**ULT**

²³ And Uzziah laid down with his fathers. And they buried him with his fathers in the field of the grave that belonged to the kings, for they said, "Leprous is he." And Jotham his son became king in his place. 26:5 ^[1], or or . Scholars are divided.

UST

²³ Because Uzziah was a leper, when he died they would not bury him in the royal tombs. Instead, they buried him in a nearby cemetery that the kings owned. Then his son Jotham became the king of Judah.

Who became king after Uzziah died and was buried with his ancestors?

Jotham, Uzziah's son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 27

2 Chronicles 27:1

ULT

¹ A son of 25 years was Jotham when he became king. And 16 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

UST

¹ Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. His mother was Jerushah, the daughter of the priest Zadok.

How old was Jotham when he became king of Judah and how long did he reign?

Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king and he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 27:2

ULT

² And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, according to all that Uzziah his father did, except he did not go into the temple of Yahweh. And yet the people were acting corruptly.

UST

² Jotham obeyed Yahweh and did what Yahweh approved. He followed the example of his father Uzziah in everything he did. (He did not, however, go into the Temple of Yahweh to burn incense as his father had done.) Yet the people of Judah continued to do the things that showed how sinful they had become.

How did the people of Judah behave even though Jotham did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh?

The people of Judah still behaved in evil ways, even though Jotham did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 27:3

ULT

³ He himself built the upper gate of the house of Yahweh, and on the wall of Ophel he built in abundance.

UST

³ Jotham's workers rebuilt the Upper Gate of the temple, and they did a lot of work to repair the wall near the hill of Ophel.

What did Jotham build in Jerusalem?

Jotham built the upper gate of the house of Yahweh, and he built much on the hill of Ophel.

2 Chronicles 27:4**ULT**

⁴ And cities he built in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers.

UST

⁴ They built cities in the hills of Judah, and they built forts and towers for defense in the forests.

What did Jotham build in the hill country and forests of Judah?

Jotham built cities in the hill country, and castles and towers in the forests of Judah.

2 Chronicles 27:5**ULT**

⁵ And he himself fought with the king of the sons of Ammon, and he was strong over them. And the sons of Ammon gave to him in that year 100 talents of silver, 10,000 kors of wheat, and 10,000 barley. This the sons of Ammon brought back to him, and in the second year and the third.

UST

⁵ During the time that he was the king of Judah, his army attacked and defeated the army of the Ammon people group. Then, every year during the next three years, he required them to pay to him about three and one-third metric tons of silver, 2,200 kiloliters of wheat, and 2,200 kiloliters of barley.

Why did the people of Ammon give Jotham silver, wheat, and barley?

The people of Ammon gave Jotham silver, wheat, and barley because he fought with them and defeated them.

2 Chronicles 27:6**ULT**

⁶ And Jotham strengthened himself for he established his ways before Yahweh his God.

UST

⁶ Jotham faithfully obeyed Yahweh his God, and as a result he became a very powerful king.

Why did Jotham become powerful?

Jotham became powerful because he walked firmly before Yahweh his God.

2 Chronicles 27:7**ULT**

⁷ And the remainder of the matters of Jotham, and all his battles and his ways, behold, they are written on the scroll of the king of Israel and Judah.

UST

⁷ A record of everything else that Jotham did during the time that he was the king, including the wars that his army fought, is written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 27:8**ULT**

⁸ A son of 25 years he was when he became king; and 16 years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST

⁸ After he had ruled Judah for sixteen years, he died when he was forty-one years old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 27:9**ULT**

⁹ And Jotham laid down with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

UST

⁹ He was buried in Jerusalem, and his son Ahaz became the next king of Judah.

Where was Jotham buried when he died?

Jotham was buried in the city of David.

Who became king of Judah after the death of Jotham?

Ahaz, Jotham's son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 28

2 Chronicles 28:1

ULT

¹ A son of 20 years was Ahaz when he became king, and 16 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And he did not do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like David his father.

UST

¹ Ahaz was twenty years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. His ancestor King David had been a good king, but Ahaz was not like David. He constantly disobeyed Yahweh

What did Ahaz not do as David his ancestor had done?

Ahaz did not do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, as David his ancestor had done.

2 Chronicles 28:2

ULT

² And he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel; and also metal images he made for the Baals.

UST

² and was as sinful as the kings of Israel had been. He made idols of the god Baal by having craftsmen cast them in metal.

What did Ahaz make as he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel?

Ahaz made cast metal figures for the Baals.

2 Chronicles 28:3

ULT

³ And he himself offered incense in the Valley of Ben Hinnom. And he caused his sons to burn in fire, according to the abominations of the nations that Yahweh drove away from before the sons of Israel.

UST

³ He burned incense in the Valley of Ben Hinnom. He even killed some of his own sons in fires as sacrifices. That imitated the disgusting customs that the people groups who previously lived there had done, people whom Yahweh had drive out when the Israelites were advancing through the land.

What did Ahaz do to his children in addition to making figures of Baal, offering incense, and following after the wickedness of the people groups which Yahweh had driven out before the people of Israel?

Ahaz put his children in fire as burnt offerings.

2 Chronicles 28:4**ULT**

⁴ And he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places and on the hills and under every leafy tree.

UST

⁴ He offered sacrifices to idols at the houses built upon hilltops and under every big green tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:5**ULT**

⁵ And Yahweh his God gave him into the hand of the king of Aram. And he struck him, and they took captive from him many captives. And they brought to Damascus. And also into the hand of the king of Israel he gave, and he struck him a great striking.

UST

⁵ Therefore Yahweh his God allowed his army to be defeated by the army of the king of Aram. They captured many soldiers of Judah and took them as prisoners to Damascus. The army of the king of Israel also defeated the army of Judah and killed very many of their soldiers.

What was the cause of the defeats of Ahaz at the hand of the Arameans and also at the hand of the king of Israel? (vv5-6)

Ahaz was defeated by the Arameans and the king of Israel because he and his people had forsaken Yahweh, the God of their ancestors.

2 Chronicles 28:6**ULT**

⁶ And Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah 120,000 in one day, all sons of strength, when they abandoned Yahweh the God of their fathers.

UST

⁶ In one day the army of Remaliah's son, King Pekah of Israel, killed 120,000 fine soldiers in Judah. That happened because the people of Judah had abandoned Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:7**ULT**

⁷ And Zicri, a mighty one of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah, the son of the king, and Azrikam, the leader of the house, and Elkanah, the second of the king.

UST

⁷ Zicri, a warrior from the tribe of Ephraim, killed King Ahaz's son Maaseiah, Azrikam, who was in charge of the palace, and Elkanah, the king's assistant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:8**ULT**

⁸ And the sons of Israel took captive from their brothers 200,000 wives, sons, and daughters. And also much plunder they plundered from them. And they brought the plunder back to Samaria.

UST

⁸ The soldiers of Israel captured 200,000 of the people of Judah, including many wives and sons and daughters of the soldiers of Judah. They also seized and took back to Samaria many valuable things.

What did the army of Israel take back to Samaria?

The army of Israel took captives from their kinsmen, and they also took much plunder which they carried back to Samaria.

2 Chronicles 28:9**ULT**

⁹ And there, a prophet of Yahweh was, Oded his name. And he went out before the army coming to Samaria. And he said to them, "Behold, in wrath, Yahweh, the God of your fathers was against Judah; he gave them into your hand. But you all killed them in rage; up to the heavens it reached.

UST

⁹ But a prophet of Yahweh, whose name was Oded, was in Samaria. He went out of the city to meet the army as it was returning. He said to them, "Yahweh, the God to whom your ancestors belonged, was angry with the people of Judah, so he has handed them over to you, and you have slaughtered so many in a towering rage.

Who went out to meet the army coming into Samaria?

Obed, a prophet of Yahweh, came out to meet the army.

What was the accusation that Obed brought against the army?

Obed accused the army of slaughtering the people of Judah in a rage that reached up to heaven.

2 Chronicles 28:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And now the sons of Judah and Jerusalem you all are saying to subjugate as male slaves and as female slaves for yourselves. Are you surely not with wrongdoings of your own against Yahweh your God?

UST

¹⁰ And now you want to sin by causing men and women from Judah to become your slaves, but you have certainly offended Yahweh, our God, in this matter.

What did Obed tell the army of Israel to do with the prisoners they had taken as slaves from Jerusalem? (vv10-11)

Obed told the army to send the prisoners back, because Yahweh's fierce wrath was on them.

2 Chronicles 28:11**ULT**

¹¹ And now, hear me and bring back the captives whom you all took captive from your brothers. For the burning anger of Yahweh is upon you all."

UST

¹¹ So listen to me! Send back to Judah your fellow countrymen whom you have captured, because Yahweh is extremely angry with you for what you did to them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:12**ULT**

¹² And men rose from the heads of the sons of Ephraim—Azariah the son of Jehohanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai—against the ones coming from the army.

UST

¹² Then some of the leaders of the tribe of Ephraim—Azariah son of Johanan, Berekiah son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah son of Shallum, and Amasa son of Hadlai—rebuked those who were returning from the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:13**ULT**

¹³ And they said to them, "Do not bring the captives here, for wrongdoing of Yahweh against us you all are saying to add upon our sins and upon our wrongdoings. For much is the guilt to us and the burning anger upon Israel."

UST

¹³ They said to them, "You must not bring those prisoners here! If you do that, Yahweh will consider that we are guilty of sinning. We are already guilty of committing many sins; do you want to cause us to be even more guilty by committing another sin? God is already very angry with us people of Israel!"

What did the leaders of the people of Ephraim say was the reason they should not bring the prisoners to Samaria?

The leaders said it would add to their sins against Yahweh and bring his fierce wrath against Israel.

2 Chronicles 28:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the armed ones released the captives and the spoils before the chiefs and all the assembly.

UST

¹⁴ So, while their leaders and others were watching, the soldiers released the prisoners, and also gave back to them the valuable things that they had captured.

What did the leaders do with the prisoners when the armed men left the prisoners before them? (vv14-15)

The leaders clothed them, gave them sandals, gave them food to eat and drink, treated their wounds, put the weak on donkeys, and took them back to their families in Jericho.

2 Chronicles 28:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the men who were marked by names rose and they grasped among the captives, and all their naked persons they clothed from the plunder. And they clothed them, and they gave them sandals. And they fed them, and they gave them drink. And they poured on them, and they led them on donkeys all who stumble. And they brought them to Jericho, the City of Palms, near their brothers. And they returned to Samaria.

UST

¹⁵ The leaders assigned some men to take care of the prisoners. These men took some of the clothes that the soldiers had taken from the people of Judah and gave those clothes to the people who were naked. They also gave to the prisoners sandals and other clothes, as well as things to eat and drink, and they gave them olive oil to rub on their wounds. They gave donkeys to those who were very weak, in order that they could ride on them. Then they led them all to Jericho, the city that had many palm trees. Finally those men returned to Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:16**ULT**

¹⁶ At that time, King Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him.

UST

¹⁶ About that time, King Ahaz sent a message to the king of Assyria requesting help.

What made it necessary for King Ahaz to send messengers to the kings of Assyria asking for help? (vv16-18)

It was necessary for Ahaz to ask the kings of Assyria for help because the Edomites had attacked Judah and the Philistines had invaded the cities of the lowlands and of the Negev of Judah.

2 Chronicles 28:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And again the Edomites had come, and they struck Judah. And they took captive captives.

UST

¹⁷ He did that because the army from the Edom people group had come again and attacked Judah and taken away many of the people of Judah as prisoners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the Philistines had raided among the cities of the lowlands and the Negev of Judah. And they captured Beth Shemesh, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Soko and its daughters, and Timnah and its daughters, and Gimzo and its daughters. And they dwelled there.

UST

¹⁸ At the same time, men from Philistia raided towns in the foothills and in the southern Judean wilderness. They captured the cities of Beth Shemesh, Aijalon, and Gederoth, as well as those of Soko, Timnah, and Gimzo with its nearby villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For Yahweh humbled Judah because of Ahaz, the king of Israel; for he caused to break loose in Judah and to act faithlessly in faithlessness against Yahweh.

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh allowed those things to happen in order to humble King Ahaz, because he had encouraged the people of Judah to do wicked things and had disobeyed Yahweh very much.

What did Ahaz do which caused Yahweh to bring Judah low?

Judah was brought low because Ahaz had acted wickedly and had sinned against Yahweh very heavily.

2 Chronicles 28:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, came against him. And he harassed him, and he did not strengthen him.

UST

²⁰ Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, sent his army saying that they would help Ahaz, but instead of helping him, they caused him trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:21**ULT**

²¹ For Ahaz divided up the house of Yahweh and the house of the king and the chiefs. And he gave to the king of Assyria, but it was not a help to him.

UST

²¹ Ahaz's soldiers took some of the valuable things from the temple and from the king's palace and from other leaders of Judah, and sent them to the king of Assyria to pay him to help them, but the king of Assyria refused to help Ahaz.

Why did Ahaz plunder the house of Yahweh and the houses of the king and the leaders?

Ahaz plundered the house of Yahweh and the houses of the king and the leaders in order to give the valuable things to the kings of Assyria.

2 Chronicles 28:22**ULT**

²² And in the time of his harassment, and he added to act faithlessly against Yahweh, this King Ahaz.

UST

²² While King Ahaz was experiencing those troubles, he disobeyed Yahweh even more.

What brought on the ruin Ahaz and all of Israel? (vv22-23)

Ahaz sinned against Yahweh and sacrificed to the gods of Damascus.

2 Chronicles 28:23**ULT**

²³ And he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, those striking him, and he said, "Because the gods of the kings of Aram, they were helping them, to them I will sacrifice, and they will help me." But they themselves were to him a cause to fall and to all Israel.

UST

²³ He offered sacrifices to the gods that were worshiped in Damascus, whose army had defeated his army. He thought, "The gods that are worshiped by the kings of Aram have helped them, so I will offer sacrifices to those gods in order that they will help me." But worshiping those gods caused Ahaz and all of Israel to be ruined.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:24**ULT**

²⁴ And Ahaz gathered the items of the house of God and cut up the items of the house of God. And he shut the doors of the house of Yahweh. And he made for himself altars in every corner in Jerusalem.

UST

²⁴ Ahaz gathered all the furnishings that were used in the temple and broke them into pieces. He locked the doors of the temple and set up altars for worshiping idols at every street corner in Jerusalem.

What did Ahaz do to the furnishings of the house of God?

Ahaz cut the furnishings to pieces and shut the doors of the house of Yahweh.

What was the result of Ahaz making altars for himself in every corner of Jerusalem, and making shrines to burn sacrifices to other gods in every city of Judah? (vv24-25)

The result of Ahaz's actions was that he provoked to anger Yahweh, the God of his ancestors.

2 Chronicles 28:25**ULT**

²⁵ And in every city and city of Judah he made high places to make sacrifices to other gods. And he provoked to anger Yahweh, the God of his fathers.

UST

²⁵ In every city in Judah, his workers built houses on the hilltops, and there they burned sacrifices to other gods, and that caused Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped, to be very angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the remainder of his matters and all his ways, the first things and the last things, behold, they are written on the scroll of the kings of Judah and Israel.

UST

²⁶ A record of the other things that Ahaz did while he was the king, from when he started to rule until he died, is written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

Where are the rest of Ahaz's deeds recorded?

The rest of Ahaz's deeds are recorded in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

2 Chronicles 28:27

ULT

²⁷ And Ahaz laid down with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, but they did not bring him to the graves of the kings of Israel. And Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

UST

²⁷ Ahaz died and was buried in Jerusalem, but he was not buried in the tombs where the other kings of Israel had been buried. Then his son Hezekiah became the king.

Who became king after Ahaz died and was buried in Jerusalem?

Hezekiah, Ahaz's son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 29

2 Chronicles 29:1

ULT

¹ Hezekiah became king as a son of 25 years, and 29 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

UST

¹ Hezekiah was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Abijah, the daughter of a man whose name was Zechariah.

What example did Hezekiah follow when he began to reign at the age of twenty-five? (vv1-2)

Hezekiah followed the example of his ancestor David and did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 29:2

ULT

² And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that David his father did.

UST

² Hezekiah did things that Yahweh considered to be right, like his ancestor King David had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:3

ULT

³ He, in the first year of his reigning, in the first month, himself opened the doors of the house of Yahweh, and he made them strong.

UST

³ During the first month of the first year that Hezekiah was ruling Judah, he unlocked the doors of the temple, and his workers repaired them.

What did Hezekiah tell the Levites to do after he had opened the doors of the house of Yahweh and had repaired them? (vv3-5)

Hezekiah told the Levites to consecrate themselves, consecrate the house of Yahweh, and carry away the filthiness from the holy place.

2 Chronicles 29:4**ULT**

⁴ And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and he gathered them into the plaza to the east.

UST

⁴ Then he gathered the priests and other descendants of Levi in the courtyard on the east side of the temple,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:5**ULT**

⁵ And he said to them, "Hear me, Levites! Now, consecrate yourselves and consecrate the house of Yahweh, the God of your fathers, and bring out the defilement from the holy place.

UST

⁵ and he said to them, "You descendants of Levi, listen to me! Set yourselves apart, and prepare the house of Yahweh so it is a place that honors Yahweh, whom your ancestors worshiped; carry out all the filthiness that is in the holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:6**ULT**

⁶ For our fathers acted unfaithfully, and they did evil in the eyes of Yahweh our God. And they have abandoned him. And they turned their faces from the tabernacle of Yahweh, and they turned the back.

UST

⁶ Our ancestors disobeyed God; they did many things that he says are evil, and they did things that are not pleasing to him. They abandoned this place where Yahweh lives, and they have stopped worshiping him.

What did Hezekiah say that their ancestors did in the sight of Yahweh?

Hezekiah said that their ancestors trespassed and did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh their God.

What did their ancestors not do in the place where Yahweh lived? (vv6-7)

Their ancestors did not burn incense or offer burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

2 Chronicles 29:7**ULT**

⁷ Also, they shut the doors of the porch. And they extinguished the lamps, and incense they did not offer and burnt offerings they did not offer in the holy place of the God of Israel.

UST

⁷ They locked the doors of the temple and extinguished the lamps. They did not burn any incense, and they did not offer any sacrifices that were to be completely burned on the altar in the holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:8**ULT**

⁸ And the wrath of Yahweh was on Judah and Jerusalem. And he gave them to be a terror, to be a horror, and to be a hissing, just as you all are seeing with your eyes.

UST

⁸ Therefore, Yahweh has become very angry with us people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, and he has caused other people to become frightened and horrified of us. And they ridicule us. You know this very well.

What was the result of Yahweh's wrath falling on Judah and Jerusalem?

Yahweh made Judah and Jerusalem to be an object of terror, horror, and scorn.

2 Chronicles 29:9**ULT**

⁹ And behold, our fathers fell by the sword, and our sons, and our daughters, and our wives are in captivity on account of this.

UST

⁹ That is why our fathers have been killed in battles, and our sons and daughters and our wives have been captured and taken to other countries.

What happened to their fathers, sons, daughters, and wives because of the wrath of Yahweh?

Their fathers fell by the sword and their sons, daughters, and wives were brought into captivity because of the wrath of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 29:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Now with my heart to cut a covenant with Yahweh, the God of Israel, so that his burning anger may turn from us.

UST

¹⁰ But now I intend to make a covenant with Yahweh, our God, in order that he will no longer be angry with us.

What did Hezekiah propose to do so that Yahweh's fierce anger might turn away from them?

Hezekiah proposed that they make a covenant with Yahweh, the God of Israel.

2 Chronicles 29:11**ULT**

¹¹ My sons, now, do not be negligent for you all Yahweh has chosen to stand before him, to minister to him, and to be to him ones ministering and ones offering sacrifices."

UST

¹¹ You who are like my sons, do not waste any time. Do immediately what Yahweh wants you to do. Yahweh has chosen you to stand in his presence and offer sacrifices and burn incense."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:12**ULT**

¹² And the Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, from the sons of the Kohathites; and from the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and from the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah;

UST

¹² Then these descendants of Levi started to work in the temple. From the descendants of Kohath there were Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah. From the descendants of Merari there were Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel. From the descendants of Gershon there were Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:13**ULT**

¹³ and from the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and from the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

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¹³ From the descendants of Elizaphan there were Shimri and Jeiel. From the descendants of Asaph there were Zechariah and Mattaniah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:14**ULT**

¹⁴ and from the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and from the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

UST

¹⁴ From the descendants of Heman there were Jehiel and Shimei. From the descendants of Jeduthun there were Shemaiah and Uzziel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And they gathered their brothers, and they consecrated themselves, and they entered, according to the commandment of the king with the words of Yahweh, to cleanse the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁵ Those men gathered their fellow descendants of Levi and together they prepared themselves for the work of the priesthood. They took all the steps to prepare themselves so they could serve the king in Yahweh's house, because the king was following Yahweh's commands. And the Levites entered the temple to clean it up.

What did the Levites do after they gathered their brothers?

The Levites and their brothers, dedicated themselves to Yahweh, and went in to cleanse the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 29:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the priests entered the inner part of the house of Yahweh to cleanse; and they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Yahweh to the court of the house of Yahweh. And the Levites took to bring out to the brook Kidron outside.

UST

¹⁶ The worked within the temple to purify it. They brought out into the courtyard of the temple everything that they had found in the temple that was not pleasing to Yahweh. Then the descendants of Levi took those things down to the Kidron Valley and burned them there.

What did the priests do with all the filth that they found in the temple of Yahweh as they cleansed it?

The priests took all the filth and carried it out to the brook Kidron.

2 Chronicles 29:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And they began on the first of the first month to consecrate. And on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of Yahweh, and they consecrated the house of Yahweh for eight days. And on the 16th day of the first month they finished.

UST

¹⁷ The priests and other descendants of Levi started this work on the first day of the first month and finished setting apart for the honor of Yahweh, the courtyard of the temple on the eighth day of that month, and they finished the work of setting the temple apart for the honor of Yahweh, one week later.

How long did it take the priests to sanctify the house of Yahweh?

The priests began on the first day of the first month and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.

2 Chronicles 29:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And they came within to Hezekiah, the king, and they said, "We have cleansed all the house of Yahweh, the altar of burnt offerings and all its items, and the table of the arrangement and all its items,

UST

¹⁸ Then they went to King Hezekiah and reported this: "We have purified all parts of the temple, and the altar where sacrifices are completely burned, and all the items used at the altar, the table on which the priests display the bread before Yahweh, and the things used at that table.

What did the priests tell Hezekiah they had prepared and sanctified in addition to cleansing all the house of Yahweh? (vv18-19)

In addition to cleansing all the house of Yahweh, the priests prepared and sanctified all the implements that King Ahaz threw away when he trespassed during his reign.

2 Chronicles 29:19**ULT**

¹⁹ and all the items which King Ahaz rejected in his reign in his unfaithfulness. We have prepared, and we have consecrated, and, behold, they are before the altar of Yahweh."

UST

¹⁹ Ahaz ruled over us, he disobeyed what Yahweh had commanded, and he threw away many of the tools and implements from the temple many things that should be there, but now we have brought them back, we dedicated them to Yahweh's service, and then we placed them in front of the altar of Yahweh, where they can be seen."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Hezekiah the king rose early and gathered the chiefs of the city. And he went up to the house of Yahweh.

UST

²⁰ Early the next morning, King Hezekiah gathered together the city officials, and they went to the courtyard of the temple.

What did Hezekiah command the priests to do with the animals they brought as a sin offering for Judah? (vv20-21)

Hezekiah told the priests to offer the animals on the altar of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 29:21**ULT**

²¹ And they brought seven bulls, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven male goats of female goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he said to the sons of Aaron, the priests, to cause to go up to the altar of Yahweh.

UST

²¹ They took with them seven bulls, seven rams, seven male lambs, and seven male goats to be an offering in order that Yahweh would forgive the sins of all the people in the kingdom of Judah, and in order to purify the temple. The king commanded that the priests, who were descendants of Aaron, should offer those animals to be sacrifices to Yahweh on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:22**ULT**

²² And they slaughtered the cattle, and the priests took the blood, and they scattered on the altar. And they slaughtered the rams, and they scattered the blood on the altar. And they slaughtered the lambs, and they scattered the blood on the altar.

UST

²² So first the priests slaughtered those bulls, and took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. Then they slaughtered the rams and sprinkled their blood on the altar. Then they slaughtered the lambs and sprinkled their blood on the altar.

Why did the priests kill the animals and splash their blood on the altar? (vv22-24)

The priests killed the animals and splashed their blood on the altar to make atonement for all Israel. A burnt offering and a sin offering had to be made for all Israel.

2 Chronicles 29:23**ULT**

²³ And they brought near the goats of the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them.

UST

²³ The goats that were slaughtered to be an offering in order that Yahweh would forgive the sins of the people were brought to the king and the others who were there. Then the king and those who were present laid their hands on those goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:24**ULT**

²⁴ And the priests slaughtered them, and they made a sin offering with their blood on the altar to atone for all Israel, because "For all Israel," the king said, "are the burnt offering and the sin offering."

UST

²⁴ Then the priests slaughtered those goats and splashed their blood on the altar, to atone for the sins of Israel. The priests did that because the king had commanded that offerings that would be completely burned on the altar and other sacrifices should be made for all the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:25**ULT**

²⁵ And he stationed the Levites in the house of Yahweh with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres, according to the commandment of David and Gad, the seer of the king, and Nathan the prophet, for by the hand of Yahweh was the commandment by the hand of his prophets.

UST

²⁵ The king then told the descendants of Levi to stand in the temple with their cymbals, harps, and lyres, obeying what David and his prophets Gad and Nathan had commanded. Those were things that Yahweh had told his prophets that the descendants of Levi should do.

From whom did the command come for arranging the Levites and their instruments in the house of Yahweh?

The command came from Yahweh by means of his prophets.

2 Chronicles 29:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the Levites stood with the instruments of David and the priests with the trumpets.

UST

²⁶ So the descendants of Levi went and stood in the temple, and began to play the musical instruments that King David had given to them. And the priests began to blow their trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:27**ULT**

²⁷ And Hezekiah said to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And at the time the burnt offering began, the song of Yahweh began and the trumpets, and by the hands of the instruments of David, the king of Israel.

UST

²⁷ Then Hezekiah told some of the priests to slaughter the animals that would be completely burned on the altar. When they started to slaughter the animals, the people started to sing to praise Yahweh, while the other descendants of Levi were playing their instruments.

How long did the singing and playing of music continue as all the assembly worshiped and the burnt offering began? (vv27-28)

The singing and music continued until the burnt offering was finished.

2 Chronicles 29:28**ULT**

²⁸ And the whole assembly was worshipping, and the song was singing, and the trumpets were sounding, all until the burnt offering was finished.

UST

²⁸ All the people who were there bowed to worship Yahweh, while the singers sang and the trumpeters played. They continued to do this until they had finished slaughtering all the animals that would be completely burned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:29**ULT**

²⁹ And when the burnt offering was finished, the king bowed down and all who were found with him, and they worshiped.

UST

²⁹ When they finished making those offerings, the king and all those who were there knelt down and worshiped Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:30**ULT**

³⁰ And King Hezekiah said, and the chiefs, to the Levites to praise Yahweh according to the words of David and Asaph the seer. And they praised with joy, and they bowed down, and they worshiped.

UST

³⁰ Then King Hezekiah and his officials commanded the descendants of Levi to praise Yahweh, singing the songs composed by David and Asaph the prophet. So they sang songs joyfully, and bowed their heads to worship.

What was the attitude of the Levites as they sang praises to Yahweh using the words of David and Asaph?

The Levites sang praises with gladness and they bowed down and worshiped.

2 Chronicles 29:31**ULT**

³¹ And Hezekiah answered, and he said, "You yourselves have filled your hand to Yahweh. Come near and bring in sacrifices and thanksgivings to the house of Yahweh." And the assembly brought in sacrifices and thanksgivings, and all inclined of heart, burnt offerings.

UST

³¹ Then Hezekiah said, "You have now set yourselves apart for the honor of Yahweh. So come close to the temple and bring animals to be sacrificed, and also bring the other offerings to thank Yahweh for what he has done for you." Then those who wanted to bring animals to be completely burned on the altar brought them.

What did the assembly bring into the house of Yahweh?

The assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and all who had a willing heart brought burnt offerings.

2 Chronicles 29:32**ULT**

³² And the number of the burnt offering that the assembly brought in was 70 bulls, 100 rams, 200 lambs, for the burnt offering to Yahweh was all these.

UST

³² Altogether they brought seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred male lambs to be completely burned on the altar.

What kinds of animals did the assembly bring to be used as burnt offerings? (vv32-33)

The assembly brought bulls, rams, lambs, oxen, and sheep to be used as burnt offerings.

2 Chronicles 29:33**ULT**

³³ And the consecrated were 600 bulls and 3,000 sheep.

UST

³³ The other animals that they brought were six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep and goats that were set apart for the honor of Yahweh, to be sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:34**ULT**

³⁴ Except the priests were too few and they were not able to skin all the burnt offerings, so their brothers, the Levites, made them strong until the work was finished, and until the priests consecrated themselves, for the Levites were right of heart to consecrate themselves more than the priests.

UST

³⁴ There were not enough priests to remove the skins from the animals that would be completely burned on the altar. So the descendants of Levi stepped in to help the priests until the work was finished. The Levites were more hard-working and dedicated than the priests were.

Why did the priests have to ask the Levites to help skin the burnt offerings?

The priests had to ask the Levites to help them skin the burnt offerings because the priests were too few to do the work themselves.

2 Chronicles 29:35**ULT**

³⁵ And also, there were burnt offerings in abundance with the fat of the peace offerings and with the drink offerings for the burnt offering. And the service of the house of Yahweh was established.

UST

³⁵ In addition to all the offerings that were completely burned on the altar, the priests burned the fat of the accompanying animals that were sacrificed to maintain good fellowship with Yahweh; there were also offerings of wine. In this way the worship at the temple began again.

What did Hezekiah and all the people do when the service of the house of Yahweh was set in order? (vv35-36)

Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced.

2 Chronicles 29:36

ULT

³⁶ And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, over God having prepared for the people, for in suddenness the matter happened.

UST

³⁶ And Hezekiah and all the other people of Judah celebrated, because God had enabled them to do all the repair work very quickly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30

2 Chronicles 30:1

ULT

¹ And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and also letters he wrote to Ephraim and Manasseh to come to the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem to do a Passover to Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

¹⁻³ King Hezekiah, his officials, and all the other people who had gathered in Jerusalem wanted to celebrate the Passover festival. But they were not able to celebrate it at the usual time, because many of the priests had still not been able to perform all the rites of purity for themselves, so they were not allowed to do the work of that festival. Also, not everyone had come to Jerusalem to celebrate it. So they decided to celebrate the festival the following month.

To where did Hezekiah send messengers and to whom did he write letters?

Hezekiah sent messengers to all of Israel and Judah, and wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh.

What did Hezekiah's message tell them?

The message told them they should come to Jerusalem to the house of Yahweh to celebrate the Passover.

2 Chronicles 30:2

ULT

² And the king consulted, and his chiefs, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to do the Passover in the second month.

Who were they that consulted together, to celebrate the Passover in the second month?

They were the king, his leaders, and all the assembly in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:3**ULT**

³ for they were not able to do it at that time because the priests had not consecrated themselves sufficiently, and the people had not assembled to Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁻³ King Hezekiah, his officials, and all the other people who had gathered in Jerusalem wanted to celebrate the Passover festival. But they were not able to celebrate it at the usual time, because many of the priests had still not been able to perform all the rites of purity for themselves, so they were not allowed to do the work of that festival. Also, not everyone had come to Jerusalem to celebrate it. So they decided to celebrate the festival the following month.

Why could they not celebrate the Passover right away?

They could not celebrate the Passover right away, because there were not sufficient numbers of consecrated priests, nor had the people gathered in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:4**ULT**

⁴ And the matter was right in the eyes of the king and in the eyes of all the assembly.

UST

⁴ The king and all the other people who had gathered thought that this was a good plan.

How did this plan appear to the king and all the assembly?

The plan appeared to be right in their eyes.

2 Chronicles 30:5**ULT**

⁵ And they caused to stand a word to cause a voice to pass over among all Israel, from Beersheba and to Dan to come to do a Passover to Yahweh, the God of Israel, in Jerusalem; for they had not in abundance done as was written.

UST

⁵ So they decided to send messages to all the cities and villages in Judah and in Israel, from Beersheba in the far south to Dan in the far north, including places in the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, to invite people to come to the temple in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover to honor Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people worshiped. Many of the people had not previously celebrated that festival, even though it had been written in the law of Moses that they should do that.

What did the king and all the assembly establish and make?

They established a decree and made a proclamation.

To where did the proclamation go?

The proclamation went throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan.

What did the proclamation say?

The proclamation said the people should come to celebrate the Passover of Yahweh in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:6**ULT**

⁶ And runners went with letters from the hand of the king and his chiefs among all Israel and Judah and according to the command of the king, saying, "Sons of Israel, return to Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the escaped remaining of you all from the palm of the kings of Assyria.

UST

⁶ Obeying what the king commanded, messengers went throughout Judah and Israel, taking messages that had been written by the king and his officials. This is what they wrote:

"You Israelite people, you who survived after being slaves of the kings of Assyria, return to Yahweh, the God whom our great ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob worshiped, in order that he may return to you. Your fathers and your fellow countrymen did not faithfully obey Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped.

By what means did the proclamation go?

The proclamation went with couriers by letters from the king and his leaders to all of Israel and Judah.

2 Chronicles 30:7**ULT**

⁷ And do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who acted unfaithfully against Yahweh, the God of their fathers. And he made them to be a horror, just as you all are seeing.

UST

⁷ Do not act like they did, because what they did caused Yahweh to punish them so severely that other people were horrified when they heard of what he had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30:8**ULT**

⁸ Now, do not harden your neck like your fathers; give hand to Yahweh and come to his sanctuary which he has consecrated forever, and serve Yahweh your God, that he may turn from you all his burning anger.

UST

⁸ Do not be stubborn as our ancestors were. Do what Yahweh desires. Come to Jerusalem to the temple, which he has set apart for his honor forever. Do what pleases Yahweh our God, in order that he will no longer be angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30:9**ULT**

⁹ For in your turning back to Yahweh, your brothers and your sons will have mercies before their captors and return this land. For gracious and compassionate is Yahweh your God, and he will not turn away his face from you all, if you return to him."

UST

⁹ If you return to Yahweh, the people who have captured our brothers and sisters and our children will act kindly toward them, and allow them to return to this land. Do not forget that Yahweh our God is kind and merciful. If you return to him, he will no longer reject you."

What did the proclamation say would happen if the people turned back to Yahweh?

The brothers and children would find compassion before those who had taken them as prisoners, and would come back into Israel.

2 Chronicles 30:10

ULT

¹⁰ And the runners were passing from city to city in the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and until Zebulun, but they were mocking them and ridiculing them.

UST

¹⁰ The messengers went to all the cities in the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far north as the tribe of Zebulun, and gave them this message, but most of the people there scorned them and ridiculed them.

Where did the couriers go and how did the people respond?

The couriers went from city to city throughout Ephraim and Manasseh all the way to Zebulun, but the people responded to them with laughing and mocking.

2 Chronicles 30:11

ULT

¹¹ However, men from Asher and Manasseh and from Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

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¹¹ But some of the people of the tribes of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun acknowledged their sin and went to Jerusalem.

Who humbled themselves and what did they do?

Certain men of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:12

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¹² Also on Judah was the hand of God to give them one heart to do the command of the king and the chiefs by the word of Yahweh.

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¹² Also in Judah God made the people want together to obey Yahweh, which is what the king and his officials had told them to do in the message that they sent.

What did the hand of God do and what happened?

The hand of God came on Judah and they had one heart to carry out the command.

2 Chronicles 30:13**ULT**

¹³ And many people gathered in Jerusalem to do the Feast of the Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very abundant assembly.

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¹³ So a huge crowd of people gathered in Jerusalem in the second month of the year, to celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

How many gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread in the second month?

Many people, a very great assembly, gathered in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And they rose, and they took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the incense altars they took away, and they threw into the brook Kidron.

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¹⁴ They removed the altars of Baal in Jerusalem and took away the altars for burning incense to honor other gods; they burned them all in the Kidron Valley.

What did those gathered in Jerusalem do? (vv14-15)

They took away the altars, all the altars for incense, and threw them into the Kidron. Then they killed the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the second month.

2 Chronicles 30:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the 14th of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and they consecrated themselves, and they brought in the burnt offerings to the house of Yahweh.

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¹⁵ They slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of that month. The priests and the other descendants of Levi who had not performed the rituals to purify themselves, they were ashamed; and they set about to make themselves qualified for the service to Yahweh, and they brought to the temple animals to be completely burned on the altar in the house of Yahweh.

What did the priests and Levites who were ashamed do?

They consecrated themselves and brought burnt offerings into the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 30:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And they stood at their stations according to their judgment, according to the law of Moses, the man of God. The priests were scattering the blood from the hand of the Levites,

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¹⁶ Then they stood in the places that Moses had written in his law that they should stand in. Then the descendants of Levi gave to the priests bowls containing blood of the animals that were being sacrificed, and the priests sprinkled the altar with some of the blood.

How did they stand and what did the priests do?

They stood in their divisions following the law of Moses, and the priests sprinkled blood.

2 Chronicles 30:17**ULT**

¹⁷ for many were in the assembly who had not consecrated themselves. And the Levites were over the slaughtering of the Passover lambs for all were not clean to consecrate to Yahweh.

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¹⁷ Many people in the crowd had not purified themselves, and therefore they were not able to kill the lambs and dedicate them to Yahweh. So it was necessary for the descendants of Levi to kill the lambs for them.

Why did the priests sprinkle the blood they received from the Levites?

Because many had not consecrated themselves, the Levites were in charge of slaughtering the Passover lambs, and the priests received it from them to sprinkle.

2 Chronicles 30:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not purified themselves, but they ate the Passover, against what is written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May Yahweh who is good atone for

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¹⁸ Although most of the people who had come from the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Issachar had not purified themselves, they ate the food of the Passover Festival anyway, ignoring the rules written by Moses. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying "Yahweh, you always do what is good; I pray that you will forgive everyone

Why did Hezekiah pray for the people of Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, and for what did he pray? (vv18-19)

Many of the people had not purified themselves and ate the Passover meal against the written instructions. So Hezekiah prayed for Yahweh to pardon those who set their hearts to seek God, although they were not purified by the standards of the sanctuary.

2 Chronicles 30:19**ULT**

¹⁹ everyone who prepares his heart to seek God, Yahweh, the God of his fathers, but not according to the purifying of the holy place."

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¹⁹ who sincerely wants to honor you, the God whom our ancestors worshiped, even if they have not purified themselves by obeying the sacred laws that you gave to us."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Yahweh listened to Hezekiah, and he healed the people.

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²⁰ And Yahweh heard what Hezekiah prayed; he forgave the people, and did not punish them.

What did Yahweh do in response to the prayer?

Yahweh listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.

2 Chronicles 30:21**ULT**

²¹ And the sons of Israel who were found in Jerusalem did the Feast of the Unleavened Bread seven days with great joy. And the Levites and the priests were praising Yahweh day by day, with instruments of might to Yahweh.

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²¹ The Israelite people who were there in Jerusalem celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days. They rejoiced greatly as they celebrated, while the priests and other descendants of Levi sang to Yahweh every day and played musical instruments to praise God.

What did the people of Israel, the Levites, and the priests do?

The people kept the Festival for seven days with great joy. The Levites and priests praised Yahweh singing with loud instruments.

2 Chronicles 30:22**ULT**

²² And Hezekiah spoke to the heart of all the Levites, who were insightful with good insight of Yahweh. And they ate the appointed seven days, sacrificing sacrifices of peace offerings and confessing to Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

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²² Hezekiah thanked all the descendants of Levi for doing this work for Yahweh, and for very skillfully leading the people who were worshiping. For those seven days the people ate the Passover food and brought offerings to maintain fellowship with Yahweh and praised Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors had worshiped.

How did Hezekiah speak to the Levites who understood the service of Yahweh, and what did they do?

Hezekiah encouraged them and they ate throughout the festival for seven days, offering fellowship sacrifices, and making confession to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 30:23**ULT**

²³ And all the assembly consulted to do seven days after them, and they did seven days joyfully.

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²³ Then the whole group decided to celebrate for seven more days; so they celebrated joyfully for seven more days.

What did the whole assembly decide to do when Hezekiah gave the assembly one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep, and the leaders gave one thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep and goats? (vv23-24)

The whole assembly decided to celebrate for another seven days, and they did with joy.

2 Chronicles 30:24**ULT**

²⁴ For Hezekiah the king of Judah contributed to the assembly 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep; and the chiefs contributed to the assembly 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep. And many priests consecrated themselves.

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²⁴ King Hezekiah provided one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep to be slaughtered for the people to eat during the festival, and the officials also gave them one thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep and goats. Many priests set themselves apart for serving Yahweh and to honor him, at this festival.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30:25**ULT**

²⁵ And they rejoiced, all the assembly of Judah and the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly who came from Israel, and the sojourners who came from the land of Israel and the inhabitants of Judah.

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²⁵ All the people of Judah rejoiced, including the priests and other descendants of Levi and all the people from Israel who had come, and including some from other countries who were living in Israel and some from other countries who were living in Judah.

Who were all those that rejoiced in the celebration?

All the assembly of Judah, the priests, the Levites, and all the people who came together from Israel, the foreigners who came from Israel and those who lived in Judah rejoiced.

2 Chronicles 30:26**ULT**

²⁶ And there was great joy in Jerusalem, for from the days of Solomon the son of David, the king of Israel, there was not like this in Jerusalem.

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²⁶ Everyone in Jerusalem was very joyful, because nothing like this had happened in Jerusalem since the time when David's son Solomon was the king of Israel.

How was the celebration described?

There was great joy in Jerusalem, and since the time of Solomon, there had not been anything like it in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:27**ULT**

²⁷ And the priests, the Levites, rose, and they blessed the people. And their voice was heard, and their prayer came to his holy dwelling in the heavens.

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²⁷ The priests and the other descendants of Levi stood up to bless the people, and God heard them, because their prayers reached up to heaven, the holy place where God lives.

What did the priests and Levites do next in the celebration?

They blessed the people and their voice was heard and their prayer went up to heaven.

2 Chronicles 31

2 Chronicles 31:1

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¹ And when all this was finished, all Israel who were to be found went out to the cities of Judah, and they shattered the pillars. And they cut to pieces the Asherim, and they tore down the high places and the altars from all Judah and Benjamin, and in Ephraim and Manasseh, until finished. And all the sons of Israel returned, each to his possession, to their cities.

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¹ After the festival ended, the Israelites who were there went to all the cities in Judah and smashed the stones for worshiping idols, and cut down the poles for worshiping the goddess Asherah. They destroyed the high places where idols were worshiped, and the altars of Baal throughout the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and also in the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. After destroying all of them, they returned to their own cities and towns.

What did the Israelites do after celebrating the Festival of the Unleavened Bread?

The people of Israel went out to the cities of Judah, broke the sacred stone pillars, cut down the Asherah poles, broke down the shrines and altars in Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all.

Where did the people of Israel go after they did this?

They returned to their own land and city.

2 Chronicles 31:2

ULT

² And Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites according to their divisions, each according to the mouth of his service, for the priests and for the Levites for burnt offering and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise at the gates of the camp of Yahweh.

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² Hezekiah divided the priests and other descendants of Levi into groups. He appointed some of the groups to offer sacrifices that would be completely burned on the altar and offerings to maintain fellowship with Yahweh. He appointed some groups to do other work at the temple: Some to lead the people in their worship, some to thank Yahweh, and some to sing songs to praise Yahweh at the gates of the temple.

What did Hezekiah assign the priests and the Levites to do after he organized them by their divisions?

Hezekiah assigned them to make burnt offerings, fellowship offerings, to serve, to give thanks, and to praise at the gates of Yahweh's temple.

2 Chronicles 31:3**ULT**

³ And the portion of the king was from his property for burnt offerings, for the burnt offerings of the morning and the evening and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths and for the new moons and for the appointed times, as is written in the law of Yahweh.

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³ The king contributed some of his own funds to buy animals that would be sacrificed in the morning and in the evening of each day, and on the Sabbath days, to celebrate the new moons, and during the other feasts, according to what was written in the laws that Yahweh gave to Moses.

What portion did Hezekiah assign and when was it to be offered?

The portion was to be a king's portion from his own possessions, and the burnt offerings were for the morning, evening, Sabbath days, the new moons, and the fixed festivals.

2 Chronicles 31:4**ULT**

⁴ And he said to the people, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, in order that they might be strong in the law of Yahweh.

UST

⁴ Hezekiah told the people living in Jerusalem to give to the priests and the other descendants of Levi the portions of meat that should be given to them, in order that they could devote all their time to obeying the laws of Yahweh.

What did Hezekiah command the people of Jerusalem to do so the priests and Levites might concentrate on obeying the law of Yahweh?

The people were to give a portion for the priests and Levites.

2 Chronicles 31:5**ULT**

⁵ And when the word broke through, the sons of Israel gave in abundance firstfruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, and all the produce of the field. And the tithe of all the abundance they brought in.

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⁵ As soon as he told that to them, they generously gave the first part of their harvest of grain, and the first part of the new wine that they produced, and olive oil and honey, and of the crops that grew in their fields. They brought to the temple a tenth of all their crops.

What happened when the command went out to the people?

The people of Israel gave the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey, and from the harvest of the field to all in abundance. They also gave the tithe of all things.

2 Chronicles 31:6**ULT**

⁶ And the sons of Israel and Judah, the inhabitants in the cities of Judah, also they, the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of sacred things consecrated to Yahweh their God, they brought in, and they gave heaps, heaps.

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⁶ The men of Israel and Judah who were living in various cities in Judah also brought a tenth of their cattle and sheep and goats, and a tenth of other things that they had set them apart for the honor of Yahweh their God, and they piled up all those things in heaps.

What did the people in the cities of Judah do about the command?

The people in the cities of Judah brought the tithe of oxen, sheep, and a tithe of things that were consecrated to Yahweh, laying them in heaps.

2 Chronicles 31:7**ULT**

⁷ In the third month, they began the heaps to establish, and in the seventh month they finished.

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⁷ They started to do that in the third month and finished doing it in the seventh month.

What were the months when the people laid the heaps?

The people laid the heaps beginning in the third month and finishing the heaps in the seventh month.

2 Chronicles 31:8**ULT**

⁸ And Hezekiah and the chiefs came, and they saw the heaps. And they blessed Yahweh and his people Israel.

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⁸ When Hezekiah and his officials saw the heaps, they praised Yahweh and requested God to bless the people.

Who blessed Yahweh and the people when they saw the heaps?

Hezekiah and the leaders blessed Yahweh and the people.

2 Chronicles 31:9**ULT**

⁹ And Hezekiah sought the priests and the Levites about the heaps.

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⁹ But Hezekiah asked the priests and other descendants of Levi, "What are these heaps of things?"

How did Azariah, the chief priest, answer Hezekiah when he asked the priests and the Levites about the heaps? (vv9-10)

Azariah answered that the people brought the tithes and put them in these large heaps. He told Hezekiah that they had eaten enough, and these heaps were left over because Yahweh had blessed the people.

2 Chronicles 31:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Azariah, the head priest, of the house of Zadok, said to him, and he said, "From the beginning of the bringing of the contribution to the house of Yahweh we ate, and were full and had left over in abundance, for Yahweh has blessed his people, and this abundance is left."

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¹⁰ Then Azariah the high priest, a descendant of Zadok, replied, "Since the time that the people started to bring their offerings to the temple, we have had even more food than we need. This has happened because Yahweh has greatly blessed our fellow Israelites, with the result that all this is left over after we priests and other descendants of Levi took all that we need!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 31:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Hezekiah said to prepare the chambers in the house of Yahweh, and they prepared.

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¹¹ Then Hezekiah ordered that they should prepare storerooms at the temple to hold these supplies.

What did Hezekiah command to be prepared and what did the people do? (vv11-12)

Hezekiah commanded storerooms be prepared in the house of Yahweh. Then the people prepared them and brought in the offerings, tithes, and consecrated things.

2 Chronicles 31:12**ULT**

¹² And they brought in the contribution and the tithe and the sacred things in faithfulness. And over them as a leader was Konaniah the Levite, and Shimei his brother, second.

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¹² Then they brought into the storerooms all the tithes and offerings and things and the things dedicated to Yahweh which the people had brought. One of the descendants of Levi whose name was Konaniah was in charge of those things, and his younger brother Shimei was his assistant.

Who did Hezekiah and Azariah appoint to be managers in charge of the storerooms?

Hezekiah and Azariah appointed Conaniah manager in charge with Conaniah's brother, Shimei, as manager second in charge.

2 Chronicles 31:13**ULT**

¹³ And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismakiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers under the hand of Konaniah and Shimei his brother, by the arrangement of Hezekiah, the king, and Azariah, the leader over the house of God.

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¹³ Those two men supervised Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismakiah, Mahath and Benaiah while they did the work. They were appointed by King Hezekiah; Azariah was in charge of everything that was done in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 31:14**ULT**

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper to the east was over the free will offering of God, to give the contribution of Yahweh and the most holy things,

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14 Kore son of Imnah, another descendant of Levi, who guarded the east gate of the temple, was in charge of the offerings to God that were made voluntarily. He distributed to the priests and other descendants of Levi the offerings and other things that were dedicated to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 31:15**ULT**

15 and by his hand Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, and Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests in faithfulness to give to their brothers in divisions, like great, like small,

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15 Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah and Shecaniah faithfully assisted him in the towns where the priests lived. They distributed those things to the groups of their fellow priests; they distributed them to everyone, including those who were young and those who were old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 31:16**ULT**

16 regardless of their genealogy, to males from a son of three years and upward, to all who came into the house of Yahweh, by the matter of a day in its day, for their service by their charges according to their divisions, ^[1]

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16 They also distributed things to the males who were at least three years old, those whose names were on the scrolls where lists of family names were written. They were males who were allowed to enter the temple to perform their tasks each day, the tasks that each group had been assigned to do.

To whom did Kore and those with him distribute the offerings?

They distributed to those males three years old and up, division by division, who were counted in the genealogies that entered the house of Yahweh that did the work in their positions.

2 Chronicles 31:17**ULT**

¹⁷ and the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers and the Levites from a son of 20 years and upward by their charges according to their divisions,

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¹⁷ The names of the priests were on the scrolls where their families' names were written. They also distributed things to groups of descendants of Levi, those who were at least twenty years old.

Who was counted next to receive the offerings?

They gave to the Levites twenty years old and up that were filling their positions division by division.

2 Chronicles 31:18**ULT**

¹⁸ and to the genealogy with all their children, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, to all the assembly, for in their faithfulness they were consecrating themselves in holiness.

UST

¹⁸ They included all their little children and wives and other sons and daughters whose names were on the scrolls where the family names were written, because they also faithfully had set themselves apart for the honor of Yahweh and his requirements for holiness.

What had the people done before receiving the offerings from Kore and those with him?

The people had consecrated themselves before the distribution to all their little ones, their wives, and their sons and daughters, who were counted in their genealogies.

2 Chronicles 31:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And for the sons of Aaron, the priests, in the fields of open land of their cities, in each city and city, were men who were marked by names to give portions to every male among the priests, and to all genealogically among the Levites.

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¹⁹ Hezekiah also appointed other men to distribute portions of those offerings to the priests and other descendants of Levi who were living in the pasturelands around the towns of Judah. But they gave things only to those who were descendants of Aaron the first high priest, whose names were on the scrolls containing the names of their families.

What was done for the priests who were counted in the genealogies as being among the Levites?

There were men assigned to give portions to all the males who were in the fields of the villages that belonged to the cities or in every city.

2 Chronicles 31:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Hezekiah did like this in all Judah. And he did what is good, and what is right, and faithful before Yahweh his God.

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²⁰ That is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah. He always faithfully did things that Yahweh his God says are right and good.

Where did Hezekiah accomplish this and how was it done?

Hezekiah accomplished this throughout all Judah and it was done good, right, and faithful before Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 31:21

ULT

²¹ And in every deed that he began in the service of the house of God, and by the law, and by the commandment to seek his God, with all his heart he did and succeeded.

31:16 ^[1], some modern versions have .

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²¹ In everything that he did for the worship in the temple, and as he obeyed God's laws and commands, he tried to find out what his God wanted, and he worked energetically. So he was successful.

In what way did Hezekiah perform each project, and what was the result?

Hezekiah performed all these projects with all his heart, and he succeeded.

2 Chronicles 32

2 Chronicles 32:1

ULT

¹ After these things and faithfulness, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, came. And he came into Judah. And he encamped against the fortified cities. And he said to capture them for himself.

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¹ After King Hezekiah had obeyed Yahweh's instructions and had done all those things, King Sennacherib of Assyria came with his army and invaded Judah. He commanded his soldiers to surround the cities that had walls around them, thinking that they would break through those walls and conquer those cities.

What did Sennacherib, king of Assyria, do to Judah?

He entered Judah and attacked the cities.

2 Chronicles 32:2

ULT

² And Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and his face was to battle against Jerusalem.

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² When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come with his army and that they intended to attack Jerusalem,

With what did Hezekiah ask his leaders to help? (vv2-4)

He asked them to stop up all the springs and streams so the king of Assyria would not find water.

2 Chronicles 32:3

ULT

³ And he consulted with his chiefs and his mighty ones to stop up the waters of the springs that were outside the city; and they helped him.

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³⁻⁴ he consulted with his officials and army leaders. They said to themselves, "Why should allow the king of Assyria and his army to come and find plenty of water to drink?" So they decided to stop the water from flowing outside the city. A large group of men gathered together and blocked all the springs and the stream that flowed through that area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:4**ULT**

⁴ And many people gathered, and they stopped up all the springs and the stream that was flowing in the midst of the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find many waters?"

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³⁻⁴ he consulted with his officials and army leaders. They said to themselves, "Why should allow the king of Assyria and his army to come and find plenty of water to drink?" So they decided to stop the water from flowing outside the city. A large group of men gathered together and blocked all the springs and the stream that flowed through that area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:5**ULT**

⁵ And he strengthened himself. And he built all the broken wall, and he brought up the towers and the other outer wall. And he strengthened the Millo in the city of David. And he made weapons in abundance and shields. ^[1]

UST

⁵ Then they worked hard to repair all the sections of the city wall that had been broken, and they built watchtowers on the walls higher. They strengthened the Millo, a massive supporting wall on the east side of the city of David. They also made a large number of weapons and shields.

What did Hezekiah do to guard against the enemy's attack?

He built up the walls and made a large amounts of weapons.

2 Chronicles 32:6**ULT**

⁶ And he placed chiefs of battle over the people. And he gathered them to himself to the plaza at the city gate. And he spoke to their heart, saying,

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⁶ Hezekiah appointed army commanders, and he gathered them in front of him in the square at one of the city gates, and he encouraged them by saying this to them:

What encouraging words did Hezekiah give to his people? (vv6-8)

He told them to be strong, of good courage, and not be afraid because Yahweh, who is greater than their enemy, will help them fight.

2 Chronicles 32:7**ULT**

⁷ “Be strong and be courageous. Do not be afraid, and do not be dismayed from before the king of Assyria and from before all the multitude that is with him, for with us is one greater than with him.

UST

⁷ “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the huge army that is with him, because Yahweh is with us, and his power is greater than their power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:8**ULT**

⁸ With him, an arm of flesh, but with us, Yahweh, our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people leaned on the words of Hezekiah, the king of Judah.

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⁸ They have to rely on the power of humans, but we have Yahweh our God to help us and to fight battles for us.” So the people became more confident because of what Hezekiah, the king of Judah, said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:9**ULT**

⁹ After this, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, sent his servants to Jerusalem (and he was by Lachish, and all his military strength was with him) to Hezekiah, the king of Judah, and to all Judah who was in Jerusalem, saying,

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⁹ Later, when Sennacherib and all his soldiers were surrounding the city of Lachish, he sent some officers to Jerusalem to give this message to King Hezekiah and to all the people of Judah who were there:

Why did Sennacherib send his servants to Jerusalem? (vv9-10)

He wanted to know what Hezekiah was relying on for a victory.

2 Chronicles 32:10**ULT**

¹⁰ "Thus says Sennacherib, the king of Assyria: On what are you all trusting and dwelling in siege in Jerusalem?"

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¹⁰ "I am Sennacherib, the great king of Assyria, and this is what I say: While you are staying in Jerusalem, my soldiers are surrounding the city. So what are you depending on to keep you safe?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:11**ULT**

¹¹ Is not Hezekiah misleading you all, to give you all to die by famine and by thirst, saying, 'Yahweh our God will deliver us from the palm of the king of Assyria'?"

UST

¹¹ Hezekiah says to you, 'Yahweh our God will save us from being defeated by the army of you.' He wants you to die from having no food or water.

How did Sennacherib try to persuade the people that Hezekiah was misleading them?

He said they might die of famine and thirst and questioned whether Yahweh would rescue them.

2 Chronicles 32:12**ULT**

¹² Did not he, Hezekiah, take away his high places and his altars and he said to Judah and to Jerusalem, saying, 'Before one altar you all must worship, and on it you all must make sacrifice'?"

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¹² Hezekiah is the one who told his men to get rid of that god's high places on the hills, and his altars in the countryside, saying to you people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, 'You must worship at only one altar and burn sacrifices on only that altar.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:13**ULT**

¹³ Do you all not know what I have done, I and my fathers, to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands surely able to deliver their land from my hand?

UST

¹³⁻¹⁴ Do you people not know what I and my ancestors have done to all the people groups in other countries? We destroyed them all, and their gods could not save them from me.

What did Sennacherib and his ancestors do to other people and their lands? (vv13-14)

Because their gods could not help them, they were completely destroyed.

2 Chronicles 32:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Who is among all the gods of these nations whom my fathers devoted to destruction who is able to deliver his people from my hand, that your God is able to deliver you all from my hand?

UST

¹³⁻¹⁴ Do you people not know what I and my ancestors have done to all the people groups in other countries? We destroyed them all, and their gods could not save them from me.

Why did Sennacherib say the Israelites should not believe Hezekiah? (vv14-15)

Sennacherib wanted to mislead the people into believing that God would not rescue them from his powerful hand.

2 Chronicles 32:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And now do not let Hezekiah deceive you all and do not let him mislead you all like this. And do not believe him for any god of any nation or kingdom has not been able to deliver his people from my hand or from the hand of my fathers. Also, indeed, your God will not deliver you all from my hand."

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¹⁵ So do not allow Hezekiah to deceive you like this. Do not believe what he says, because no god of any nation or kingdom has ever been able to rescue his people from being conquered by my army and the armies of my ancestors. So certainly your god will not be able to rescue you from my power."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And again his servants spoke against Yahweh God and against Hezekiah, his servant.

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¹⁶ Sennacherib's officers said more things to insult Yahweh their God and Hezekiah, who served God well.

What did Sennacherib do to mock Yahweh? (vv16-17)

He wrote letters to speak against Yahweh, to remind the people of Jerusalem of the past, and that Hezekiah's God will not rescue them.

2 Chronicles 32:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And letters he wrote to taunt Yahweh, the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, "Like the gods of the nations of the lands who did not deliver their people from my hand, thus the God of Hezekiah will not deliver his people from my hand."

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¹⁷ King Sennacherib wrote more letters insulting Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites belonged to. He wrote, "No god of any of these nations I have conquered could save his people from me. Similarly, the god of Hezekiah will not save his people from my power."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And they called in a great voice in Judean against the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and to dismay them, in order that they might capture the city.

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¹⁸ Then the officers shouted in the Hebrew language to the people who were on the wall, in order to cause them to be very terrified, thinking that as a result the army of Assyria could capture the city without a battle.

Why did Sennacherib's servants cry in the Jews' language to the people of Jerusalem?

The servants wanted to frighten the people so they might capture the city.

2 Chronicles 32:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And they spoke about the God of Jerusalem as against the gods of the peoples of the land, the work of the hands of man.

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¹⁹ They belittled the God worshiped by the people of Jerusalem like they belittled the gods of the other people groups of the world, gods which indeed were only idols fashioned by craftsmen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Hezekiah, the king, prayed, and Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, about this, and they cried out to the heavens.

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²⁰ Then King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah cried out to God, praying very earnestly about this.

**How did Yahweh respond when Hezekiah and Isaiah prayed and cried out to heaven?
(vv20-21)**

He sent an angel, who killed the fighting men and the officers.

2 Chronicles 32:21**ULT**

²¹ And Yahweh sent an angel, and he wiped out all the mighty ones of the army and leaders and chiefs in the camp of the king of Assyria. And he returned with shame on faces to his land. And he came to the house of his god, and some of the ones coming forth from his inward parts, there they caused him to fall by the sword.

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²¹ And that night Yahweh sent an angel who killed all the soldiers of Assyria and their leaders and their officers in the place where the king of Assyria and his army had set up their tents. So the king of Assyria left, and returned to his own country, very disgraced. And one day when he went into the temple of his god, some of his sons struck him with their swords and killed him.

What happened to Sennacherib after the angel killed his army?

Sennacherib returned embarrassed to his own land, where his children killed him.

2 Chronicles 32:22**ULT**

²² And Yahweh saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all. And he gave them rest all around. ^[2]

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²² That is how Yahweh guided and rescued Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the power of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, and from the power of all their other enemies. That is how he gave them peace with all the countries near them.

How was Hezekiah exalted? (vv22-23)

Yahweh saved Hezekiah from Sennacherib and others. Precious gifts were brought to Yahweh and Hezekiah by many.

2 Chronicles 32:23**ULT**

²³ And many were bringing gifts to Yahweh to Jerusalem and precious things to Hezekiah the king of Judah. And he was lifted up in the eyes of all the nations from after that.

UST

²³ Many people brought offerings for Yahweh to Jerusalem, and also brought valuable gifts for King Hezekiah. And from that time, Hezekiah was highly respected by the people of all the other nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:24**ULT**

²⁴ In those days Hezekiah was sick unto death. And he prayed to Yahweh, and he spoke to him. And a sign he gave to him.

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²⁴ About that time, Hezekiah became very ill. He thought that he was about to die. But he prayed to Yahweh, and Yahweh answered him. He performed a miracle and healed Hezekiah.

What happened to Hezekiah when he didn't give thanks to Yahweh when he was deathly sick? (vv24-26)

God's anger came on him, and Judah and Jerusalem. After he and the people of Jerusalem humbled themselves, Yahweh's anger did not come on them for the rest of Hezekiah's life.

2 Chronicles 32:25**ULT**

²⁵ But according to the benefit to him Hezekiah did not return, for his heart was high. And there was on him wrath and on Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

²⁵ But Hezekiah was very proud, and he did not thank Yahweh for acting kindly toward him. Therefore Yahweh was angry with him and punished him and the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:26**ULT**

²⁶ And Hezekiah humbled himself from the height of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the wrath of Yahweh did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

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²⁶ Then Hezekiah said that he was sorry about being proud, and the people of Jerusalem also said that they were sorry for their sins. So Yahweh did not punish them during the remaining years that Hezekiah was their king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:27**ULT**

²⁷ And there was to Hezekiah very many riches and glory, and treasuries he made for himself for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all desirable items,

UST

²⁷ Hezekiah became very rich and was greatly honored. His workers made storerooms for his silver and gold, for his very valuable stones, and for spices and shields and other valuable things.

After Hezekiah humbled himself what did God give him? (vv27-29)

God abundantly blessed him with precious stones, much harvest, many animals, and cities.

2 Chronicles 32:28**ULT**

²⁸ and storehouses for produce of grain, and new wine, and oil, and stalls for all beasts and beasts, and flocks for the stalls.

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²⁸ His workers also built buildings to store the grain and wine and olive oil that people produced and brought to him. They also made stalls for various kinds of cattle, and pens for his flocks of sheep and goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:29**ULT**

²⁹ And cities he made for himself and livestock of sheep and cattle in abundance, for God gave to him very much property. ^[3]

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²⁹ They built cities and acquired for the king great many flocks of sheep and goats and herds of cattle, because God had enabled him to become very rich.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:30**ULT**

³⁰ And this same Hezekiah stopped up the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon, and he directed them down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah succeeded in all his work.

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³⁰ Hezekiah was the one who told his workers to block the place where the water flows out of the spring of Gihon, and to build a tunnel through which the water flowed to the west side of the area called the city of David. He was able to do everything that he wanted to do.

**Why did God leave Hezekiah to himself after Hezekiah succeeded in all his projects?
(vv30-31)**

God wanted to test him and know what was in his heart.

2 Chronicles 32:31**ULT**

³¹ And thus, when the envoys of the chiefs of Babylon sent to him to seek the sign that was in the land, God left him to test him, to know all in his heart.

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³¹ But when messengers who were sent by the rulers of Babylon came and asked about the miracle that God had performed in the land, it was then that God left Hezekiah alone in order to test him. God tested him so that he would know everything that was in Hezekiah's heart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:32**ULT**

³² And the remainder of the matters of Hezekiah, and his covenant faithfulnesses, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet, on the scroll of the kings of Judah and Israel.

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³² A record of the other things that happened while Hezekiah was ruling, and the things that he did to please God, is written on the scroll of the vision of Isaiah the prophet. It is also written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

Where are Hezekiah's good deeds written?

They are written in The Vision of Isaiah the Prophet and in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

2 Chronicles 32:33**ULT**

³³ And Hezekiah laid down with his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent of the graves of the sons of David. And honor they did for him in his death, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

32:5 ^[1], some ancient and modern versions have , , that is, on the wall.

32:22 ^[2], some ancient and modern versions have . The original reading is uncertain.

32:29 ^[3], some modern versions have , and some other modern versions leave out the word entirely.

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³³ When Hezekiah died, he was buried in the tombs where the most respected kings of Judah were buried. Everyone in Jerusalem and other places in Judah honored him. Then his son Manasseh became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33

2 Chronicles 33:1

ULT

¹ A son of 12 years was Manasseh when he became king; and 55 years he reigned in Jerusalem.

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¹ Manasseh was twelve years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for fifty-five years.

What kind of a king was Manasseh for fifty-five years? (vv1-3)

He did evil things in the sight of Yahweh, rebuilt idols that Hezekiah had torn down, and worshiped the stars of heaven.

2 Chronicles 33:2

ULT

² And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh had driven out from before the sons of Israel.

UST

² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He imitated the disgusting things that were formerly done by the people groups that Yahweh had expelled from Israel as his people advanced into the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:3

ULT

³ And he turned and built the high places that Hezekiah his father had torn down, and he erected altars to the Baals, and he made Asheroth, and he bowed down to all the host of the heavens, and he served them.

UST

³ He commanded his workers to rebuild the high places upon the hills for worshiping idols, the same ones that his father Hezekiah had destroyed. He told them to set up poles to honor the god Baal, and to make poles to honor the goddess Asherah. He also bowed down to worship all the stars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:4**ULT**

⁴ And he built altars in the house of Yahweh, about which Yahweh had said, "In Jerusalem, my name will be forever."

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⁴ He directed his workers to build altars for foreign gods in the temple itself, about which Yahweh had said, "It is here in Jerusalem that I want people to worship me, forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:5**ULT**

⁵ And he built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the house of Yahweh.

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⁵ He directed that altars for worshipping all the stars be built in both of the courtyards outside the temple

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:6**ULT**

⁶ And he himself caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom and he practiced soothsaying, and divination, and he practiced magic, and he dealt with mediums and spirists. He multiplied doing what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh to provoke him to anger.

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⁶ He even sacrificed some of his own sons by burning them in a fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom. He performed rituals to practice sorcery. He asked fortune tellers for advice. He performed witchcraft. He talked to people who consulted the spirits of people who had died to find out what would happen in the future. He did many things that Yahweh says are very evil, things that caused Yahweh to become very angry.

What did he do to provoke God to anger?

Manasseh offered his children as burnt offerings, performed sorcery, and consulted with those that talked with the dead.

2 Chronicles 33:7**ULT**

⁷ And he put the image of the idol which he made in the house of God of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will set my name forever.

UST

⁷ Manasseh took the carved idol that his workers had made and put it in the temple. That is the temple concerning which God had said to David and to his son Solomon, "My temple will be here in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen where I want people to worship me, forever.

What did Manasseh do to lead the people of Judah and Jerusalem to do evil?

He broke the commandments by placing the carved figure in the house of God.

2 Chronicles 33:8**ULT**

⁸ And I will not again remove the foot of Israel from upon the soil that I appointed for your fathers, only if they are careful to do all that I commanded them, all the law, and the statutes, and the judgments by the hand of Moses."

UST

⁸ If they will obey all the laws and decrees and regulations that I told Moses to give to them, I will not again force the Israelite people to leave this land that I gave to their ancestors."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:9**ULT**

⁹ And Manasseh led astray Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to do evil more than the nations that Yahweh had exterminated from before the sons of Israel.

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⁹ But Manasseh led the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah to do things that are wrong, with the result that they did more evil than had been done by the people in the people groups that Yahweh had driven out as the Israelite people advanced through the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Yahweh spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they did not pay attention.

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¹⁰ Yahweh spoke to Manasseh and the people of Judah, but they paid no attention.

What happened to Manasseh when Yahweh spoke to him and the people? (vv10-11)

Because they paid no attention, Yahweh had the army of the king of Assyria put Manasseh in chains and take him to Babylon.

2 Chronicles 33:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Yahweh brought against them the chiefs of the army which belonged to the king of Assyria. And they captured Manasseh in chains, and they bound him in bronze, and they took him to Babylon.

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¹¹ So Yahweh caused the army commanders of Assyria and their soldiers to come to Jerusalem, and they captured Manasseh. They put a hook in his nose, put bronze chains on his feet, and took him to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:12**ULT**

¹² And when he was in distress, he entreated the face of Yahweh, his God, and he humbled himself much from before the God of his fathers.

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¹² There, while he was suffering, he humbled himself greatly in the presence of Yahweh, the God whom his ancestors worshiped, and pleaded with Yahweh to help him.

What did Manasseh do so that God would bring him back to Jerusalem? (vv12-13)

He humbled himself, prayed, and begged God.

2 Chronicles 33:13**ULT**

¹³ And he prayed to him; and he was entreated by him, and he heard his supplication, and he brought him back to Jerusalem to his kingdom. And Manasseh knew that Yahweh, he is God.

UST

¹³ When he prayed, Yahweh heard him and pitied him. So he allowed him to return to Jerusalem and to rule his kingdom again. Then Manasseh realized that Yahweh is God, who can do anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And after this, he built an outer wall for the city of David, on the west of Gihon, in the valley, and at the entrance of the Fish Gate, and around the hill, and he made it very high. And he put chiefs of the army in all the fortified cities in Judah.

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¹⁴ Later, Manasseh's workers rebuilt the eastern section of the outer wall around Jerusalem, and they made it higher. That section extended from spring of Gihon north to the Fish Gate, and around the part of the city that they called Ophel Hill. Manasseh also appointed army officers to guard each of the cities in Judah that had walls around them.

After Manasseh prayed, what action did he take to show his remorse? (vv14-15)

He built a high wall around Judah and took away foreign gods, the idol that he had placed in God's house, and all the altars he had built.

2 Chronicles 33:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he took away the foreign gods, and the idol from the house of Yahweh, and all the altars that he built on the mountain of the house of Yahweh and in Jerusalem. And he threw them outside the city.

UST

¹⁵ Manasseh's workers removed from the temple the idols and the figures of gods of other nations. He also told them to remove the altars that they had previously built on Mount Zion and in other places in Jerusalem. He had all those things thrown out of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he built the altar of Yahweh, and he sacrificed on it sacrifices of peace offerings and thank offerings. And he said to Judah to serve Yahweh, the God of Israel.

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¹⁶ Then he told them to repair the altar of Yahweh, and he offered sacrifices to restore fellowship with Yahweh and to thank him. And he told the people of Judah that they must worship only Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:17**ULT**

¹⁷ However, the people were still sacrificing on the high places, only to Yahweh, their God.

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¹⁷ The people continued to offer sacrifices at the high places on the hills, but only to Yahweh their God.

To whom did the people offer sacrifices at the shrines?

They offered sacrifices only to Yahweh at the shrines.

2 Chronicles 33:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the remainder of the matters of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers, those speaking to him in the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel, behold, they are on the words of the kings of Israel.

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¹⁸ The other things that happened while Manasseh was ruling, including his prayer to God and the messages from Yahweh that the prophets spoke to him, are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

How were Manasseh's prayers and important matters preserved?

Manasseh's important matters, prayers, and words of the seers are recorded with the deeds of the kings of Israel.

2 Chronicles 33:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And his prayer and how he was entreated by him, and all his sin, and his unfaithfulness, and the places where he built in them high places, and he raised Asherim and idols before he humbled himself—behold, they are written in the Words of Hozai. ^[1]

UST

¹⁹ What Manasseh prayed and how God pitied him because of what he pleaded to God for—also his sins and ways in which he disobeyed God—also the list of places where he built the houses on the hills for idol worship and set up poles to honor the goddess Asherah and other idols before he humbled himself—these are all written in what the prophets wrote.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Manasseh laid down with his fathers, and they buried him in his house. And Amon, his son, became king in his place.

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²⁰ Manasseh died and was buried in his palace. Then his son Amon became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:21**ULT**

²¹ A son of 22 years was Amon when he became king; and two years he reigned in Jerusalem.

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²¹ Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for two years.

What kind of king was Amon during his two-year reign? (vv21-23)

He was more evil than his father, he worshiped carved figures, and he did not humble himself before Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 33:22**ULT**

²² And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as Manasseh, his father, had done. And to all the idols that Manasseh his father made, Amon sacrificed, and he served them.

UST

²² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his father Manasseh had done. Amon worshiped all the idols that Manasseh's workers had made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:23**ULT**

²³ And he did not humble himself from before Yahweh, as Manasseh his father humbled himself, for this Amon multiplied guilt.

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²³ But he did not humble himself and turn to Yahweh like his father did. So he became more sinful than his father had been.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:24**ULT**

²⁴ And his servants conspired against him, and they put him to death in his house.

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²⁴ Then Amon's officials made plans to kill him. They assassinated him in his palace.

After King Amon's servants killed him, what did the people of the land do to those who killed him?

The people of the land killed all the servants who put Amon to death.

2 Chronicles 33:25**ULT**

25 But the people of the land struck down all those who had conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah, his son, king in his place.

33:19 ^[1], which is the reading of the original text. But many modern versions correct it to read . Also, a few modern versions have .

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25 But then the people of Judah killed all those who had assassinated Amon, and they appointed his son Josiah to be their king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34

2 Chronicles 34:1

ULT

¹ A son of eight years was Josiah when he became king; and 31 years he reigned in Jerusalem.

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¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for thirty-one years.

Although King Josiah was only eight years old when he became king, what did he do during his reign that pleased Yahweh? (vv1-3)

He sought after God, he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the shrines, idols, and carved figures.

2 Chronicles 34:2

ULT

² And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, and he walked in the ways of David his father, and he did not turn to the right or to the left.

UST

² He did things that were pleasing to Yahweh, and conducted his life like his ancestor King David had done. He fully obeyed all the laws of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:3

ULT

³ And in the eighth year of his reigning, and he was still a youth, he began to seek the God of David, his father. And in the 12th year, he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the idols, and the metal images.

UST

³ When he had been ruling for almost eight years, while he was still a boy, he began to worship God as his ancestor King David had done. Four years later, he began to get rid of all the houses that were built on the hills for idol worship, and they were all around Jerusalem and in other places in Judah. They also took down the poles that were to give honor the goddess Asherah and the carved idols and metal statues of gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:4**ULT**

⁴ And they tore down before him the altars of the Baals, and the incense altars which were above them he cut to pieces. And the Asherim and the idols and the metal images he shattered, and he crushed, and he scattered over the faces of the graves of those who sacrificed to them.

UST

⁴ While he directed them, his workers tore down the altars where people worshiped Baal. They smashed the altars that were near those altars, where people burned incense. They smashed the poles to honor the goddess Asherah and the idols carved from wood or stone and metal statues. They smashed them to bits and scattered the bits over the graves of those who had offered sacrifices to them.

How did Josiah cleanse Judah and Jerusalem? (vv4-5)

He destroyed the altars, broke the Asherah poles, carved figures, and cast metal figures and the dust he scattered on the graves. The bones of the priests he burned on their altars.

2 Chronicles 34:5**ULT**

⁵ And the bones of the priests he burned on their altars. And he cleansed Judah and Jerusalem,

UST

⁵ They burned the bones of the priests who had offered sacrifices; they burned them on their own altars. In that way Josiah caused Jerusalem and other places in Judah to be acceptable places to worship Yahweh again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:6**ULT**

⁶ and in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, and until Naphtali, in the hills of their houses all around.

UST

⁶ In the towns in the tribes of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, and as far north as the tribe of Naphtali and in the ruins around all those towns,

What did Josiah do in the land of Israel before he returned to Jerusalem? (vv6-7)

He repeated the cleansing that he did in Judah and Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 34:7**ULT**

⁷ And he tore down the altars, and the Asherim and the idols he beat to pieces to grinding, and all the incense altars he cut to pieces in all the land of Israel. And he returned to Jerusalem.

UST

⁷ Josiah's workers tore down the pagan altars and the poles to honor the goddess Asherah, and crushed the idols to powder, idols that craftsmen had carved. They also smashed to pieces all the altars for burning incense throughout Israel. Then Josiah returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:8**ULT**

⁸ And in the 18th year of his reigning, to cleanse the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah, the chief of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the secretary, to make strong the house of Yahweh his God.

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⁸ When Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, he decided to do something else to cause the land and the temple to be acceptable places to worship Yahweh. So he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the governor of the city and Joah son of Joahaz, the secretary, to repair the temple of Yahweh.

**Where did the money come from that would be used to repair the house of Yahweh?
(vv8-9)**

The money had been collected from the people of Jerusalem and entrusted to the high priest.

2 Chronicles 34:9**ULT**

⁹ And they came to Hilkiah, the great priest, and they gave the money that had been brought to the house of God, that the Levites gathered, the keepers of the threshold, from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

⁹ They went to Hilkiah the high priest and gave him the money that had been brought to the temple. That was the money that the descendants of Levi who guarded the doors of the temple had collected from the people of the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim and other places in Israel, and also from all the people in Jerusalem and other places in the tribes of Judah and Benjamin—all the people of the land who survived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And they gave to the hand of the doer of the work, the ones appointed over the house of Yahweh. And they gave it to the doers of the work who were working on the house of Yahweh to repair and to make strong the house.

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¹⁰ Then Hilkiah gave some of the money to the men who had been appointed to supervise the work of repairing the temple. The supervisors paid the men who did the repair work.

To whom was the money distributed and for what was it used? (vv10-11)

Carpenters and builders bought stone and timber to repair the temple.

2 Chronicles 34:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they gave to the craftsmen and the builders to buy cut stone and woods for the braces, and to make beams for the houses that the kings of Judah had destroyed.

UST

¹¹ They also gave some of the money to the carpenters and builders to buy the cut stones and the timber for the joists and the beams for the buildings that the kings of Judah had allowed to decay.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:12**ULT**

¹² And the men were working with faithfulness in the work. And over them were appointed Jahath, and Obadiah, the Levites from the sons of Merari, and Zechariah, and Meshullam, from the sons of the Kohathites, to direct, and the Levites, all who understand about the instruments of song.

UST

¹² The workers did their work faithfully. Their supervisors were Jahath and Obadiah, who were descendants of Levi's son Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, who were descendants of Levi's son Kohath. All the descendants of Levi, who played musical instruments well,

What roles did the Levites play in the repair of the temple? (vv12-13)

Some were supervisors, secretaries, administrators, and gate guards; others were good musicians and directed the faithful workmen.

2 Chronicles 34:13**ULT**

¹³ And over the burden bearers and directors for every doer of the work for service and service, and from the Levites, were scribes and officials and gatekeepers.

UST

¹³ supervised all the workers as they did their various jobs. Some of the descendants of Levi were secretaries; some kept records, and some guarded the temple gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And when they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of Yahweh, Hilkiah the priest found the scroll of the law of Yahweh by the hand of Moses.

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¹⁴ While they were giving to the supervisors the money that had been taken to the temple, Hilkiah the high priest found a scroll on which was written the laws that Yahweh had given to Moses to give to the people.

What did the priest find when he brought out the money that had been brought into the house of Yahweh?

The high priest found the book of the law of Yahweh that had been given through Moses.

2 Chronicles 34:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Hilkiah answered, and he said to Shaphan the scribe, "The scroll of the law I have found in the house of Yahweh." And Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan.

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¹⁵ So Hilkiah said to Shaphan, "I have found in the temple a scroll on which is written the laws that God gave to Moses!" Then Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Shaphan brought the scroll to the king, and brought further to the king word, saying, "All that was given by the hand of your servants they are doing.

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¹⁶ Shaphan took the scroll to the king and said to him, "Your officials are doing everything that you told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And they poured out the money that was found in the house of Yahweh, and they gave it to the hand of those appointed and to the hand of the doers of the work."

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¹⁷ They have taken the money that was in the temple, and they have given it to the men who will supervise the men who will repair the temple."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "A scroll Hilkiyah the priest gave to me." And Shaphan read from it before the king.

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¹⁸ Then Shaphan said to the king, "I have also brought to you a scroll that Hilkiyah gave to me." And Shaphan started to read it to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And it happened when the king heard the words of the law, and he tore his clothes.

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¹⁹ When the king heard the laws that were written in the scroll, he tore his clothes because he was very upset.

What did the king do after hearing the words of the law?

King Josiah tore his clothes.

2 Chronicles 34:20**ULT**

²⁰ And the king commanded Hilkiyah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah, the servant of the king, saying,

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²⁰ Then he gave these instructions to Hilkiyah, to Shaphan's son Ahikam, to Micah's son Abdon, to Shaphan, and to Asaiah, the king's special advisor:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:21**ULT**

²¹ "Go, seek Yahweh on behalf of me, and on behalf of the one who remains in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the scroll that has been found. For great is the rage of Yahweh that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of Yahweh to do like all that is written on this scroll." [1]

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²¹ "Go and ask Yahweh for me, and for all his people who are still alive in Judah and Israel, about what is written in this scroll that has been found. Because it is clear that Yahweh is very angry with us because our ancestors disobeyed what Yahweh said; they did not obey the laws that are written on this scroll."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:22**ULT**

²² And Hilkiah went, and those of the king, to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, the keeper of the garments. And she was dwelling in Jerusalem in the Second. And they spoke to her about this.

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²² So Hilkiah and the others went to consult a woman whose name was Huldah, who was a prophetess who lived in the Second District of Jerusalem. Her husband Shallum son of Tikvah, took care of the robes that were worn in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:23**ULT**

²³ And she said to them, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: Say to the man who sent you all to me,

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²³ When they told her what the king had said, she said to them, "This is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites say we worship, says: 'Go back and tell the king who sent you

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:24**ULT**

²⁴ Thus says Yahweh: Behold, I am bringing disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants all the curses written on the scroll that they read before the king of Judah,

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²⁴ that this is what Yahweh says: "Listen to this carefully. I am going to bring a disaster on Jerusalem and all the people who live here. I will send on them the curses that were written in the scroll that was read to the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:25**ULT**

²⁵ because they abandoned me and burned incense to other gods in order to provoke me to anger in all the works of their hands. And my rage will pour out on this place, and it will not be quenched.' [2]

UST

²⁵ I will do that because they have abandoned me, and they burn incense to honor other gods. They have caused me to become very angry because of all the idols that they have made."

Why will God's anger be poured out on the people and not cease?

They have forsaken him by worshipping other gods as their ancestors had done.

2 Chronicles 34:26**ULT**

²⁶ But to the king of Judah, the one who sent you all to seek Yahweh, thus you all shall say to him, 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel about the words that you heard:

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²⁶ The king of Judah sent you to inquire what I, Yahweh, want. Go and tell him that this is what I, Yahweh, the God whom you Israelites worship, say about what you read:

Because Josiah's heart was tender, what happened when he humbled himself after hearing God's words? (vv26-28)

God said he would give him peace, and he would not see any of the disasters that God would bring on the people and land.

2 Chronicles 34:27**ULT**

²⁷ because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words concerning this place and concerning its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me, and you have torn your clothes, and you wept before me, and also I myself have heard—declares Yahweh—

UST

²⁷ 'Because you heeded what was written in the scroll, and you humbled yourself when you heard what I said to warn about what would happen to this city and the people who live here, and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have listened to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:28**ULT**

²⁸ behold, I myself will gather you to your fathers. And you will be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes will not see all the disaster that I am bringing on this place and on its inhabitants.” And they brought back word to the king.

UST

²⁸ So I will allow you to die in peace, without seeing me punish this place and the people living in it.” So they took her reply back to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:29**ULT**

²⁹ And the king sent, and he gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

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²⁹ Then the king summoned all the elders of Jerusalem and other places in Judea.

Why did Josiah have all the people, great and small, gather together? (vv29-30)

Josiah read to them from the book of the covenant.

2 Chronicles 34:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the king went up to the house of Yahweh, and each man of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, from the great to the small. And he read in their ears all the words of the scroll of the covenant, the one that was found in the house of Yahweh.

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³⁰ They went up together to the temple with the leaders of Judah and many other people of Jerusalem and the priests and other descendants of Levi, from the least important to the most important ones. And while they listened, the king read to them everything that was in the scroll containing God's laws that had been found in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:31**ULT**

³¹ And the king stood in his place, and he cut the covenant before Yahweh, to walk after Yahweh, and to keep his commandments, and his testimony, and his statutes, with all his heart and with all his being, to do the words of the covenant that were written on this scroll.

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³¹ Then the king stood next to the pillar at the entrance to the temple, where kings stood when they announced something important, and while Yahweh was listening, he repeated his promise to sincerely obey, with his entire inner being, Yahweh and all his commands and regulations and decrees that were written on the scroll.

What covenant did Josiah make with Yahweh? (vv31-32)

He made a covenant before Yahweh to keep his commandments.

2 Chronicles 34:32**ULT**

³² And he made stand each one found in Jerusalem and Benjamin. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem acted according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

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³² Then the king said that everyone who lived in Jerusalem and from the tribe of Benjamin should promise that they also would obey those laws. And they did that, agreeing that they would obey the agreement that God, whom their ancestors had worshiped, had made with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:33**ULT**

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations from all the lands that belonged to the sons of Israel. And he caused to serve each one found in Israel, to serve Yahweh, their God. All his days, they did not turn away from after Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

34:21 ^[1], some versions have, .

34:25 ^[2], some versions have, .

UST

33 Josiah instructed his workers to remove all the disgusting idols from all the land of the Israelite people, and he commanded that all those from Israel who were there should worship only Yahweh their God. As long as Josiah was alive, the people did what was pleasing to Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

What did the people of Israel do to obey Josiah?

They worshiped Yahweh and did not turn away from him.

2 Chronicles 35

2 Chronicles 35:1

ULT

¹ And Josiah did a Passover in Jerusalem to Yahweh. And they slaughtered the Passover on the 14th of the first month.

UST

¹ Josiah commanded that the people should celebrate the Passover Festival in Jerusalem. So they slaughtered the lambs for the Passover on the 14th day of the first month.

How did Josiah keep the Passover in Jerusalem? (vv1-2)

He had the Passover lambs killed and placed the priests in their positions in the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 35:2

ULT

² And he appointed the priests over their charges, and he strengthened them for the service of the house of Yahweh.

UST

² Josiah assigned to the priests to the tasks that they should perform at the temple, and encouraged them do their work well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:3

ULT

³ And he said to the Levites who are teaching all Israel, who are sacred to Yahweh, "Place the Holy Box in the house that Solomon, the son of David, the king of Israel built; not to you all a burden on your shoulder. Now serve Yahweh your God and his people Israel.

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³ The descendants of Levi were the ones who taught all the Israelite people; they had been set apart for Yahweh. Josiah said to them, "Put the sacred chest in the temple that the workers of David's son King Solomon of Israel built. But carry it on poles; do not carry it on your shoulders. And do well your work for Yahweh your God and for his Israelite people.

Where did Josiah tell the people to put the holy ark instead of carrying it on their shoulders?

They were told to put the holy ark in the house that Solomon built.

2 Chronicles 35:4**ULT**

⁴ And prepare by the house of your fathers, according to your divisions, by the writing of David, the king of Israel, and by the writing of Solomon, his son.

UST

⁴ Divide yourselves into your traditional clans, obeying the instructions that King David and his son Solomon wrote.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:5**ULT**

⁵ And stand in the holy place, according to the division of the house of the fathers of your brothers, the sons of the people, and the portion of the house of a father of the Levites.

UST

⁵ Then stand in the temple area, with each of you in your own Levite clan, ready to help your fellow Israelites when they bring their offerings to the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:6**ULT**

⁶ And slaughter the Passover, and consecrate yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to the word of Yahweh by the hand of Moses.”

UST

⁶ Slaughter the lambs for the Passover. Do this for your fellow Israelites. Perform the rituals to set yourselves apart for God’s honor and to serve Yahweh and do his work. Prepare the sacrifices, doing what Yahweh told Moses to tell you that you should do.”

How were the people to get ready for the Passover?

The people were to kill the Passover lambs and consecrate themselves in obedience to God’s word.

2 Chronicles 35:7**ULT**

⁷ And Josiah raised to the sons of the people a flock of lambs and sons of female goats, the entirety for the Passovers, for all who are found, for the number, 30,000. And oxen, 3,000. These were from the property of the king.

UST

⁷ Josiah provided from his own flocks and herds thirty thousand young sheep and goats for the Passover sacrifices. He also provided three thousand bulls from his own herds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:8**ULT**

⁸ And his chiefs, for a free will offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites, they raised. Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Jehiel, leaders in the house of God, to the priests they gave for the Passovers, 2,600, and oxen, 300.

UST

⁸ His officials also voluntarily contributed animals for the people and the priests and the other descendants of Levi. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the officials who were in charge of the temple, gave to the priests 2,600 lambs and three hundred cattle to be sacrifices for the Passover.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:9**ULT**

⁹ And Konaniah, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah, and Jeiel, and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, raised to the Levites for the Passovers, 5,000 and oxen, 300.

UST

⁹ Also, Konaniah, along with his younger brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, and Hashabiah, Jeiel, and Jozabad, the leaders of the descendants of Levi, provided five thousand lambs and five hundred cattle for the other descendants of Levi, to be sacrifices for the Passover.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the service was prepared, and the priests stood at their places, and the Levites by their divisions, according to the commandment of the king.

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¹⁰ Everything for the Passover was arranged: The priests and the other descendants of Levi stood in their places in their groups, as the king had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they slaughtered the Passover, and the priests scattered from their hand, and the Levites were skinning.

UST

¹¹ Then they slaughtered the Passover lambs. The priests sprinkled the blood from the bowls that were handed to them, while the other descendants of Levi removed the skins from the animals.

How did the people of Israel offer their sacrifices to Yahweh? (vv11-12)

They killed the Passover lamb, splashed the blood, skinned the lambs, and offered the burnt offerings to Yahweh, as was written in the book of Moses.

2 Chronicles 35:12**ULT**

¹² And they took away the burnt offering, in order to place them according to the divisions of the house of fathers, for the sons of the people to bring near to Yahweh according to what is written in the scroll of Moses. And thus for the oxen.

UST

¹² They set aside the animals to be completely burned on the altar, in order to give them to the various family groups to offer to Yahweh, obeying the instructions that were written in the laws God gave Moses. They did the same thing with the cattle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:13**ULT**

¹³ And they cooked the Passover in fire according to the judgment. And the consecrated things they cooked in pots, and in kettles, and in pans, and they brought to all the sons of the people.

UST

¹³ Obeying those regulations, they roasted over the fire the lambs for the Passover. And they boiled the meat of the sacred offerings in pots and kettles and pans, and served the meat immediately to all the people who were there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And after they prepared for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, were offering the burnt offering and the fat portions until night, and the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

UST

¹⁴ After that, they prepared meat for themselves and for the priests, because the priests were busy until nighttime, sacrificing the offerings to be completely burned and burning the fat parts of the offerings. So the descendants of Levi prepared meat for themselves and for the priests, who were descendants of Aaron, the first high priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the singers, the sons of Asaph, in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun, the seer of the king, and the gatekeepers for gate and gate. It was not for them to turn aside from their place because their brothers, the Levites, prepared for them.

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¹⁵ The musicians, who were descendants of Asaph, stood in their places, as had been commanded by King David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's prophet. The men who guarded the gates of the temple did not need to leave their places, because their fellow descendants of Levi prepared food for them to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And all the service of Yahweh was prepared on that day to do the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of Yahweh, according to the commandment of King Josiah.

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¹⁶ So on that day everything that needed to be done for worshiping Yahweh was done. They celebrated the Passover Festival, and they presented offerings to be completely burned on the altar, which was what Josiah had commanded.

What did the people of Israel do after the Passover celebration? (vv16-17)

They celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days.

2 Chronicles 35:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the sons of Israel who were found did the Passover at that time and the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days.

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¹⁷ The Israelites who were there celebrated the Passover on that day, and for seven days they celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And a Passover was not done like it in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet, and all the kings of Israel did not do like the Passover that Josiah did, and the priests and the Levites and all Judah and Israel who were found and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁸ The Passover Festival had not been celebrated like that in Israel since the time that the prophet Samuel lived. And none of the kings of Israel had ever celebrated the Passover like Josiah did, along with the priests, the other descendants of Levi, and all the other people of Judah and Israel who were there with the people who lived in Jerusalem.

Why was this celebration of the Passover so special?

It was special because this is the first time it had been held in Israel since the days of the prophet Samuel.

2 Chronicles 35:19**ULT**

¹⁹ In the 18th year of the reign of Josiah, this Passover was done.

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¹⁹ They celebrated this Passover Festival when Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:20**ULT**

²⁰ After all this, when Josiah prepared the house, Necho, the king of Egypt, went up to fight against Carchemish near the Euphrates. And Josiah went out to meet him.

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²⁰ After Josiah had done all those things to restore the worship at the temple, King Necho of Egypt went with his army to attack the city of Carchemish alongside the Euphrates River, and Josiah marched with his army to fight against them.

What was the message that the king of Egypt brought to Josiah? (vv20-21)

He said God had commanded him to fight against Carchemish and that Josiah should not interfere.

2 Chronicles 35:21**ULT**

²¹ And he sent to him messengers, saying, "What to me and to you, King of Judah? Not against you yourself today, but against the house of my battle. And God said for me to hurry. Stop yourself from God, who is with me, and let him not destroy you."

UST

²¹ Necho sent some messengers to Josiah, to tell him, "You are the king of Judah, and there is certainly no reason for you to fight me; we are attacking the army of Babylonia. God has told me to hurry. So stop opposing God, who is for me. If you do not stop, God will get rid of you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:22**ULT**

²² But Josiah did not turn his face from him, but, in order to fight with him, he disguised himself. And he did not listen to the words of Necho, the mouth of God. And he came to fight on the plain of Megiddo.

UST

²² But Josiah would not listen to him. Instead, he disguised himself in order to be able to attack the army of Egypt without anyone recognizing him. He did not pay any attention to what God had told Necho to say. Instead, he and his army went to fight Necho's army at the plain of Megiddo.

What was Josiah's reaction to the message from the king of Egypt?

He did not listen to the king's words, but instead, Josiah disguised himself so he could fight.

2 Chronicles 35:23**ULT**

²³ And the archers shot King Josiah, and the king said to his servants, "Cause me to pass over for I am badly wounded."

UST

²³ Some archers shot King Josiah. He told his officers, "Take me away from here because I am badly wounded."

What happened to Josiah on the battle field? (vv23-24)

He was shot by archers and his servants took him to Jerusalem, where he later died.

2 Chronicles 35:24**ULT**

²⁴ And his servants carried him away from the chariot, and they made him ride on the second chariot which belonged to him. And they brought him to Jerusalem. And he died, and he was buried in the graves of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem were mourning on account of Josiah.

UST

²⁴ So they took him out of his chariot and put him in another chariot that he had brought with him, and they took him to Jerusalem, where he died. He was buried in the tombs where his ancestors had been buried, and all the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah mourned for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Jeremiah sang a dirge for Josiah, and all the male singers and the female singers said in their dirges about Josiah until today. And they placed for a statute over Israel; and behold, they are written in the Laments.

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²⁵ The prophet Jeremiah composed a song to lament for Josiah, and all the men and women singers in Israel still mourn for Josiah by singing that song. That became a custom in Israel; the words of that song are written in a scroll of funeral songs.

What are the songs of lament that have become customary in Israel?

They are songs that have been sung to lament for Josiah and are still sung.

2 Chronicles 35:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the remainder of the matters of Josiah and his covenant faithfulnesses as is written in the law of Yahweh—

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²⁶⁻²⁷ A record of the other things that happened while Josiah ruled, from the time he started to rule until he died, including how he faithfully was devoted to honoring God by obeying all that was written in the laws of Yahweh, is written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

Where are the matters of Josiah and his good deeds recorded? (vv26-27)

They are contained in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

2 Chronicles 35:27**ULT**

²⁷ and his matters, the first things and the last things, behold, they are written in the scroll of the kings of Israel and Judah.

UST

²⁶⁻²⁷ A record of the other things that happened while Josiah ruled, from the time he started to rule until he died, including how he faithfully was devoted to honoring God by obeying all that was written in the laws of Yahweh, is written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36

2 Chronicles 36:1

ULT

¹ And the people of the land took Jehoahaz, the son of Josiah, and they made him king in the place of his father in Jerusalem.

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¹ Then the people of Judah chose Josiah's son Jehoahaz and appointed him to be the king in Jerusalem.

After Josiah died, who became king of Jerusalem? (vv1-2)

The people of the land made Josiah's son, Jehoahaz, king and he reigned for three months.

2 Chronicles 36:2

ULT

² A son of 23 years was Joahaz ^[1] when he became king. And three months he reigned in Jerusalem.

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² Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became the king, but he ruled from Jerusalem for only three months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:3

ULT

³ And the king of Egypt removed him at Jerusalem, and he imposed a fine on the land, 100 talents of silver and a talent of gold.

UST

³ The king of Egypt captured him and prevented him from ruling any longer. He also forced the people of Judah to pay to him a tax of three and one-third metric tons of silver and thirty-three kilograms of gold.

How did Eliakim become king of Judah and Jerusalem? (vv3-4)

His brother, the king of Egypt, removed Jehoahaz after three months and made Eliakim king, changing his name to Jehoiakim.

2 Chronicles 36:4**ULT**

⁴ And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. And he turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Joahaz his brother Necho took, and he brought him to Egypt.

UST

⁴ The king of Egypt appointed Jehoahaz's younger brother Eliakim to be the king of Judah. He changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. But Necho seized Jehoahaz and took him to Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:5**ULT**

⁵ A son of 25 years was Jehoiakim when he became king, and 11 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh his God.

UST

⁵ Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for eleven years. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil.

What kind of ruler was Jehoiakim in his reign of eleven years?

Jehoiakim was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 36:6**ULT**

⁶ Against him Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came up, and he bound him with bronze to bring him to Babylon.

UST

⁶ Then the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon attacked Jehoiakim's army. They captured Jehoiakim, fastened him with bronze chains, and took him to Babylon.

What did King Nebuchadnezzar, of Babylon, do to the king of Judah?

He attacked him, bound him in chains, and took him to Babylon.

2 Chronicles 36:7**ULT**

⁷ and some of the items of the house of Yahweh Nebuchadnezzar brought to Babylon, and he placed them in his temple at Babylon.

UST

⁷ Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers also took valuable things from the temple. They took them to Babylon and put them in King Nebuchadnezzar's palace there.

What did Nebuchadnezzar do to the house of Yahweh?

He carried some of the objects in the house of Yahweh to Babylon, and put them in his palace.

2 Chronicles 36:8**ULT**

⁸ And the remainder of the matters of Jehoiakim, and the abominations that he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written on the scroll of the kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin, his son, became king in his place.

UST

⁸ A record of the other things that happened while Jehoiakim was ruling, the disgusting things that he did and the evil things that people said that he did, is written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. After he was taken to Babylon, his son Jehoiachin became the king of Judah.

Who became king after Jehoiakim?

His son, Jehoiachin, became king after him.

2 Chronicles 36:9**ULT**

⁹ A son of eight years was Jehoiachin when he became king; and three months and ten days he reigned in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

⁹ Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for only three months and ten days. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil.

What kind of king was Jehoiachin?

In his short reign, he did evil in the sight of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 36:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And in the return of the year, King Nebuchadnezzar sent and he brought him to Babylon, with the desirable items of the house of Yahweh And he made Zedekiah, his brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁰ During the spring of the next year, King Nebuchadnezzar sent soldiers to bring him to Babylon. They also took to Babylon many valuable things from the temple of Yahweh. Then Nebuchadnezzar appointed Jehoiachin's uncle, Zedekiah, to be the king of Judah.

How did King Nebuchadnezzar treat this Jehoiachin?

He brought Jehoiachin to Babylon along with more valuable things from the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 36:11**ULT**

¹¹ A son of 21 years was Zedekiah when he became king; and 11 years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST

¹¹ Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became the king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:12**ULT**

¹² And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh his God; he did not humble himself from before Jeremiah the prophet from the mouth of Yahweh.

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¹² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did not humble himself when the prophet Jeremiah spoke to him a message from Yahweh to warn him.

How did Zedekiah respond to Yahweh?

He did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and he did not humble himself before the prophet Jeremiah, who spoke from the mouth of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 36:13**ULT**

¹³ And also against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God, he rebelled. And he stiffened his neck, and he hardened his heart from turning to Yahweh, the God of Israel.

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¹³ He would not return to Yahweh, the God that the people of Israel said that they worshiped. Zedekiah also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had forced him to solemnly promise using God's name to be loyal to him. Zedekiah became very stubborn.

How did Zedekiah rebel against King Nebuchadnezzar?

He hardened his heart against Yahweh and turned away from King Nebuchadnezzar.

2 Chronicles 36:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Also, all the chiefs of the priests and the people multiplied doing acts of unfaithfulness like all the abominations of the nations. And they defiled the house of Yahweh which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

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¹⁴ Furthermore, all the leaders of the priests and also the people of Judah became more wicked again, doing all the disgusting things that the people of the other nations did, and causing the temple in Jerusalem that Yahweh had caused to be holy to become an unacceptable place to worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent to them by the hand of his messengers, rising early and sending, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling.

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¹⁵ Yahweh, the God whom the ancestors of the people of Judah worshiped, gave messages to his prophets many times, and the prophets gave those messages to the people of Judah. Yahweh did that because he pitied his people and did not want his temple to be destroyed.

How did the people respond to the compassion that Yahweh continued to show them? (vv15-16)

They mocked God's messengers, despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets.

2 Chronicles 36:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But they were deriding the messengers of God, and despising his words, and mocking his prophets, until the wrath of Yahweh went up against his people, until there was no healing.

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¹⁶ But the people continually made fun of God's messengers. They despised God's messages. They ridiculed his prophets, until finally God became extremely angry with his people, with the result that nothing could stop him from destroying Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, and he killed their young men with the sword in the house of their holy place, and he did not spare a young man or a virgin, old or aged. All he gave into his hand.

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¹⁷ He incited the king of Babylonia to attack Judah with his army. They killed the young men with their swords, even in the temple. They did not spare anyone, either young men or young women or old people. God enabled the army of Nebuchadnezzar to defeat all of them.

How did God deal with the mockers?

He had the young men killed by the king of the Chaldeans, and all the others were given over to the king.

2 Chronicles 36:18**ULT**

¹⁸ All the items of the house of God, great things and small things, and the treasures of the house of Yahweh, and the treasures of the king and his chiefs—the entirety he brought to Babylon.

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¹⁸ His soldiers took to Babylon all the things that were used in God's temple, big things and little things, all the valuable things, and the valuable things that belonged to the king and his officials.

What did the king of the Babylonians do to Jerusalem and what did he take to Babylon? (vv18-19)

He destroyed the house of God, the wall of Jerusalem, all its palaces, and the beautiful things in it. Then he took all the furnishings and treasures to Babylon.

2 Chronicles 36:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And they burned the house of God, and they tore down the wall of Jerusalem; and all of its palaces they burned with fire, and all the precious objects, destroyed.

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¹⁹ They burned the temple, and they broke down the wall surrounding Jerusalem. They burned all the palaces in Jerusalem and destroyed all the remaining valuable things there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:20**ULT**

²⁰ And the remaining from the sword he led into exile to Babylon, and they became to him and to his sons servants until the reign of the kingdom of Persia

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²⁰ Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers took to Babylon the remaining people who had not been killed with their swords, Those people became the king's slaves and his son's slaves, until the army of Persia conquered Babylonia.

What happened to those that escaped the killing? (vv20-21)

They became servants for the king and his sons, which fulfilled Yahweh's words to Jeremiah.

2 Chronicles 36:21**ULT**

²¹ to fulfill the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land restored its Sabbaths. All the days of its being desolate, it kept to fulfill 70 years.

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²¹ Moses had said that every seventh year the people must not plant their fields; they must allow the soil to rest. But the people had not done that. So after the army of Babylonia destroyed Judah, the soil was allowed to rest. That continued for seventy years, fulfilling what Yahweh had told Jeremiah would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:22**ULT**

²² And in the first year of Cyrus, the king of Persia, to complete the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah. Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, the king of Persia, and he caused voice to pass through all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying,

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²² During the first year that Cyrus was the king of Persia, in order that what Yahweh told Jeremiah would happen would occur, Yahweh motivated Cyrus to write this and proclaim it throughout his kingdom:

What did Cyrus, king of Persia, proclaim and put in writing? (vv22-23)

He said Yahweh had commanded him to build a house of God in Jerusalem and that God would be with them when they go up to the land.

2 Chronicles 36:23**ULT**

²³ "Thus says Cyrus, the king of Persia: 'All the kingdoms of the earth Yahweh, the God of the heavens, has given to me. And he himself has charged me to build for him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you all from all his people, may Yahweh his God, be with him, and let him go up.'" 36:2 ^[1] Jehoahaz in 36:1.

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²³ "I, Cyrus, the king of Persia, declare that Yahweh, the God who rules in heaven, has enabled me to become the ruler of all the kingdoms of this world. And he has appointed me to command that my workers build a temple for him in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. I am allowing any of his people among you to go to Jerusalem. And I will pray that Yahweh will be with them."

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